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To: Robert Austin
Subject: Brompton on Swale C of E Primary School - Sport England Ref: PA/19/Y/RI/51426

Dear Mr R Austin,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above proposal for pre-application advise.

Sport England –Statutory Role and Policy

The site is considered to constitute playing field, or land last used as playing field, therefore Sport England advises that this proposal would require statutory consultation, under the terms of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, at the formal planning application stage.

Sport England considers proposals affecting playing fields in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (in particular Para. 97) and against its own playing fields policy, which states:

‘Sport England will oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or would prejudice the use of:

- all or any part of a playing field, or
- land which has been used as a playing field and remains undeveloped, or
- land allocated for use as a playing field

unless, in the judgement of Sport England, the development as a whole meets with one or more of five specific exceptions.’

Sport England Policy Exceptions	
E1	A robust and up to date assessment has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of Sport England, that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, which will remain the case should the development be permitted, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport.
E2	The proposed development is for ancillary facilities supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field, and does not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.
E3	The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and does not: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ reduce the size of any playing pitch;▪ result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas);▪ reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain their quality;▪ result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site; or▪ prejudice the use of any remaining areas of playing field on the site.
E4	The area of playing field to be lost as a result of the proposed development will be replaced, prior to the commencement of development, by a new area of playing field: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ of equivalent or better quality, and▪ of equivalent or greater quantity, and▪ in a suitable location, and▪ subject to equivalent or better accessibility and management arrangements.

E5	The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor facility for sport, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss, or prejudice to the use, of the area of playing field.
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Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document can be viewed via the below link:
www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Assessment against Sport England Policy

The proposal is to replace the existing temporary classroom unit with a new permanent classroom unit at the above school.

Partial site plans have been provided for both options. Both of the plans state that it is assumed that the football pitches can still be remarked following the construction of the new classroom unit. However this will need to be confirmed through the submission of existing and proposed summer and winter pitch layouts as part of the formal planning application.

Providing the playing field capacity to provide a range of pitches is retained the proposal is likely to meet exception E3 and therefore Sport England is unlikely to object to the proposal subject to confirmation that the existing pitch capacity of the playing fields is unaffected.

Any new facilities should be built in accordance with Sport England's technical guidance notes, copies of which can be found at:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

Sport England reserves the right to object to any subsequent planning application if we do not consider that it accords with our playing fields policy or para 97 of NPPF.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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