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Our Ref: Y/CD/2013/34054/P

Dear Martin Moorman

Site: Spring Hall Athletics Track Huddersfield Road Halifax HX3 0AQ
Proposal: To develop a 6th form teaching facility on land belonging to Calderdale Council at Spring Hall

Thank you for consulting Sport England on your proposal.

Since making our original response I met with the head teacher leading this project on behalf of Ravenscliffe school on 20 November 2013. Based on these discussions I would like to update my original pre application response made on 10 October.

Having had the benefit of further discussions and further detail by way of a topographical site survey plan we now understand:

1. The site will have benefits to the development of sport by offering a track site community cafe and changing rooms, to be made available to the community. We understand this will be subject to a future Sport England Inspired grant application.
2. The area of land in question slopes significant as demonstrated on the topographical survey plan.

Based on the new information provided we are satisfied that this proposal has the potential to meet both policy exception E3 and exception E5 of our planning field policy.

*E3 - Only affects land incapable of forming a pitch
The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming, or forming part of, a playing pitch, and does not result in the loss of or inability to make use of any*

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playing pitch (including the maintenance and adequate safety margins), a reduction in the size of the playing area of any playing pitch or the loss of any other sporting/ancillary facilities on site.

E5 - Replacement of equivalent sports facilities (indoor/outdoor)

The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor sports facility, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss of the playing field or playing fields

Subject to information to demonstrate this at the time of a full application we would be unlikely to raise an objection.

Sport England considers proposals affecting playing fields in the light of its Playing Fields Policy: 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England'. This is available online at:

<http://www.sportengland.org/media/123613/a-sporting-future-for-the-playing-fields-of-england-planning-policy-statement.pdf>

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.

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

Yours sincerely



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