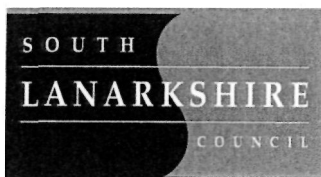


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Dear Madam

Strathaven Dynamo's Planning Application - 3G Football Pitch at Kirkland Park, Strathaven

Thank you for your letter received on the 15th February 2010 regarding the above and would provide the following response to the questions raised.

The proposal to construct a 3G football pitch at Kirklandpark, Strathaven is a project being taken forward by Strathaven Dynamos Football Club and as such discussions with the Council regarding the proposal were initiated by this group. Education Resources have advised that the capital budget for the refurbishment of Kirklandpark Primary School includes an allocation of £110,000 for the provision of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The construction work is scheduled to commence in 2014.

Discussions have taken place between Strathaven Dynamos and Education Resources in respect of the possibility of using the £110,000 allocation for the MUGA to support the Dynamo's proposal. Any decision to reallocate the capital budget in this way and in turn not provide the MUGA would require appropriate approval within the Council, and to date no decision has been taken.

I can confirm that no date has yet been set to report the application to Planning Committee and that site visits have been carried out by both the case officer and the Area Manager. The points raised by the objectors whilst noted, will be addressed in the Committee report. This will include a full assessment of the proposal against the relevant local plan policies. Environmental Services have requested that a noise assessment and floodlighting scheme be submitted and approved prior to any work commencing. The applicants have submitted details of expected vehicular movements and details of the usage of the proposed pitch. The Roads and Transportation Service are currently assessing this information and will advise of their views prior to any recommendation being made and reported to the Planning Committee.

It is my understanding that the maintenance of the proposed pitch will be the responsibility of the Strathaven Dynamos. I am not aware whether alternative sites were considered by the applicant as this would be a matter for them. In this respect, you will appreciate that the Planning Service is required to consider and determine the proposal that has been submitted.

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I trust this information is helpful and keeps you updated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael McGlynn", followed by a horizontal line.

Michael McGlynn
Head of Planning and Building Standards