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TAUNTON SCHOOL

REORGANISATION OF SHALE HOCKEY PITCH TO FORM 4 TENNIS/NET BALL COURTS AND REPLACEMENT FLOODLIGHTING FOR TAUNTON SCHOOL AT LAND SOUTH OF GREENWAY ROAD, TAUNTON

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FULL

PROPOSAL

The proposal is to alter the existing floodlit shale hockey pitch to provide alternative sports pitches for the school use. The area will provide for 4 netball or tennis courts that will be floodlit by 8 x 10 m high new modern lighting standards that will strictly limit light spill in relation to existing properties.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER external lighting shall be located, installed and permanently maintained that inconvenience from glare, whether direct or reflected shall not be caused at any other premises.

LIGHTING CONSULTANT the floodlighting scheme will have a medium impact on residents of 1-19 Beverley Close and 59 & 61 Addison Grove and their views and approval should be sought. There will be a medium impact on the future residents of the proposed development and prospective owners should be advised.

POLICY CONTEXT

Taunton Deane Local Plan Policies S1 – General Requirements, C5 – Sports Facilities, EN34 – Control of External Lighting.

ASSESSMENT

The proposal is for the redesign of an existing area of sports pitch that is floodlit to provide improved facilities for tennis and netball. The area will be lit by lighting on eight 10 m high columns with deflector cowls to limit visibility of the light source. This is considered sufficient to prevent any significant adverse impact on the amenity of the existing dwellings adjacent to the site, although it is considered appropriate to impose a condition to limit the use of the lights beyond 9 p.m. in the evening. On the basis of the advice from the lighting consultant it is considered that the lighting scheme as proposed on this site is acceptable and would not be so detrimental to the amenity of the area as to warrant refusal given the existing situation.

RECOMMENDATION

Subject to no adverse comments by 12th July, 2006 the Development Control Manager in consultation with the Chair/Vice Chair be authorised to determine and

permission be GRANTED subject to conditions of time limit, installation as report and limited hours (not Sundays or after 9 p.m.).

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION:- The proposal is considered to comply with Taunton Deane Local Plan Policies S1 and EN34 and material considerations do not indicate otherwise.

In preparing this report the Planning Officer has considered fully the implications and requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998.

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