

Paper 1

APPENDIX 4

Representations

Application Comments for 11/02477/FUL

Application Summary

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Address: Land To East Of Football Pitch Birch Road Aviemore

Proposal: Construction of a synthetic pitch, erection of 5 metre boundary fence, 8 x 16 metre floodlighting columns, and siting of metal storage container.

Case Officer: Maureen Malone

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Flora Somerville

Address: 9 Birch Road Aviemore

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is not a replacement for the previous playing field. This is a G3 football pitch which will not be freely available for community use as you state in your application. Advance booking only by whom? individuals? children? general public? and at what cost? Lighting of this type in a residential area with a high occupancy of elderly is not acceptable. Noise levels generated by this type of development is not acceptable.

-----Original Message-----

From: automailer@cairnform.co.uk [mailto:automailer@cairnform.co.uk]

Sent: 15 July 2011 19:03

To: Mail Manager

Subject: Website (www.cairnform.co.uk) Contact Form

From: Mrs Flora Somerville [REDACTED]

Highland Council Planning Reference 11/02477/FUL

3G Football Pitch Aviemore

I ask you to look at this application for the following reasons:

The land which HC propose to use was a now demolished birch wood and part of Seafield Estate land designated for community use. The latest proposal will be gated and only available for pre booked use. This effectively means that the community at large will be unable to access the site.

The previous site was accessible to everyone whether it was football, or other games and kite flying.

3G pitches are basically for football. Other games eg hockey, shinty and rugby are unsuitable because of the risk of damage to synthetic surface. Special footwear needs to be worn for football played on 3G pitch. Not really an option for anyone bar professional teams.

3G pitches are normally run as commercial facilities and charges of up to £50 per hour are levied for full pitch use. If this is the case in Aviemore, there will be very few able to afford to use what was a community facility and this surely should then become an application for change of use from community to commercial use - which is not part of historical agreement with Seafield Estate.

Plans published on Highland Council are not to scale as distance between boundary and No 12 Birch Road and the proposed pitch is only 4 metres.

This whole proposal is sited within a residential area. Lighting at the proposed height whether directed to the pitch or not will impact on properties for a long distance from the site. Noise levels from this type of facility will also impact on properties for some distance from the site.

Quality of life in the vicinity, already impaired by community school project will be made unbearable by additional noise and light pollution. Please also consider among surrounding properties are - The Green (Hanover Sheltered Housing) Kirveachy Gardens (Highland Council Sheltered Housing on perimeter of school site), Birch Road (majority of properties occupied by over 60s), Silverglades mainly holiday lets and some residential, Burnside Place, Burnside Avenue and Burnside Road which is high density housing.

3G pitches are normally sited in areas where there will be no impact on residential areas.

CNPA ultimately passed planning permission back to Highland Council for the Community School development with various provisions for wildlife corridor etc., No visible evidence of wildlife corridor as extra trees had to be felled (during nesting season) because Council misjudged area needed. School structure now resembles an aircraft hanger tall enough to house a jumbo jet, despite former restrictions on height. April, May and June saw the former birch wood become killing fields for ground nesting wildlife.

This development appears to have been taken for granted as I was told on the first week of contractors moving on to site that a synthetic pitch was part of the plan. It seems that planning permission has been very much taken for granted. There is much local anger about this.

-----Original Message-----

From: automailer@calrngorms.co.uk [mailto:automailer@calrngorms.co.uk]

Sent: 20 July 2011 21:11

To: Mail Manager

Subject: Website (www.calrngorms.co.uk) Contact Form

From: Helen Harold [REDACTED]

Hello,

Couldn't find the correct place to lodge a complaint...so if you could pass this on to the relevant person...who may be Marie Duncan,that would be lovely please.

This letter is in reference to the planning permission lodged by the highland council ref 2011/0216/DET..

My name is Helen Harold and I live at 11 Birch Road Aviemore. And I am objecting to the erection of the 8 x 16 Meter high floodlighting columns on the astroturf football pitch on the grounds that my house is under 20 meters from the proposed site of these lights and am very concerned about the light pollution which will create a visual intrusive nuisance to my house and deem them to be inappropriate in such close proximity of a residential area such as the other 12 houses in Birch Road.

Yours

Helen Harold

-----Original Message-----

From: automailer@cairnqorms.co.uk [mailto:automailer@cairnqorms.co.uk]

Sent: 21 July 2011 16:19

To: Mail Manager

Subject: Website (www.cairnqorms.co.uk) Contact Form

From: Mark Harold [REDACTED]

F.A.O Marie Duncan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Formally objecting to the planning permission Highland council has submitted ...for the 8 x 50 ft lights to be erected on the new football pitch next to Birch road in Aviemore. They will be far too close to my house which is less then 20 meters from the boundary of the new football pitch.

The clean neighbourhoods and Environment act 2005 makes light nuisance subject to the same criminal law as noise and smells...It applies to "artificial light emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or nuisance" ...I do believe here...this is the case.

Yours

Mark Harold,

Julie Millman

From: Catriona Campbell on behalf of Mail Manager
Sent: 22 July 2011 10:45
To: Planning
Subject: FW: Website (www.cairngorms.co.uk) Contact Form

-----Original Message-----

From: automailer@cairngorms.co.uk [<mailto:automailer@cairngorms.co.uk>]
Sent: 21 July 2011 18:06
To: Mail Manager
Subject: Website (www.cairngorms.co.uk) Contact Form

From: Stewart Gill [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern ,please would you refere this to the relevent persons

I would like to object to the and the planning application from highland council of the astro turf pitch 8 x 16 meter floodlighting columns due to noise levels so close to where i live ,which is 20 meters from the construction site in Birch Road Aviemore...this is(in the middle of construction)...and will be noise nuisance(when finshed and in use)...and the lights will be way too high and will glare right into my windows at all times of night.

yours

stewart Gill

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Name: Mrs Flora Somerville

Address: 9 Birch Road AVIEMORE

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 3G football pitch is not a replacement for community playing field. What does Highland Council propose to charge for this pre book only facility?

J.L.Franks
2 Birch Road
Aviemore
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Marie Duncan
Planning Systems Officer
Cairngorms National Park Authority
Albert Memorial Hall
Station Square
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AB35 5QB

Having only just been officially 'Neighbour Notified' of the latest proposal to the Primary School Plans, I apologise for the lateness of this correspondence.

Please accept these my comments on the latest alteration to the "Aviemore Primary School Planning Proposals" :-

"Once again 'Alterations & Additions' are being made to these plans without prior public discussion.

The idea of an Artificial Surface & Floodlighting here in Badenoch & Strathspey is totally out of place; field sports are not played here in the winter season due to the often frozen and/or snow covered state of the ground; lighting is therefore not called for.

During the 'Summer Season' there is plenty of light in the night sky & therefore no need for 'Artificial Lighting'.

Lastly but most importantly:-

Discussions & public meetings were held over several years regarding more than one school design & more than one architect; an agreement was reached with the Highland Council to cede the 'People of Aviemore's Recreation Area' to land for the construction of this Primary School, in exchange for a similar piece of land for similar usage within the wooded area of the whole site. This was to be arranged so that as much as possible of these woods should be preserved in their natural condition; this both for the wildlife & general environmental conditions of the surrounding residential area.

The piece of land being exchanged was not just a football pitch but general use common land where people would walk, run, fly kites or aeroplanes, exercise dogs, bairns practiced golf and successful Aviemore football teams have played here since 1934.

This ground is not part of the Primary School and should not be so considered."

Thank you,
regards,

jim franks

From: Robert Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 September 2011 17:31
To: Robert Grant
Cc: Alan MacRae; Tom Logan; Ron MacKenzie
Subject: AVIEMORE PRIMARY
Importance: High

Robert

It was good to meet you yesterday, thank you again for your time. Please see the e-mail below from the Head Teacher which shows the level of support for the synthetic pitch within the Parent Council.

We will get the outstanding information to you early tomorrow morning.

Thanks

Robert Campbell
Acting Estate Strategy Manager, Education Culture and Sport, Highland Council
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Rona Smith
Sent: 07 September 2011 17:14
To: Robert Campbell
Subject: as requested
Importance: High

Hi Robert, with reference to the proposed football pitch of the new school at Aviemore, the view of those present at the Parent Council meeting on 6th September was one of strong support for the all-weather pitch, regards Rona

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