

Paper 1

APPENDIX 5

Community Feedback
Summary

**AVIEMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL – PLAYING FIELD
OUTCOME OF OPEN DAY AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

An Open Day was held at the Cairngorm Hotel in Aviemore from 12.30 to 20.00 on Thursday 29 September. At least 45 members of the public attended – 15 completed questionnaires were submitted on the day and a further 41 were received by close of play on Wednesday 5 October. 56 in total.

The following is a summary of the responses to the questions on the questionnaire:

Please state your preferred surface for the new playing field (grass or synthetic).	Grass – 48 Synthetic - 8
If you have selected grass, do you think the playing field should be floodlit?	13 Yes/ 35 No

There were a number of additional comments provided; the following is a summary of the main issues.

- Opinion was divided with a majority in favour of grass over SGP.
- 48 of the returned forms stated grass as a preference but that the best option would be synthetic with an additional grass area provided. This view was reflected in some of the other comments and in several discussions that took place during the day. It appears therefore that there is sufficient support for this to be considered as a further option as it may overcome some of the objections to a synthetic surface.
- The shortage of grass amenity areas in Aviemore was raised as an issue. The future use of the existing primary school site was mentioned and views were expressed that any future development of it should possibly include a grass amenity area.
- Several of the attendees and comments on feedback forms suggested that it would be more appropriate for the synthetic surface to be installed at Kingussie High School. However, there is no funding in Highland Council's approved 6-year capital programme for a synthetic surface at Kingussie High School.
- There were several comments stating that the playing field should be open with no perimeter fencing to allow free community access as at present. The scheme approved by the CNPA is for an enclosed grass surface and it has been agreed that a fence will be installed. However, the option of having free community access to the facility at certain times was raised for consideration.