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AGENDA ITEM NO. 25

TAUNTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

CONSTRUCTION OF A 212 SEAT GRANDSTAND AT TAUNTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, HYDE LANE, BATHPOOL.

25750/25660

FULL PERMISSION

PROPOSAL

The Rugby Club permission allowed for the erection of a 255 seat stand for spectators along the southern boundary of the new pitches. The current proposal is for the erection of a 212 seat stand for spectators in the same position, along the southern side of the rugby pitches. The stand would be 2.7 m (approximately) high, 2.8 m wide and 26.5 m long and would be constructed of box profile steel cladding the colour of which would be agreed in the future by the Local Planning Authority. The site is adjacent to the railway but the landscaping scheme, required in connection with the rugby club development, will help to shield and assimilate the stand when viewed from the railway.

CONSULTATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

LANDSCAPE OFFICER additional landscaping along the Railtrack boundary should be explored.

WEST MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL views awaited.

POLICY CONTEXT

Somerset and Exmoor National Park Structure Plan polices Policy 38 allows for the provision of sports and recreation facilities in the open countryside provided it is compatible with amenity, landscape and environment of the area. Taunton Deane Local Plan (revised deposit) the following policies apply: -S1, governing the general requirements of all development; EN14 requires that development within green wedges does not harm the open character of the area.

ASSESSMENT

Planning permission has already been granted for a larger stand in the same position as proposed as part of the initial rugby club development of the site. The current scheme comprises a minimal structure the will provide seated areas for spectators of the matches. Located next to the railway the stand will have some visual impact at the

current time but the proposed landscaping should reduce the impact to an acceptable level, when established. Proposal considered acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION

Permission be GRANTED subject to conditions of materials, landscaping. Note re the profile sheeting should be a dark blue, grey or green in colour.

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

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