

Paper 1

APPENDIX 2

Supporting Statement

PROPOSED STP PITCH AVIEMORE PRIMARY

WHY?

1	There is no other all-weather facility in the Badenoch & Strathspey area.
2	There is limited good quality grass pitches suitable for football in the area.
3	Local primary school soccer festivals require a reliable surface to develop.
4	Local football teams require a reliable surface to play league games.
5	Strathspey Thistle Highland League Team based in Grantown require a reliable surface to train on and to support a range of football development work .This programme involves over 200 young people ranging from primary age through to under 19. Strathspey Thistle travel as far as Dingwall to train during periods of poor weather.
6	The Scottish Football Association require a synthetic pitch to support its development programme within the area.

The following factors have focused the proposal onto the site at Aviemore for this application

- The Highland Council Facilities Planning Model has identified that each school grouping should have an associated synthetic turf pitch within its group area.
- Grant funding for a facility in Aviemore is currently available subject to an application being made of which this Planning application is a vital first step
- Aviemore site officers the potential of supporting facilities which are already in process of construction. Changing and Parking are important support facilities and a management support system all of which are under the umbrella of the Community Facilities Management Function
- Location is central to the valley and offers access to communities as a centrally located asset
- The STP pitch allows early occupation once constructed.
- The STP pitch with suitable lighting over comes access limitations of short winter days experienced in the area and allows after work training to be maintained within agreed hours of operation.
- The STP pitch can be used when a grass pitch would require closure to prevent damage to its surface.
- The facility offers training to other sporting disciplines and youth club activities and has a wide training scope for all ages to positively support health and wellbeing in the Cairngorm and Strathspey Valley area
- Planting and Management Mitigation measures are included in the proposal to overcome privacy and light issues to adjacent properties.

Category of User	Comment	Hours per Year
School Use	School use as shown in the table may vary throughout the year.	The school calendar year is 38 weeks (38x5)=190 hours
	The coaching development pattern shown would operate for approximately 36	36 weeks totalling (36 x4)= 144

Coaching & Development	weeks.	hours.
Club Use	The weekend use may include age group football matches. It is proposed that Saturday fixtures would take place throughout the main season of approximately 36 weeks	(36 x 3 hours) 108 hours
Community Use	<p>Casual community use may be available outwith programmed booking times, and this may account 20 weeks of Saturday morning fixtures.</p> <p>The summer community league matches could be played on Saturdays and Sundays (or at any other suitable time) and may account for approximately 8 weeks of use.</p>	<p>(20 x 3) 60 hours</p> <p>(8 x 6) = 48 hours</p>
Total	This pattern would change throughout the year and be expected to increase as more users would be attracted to a high quality all weather facility.	550 hours