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**Sent:** 01 September 2023 12:28
**To:** 'Peter Barnett'
**Cc:** 'maggie.williams@persimmonhomes.com'
**Subject:** RE: App Ref: AWDM/1159/23 - Land South Of West Street And West Of Loose Lane Sompting - Sport England Ref: PA/23/SE/AAW/65521

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Good afternoon Peter,

Thank you for the updated plan, which address our concerns.

It is disappointing that the applicants are not prepared to address the second official's changing room issue which we have raised. The only argument they have put forward which is acceptable is that they are meeting the requirements of the approved plans.

Therefore Sport England raises no objections to Condition 26 being discharged.

Sport England would request that Persimmon, reconsider their stance on only providing a single officials changing accommodation. This would help and encourage all genders to engage as officials at a grass roots level of football.

Yours sincerely

Bob

**Bob Sharples** RIBA MRTPI ARB Principal Planning Manager - South Team Planning & Active Environments

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Dear Bob

Further to your comments received yesterday, please could I have your comments on the revised plan (attached) and explanation in the email below?

Thanks

**Peter Barnett**
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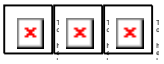

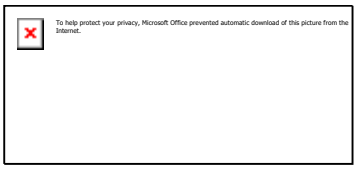


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Date: Wed, 30 Aug 2023 at 14:23
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To: Peter Barnett <peter.barnett@adur-worthing.gov.uk>
Cc: O'Brien, Christian <christian.o'brien@persimmonhomes.com>

Dear Peter

Please see responses from my technical colleague below:

1. We have amended the path to be 0.5m away from the 3m required offset area and is now correctly shown on the drawings.

2. We are proposing the size and scale of welfare in accordance with the approved plans, which have always been 1 changing facility. The proposed referees hut is considered a gender neutral space and also minimises the impact on trans people if a separate male and female facility were to be provided. The hut will include fully lockable doors, which means the facility can be used one person at a time. This is suitable and sufficient, as well as being fully compliant with the Equality Act 2010 and the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992. With only 2 sports pitches and therefore only potentially 2 referees (plus lines people), 2 changing areas is simply over provision, and the single lockable facility is suitable on a staggered use basis / one at a time. The proposals have been designed with consideration of the Equality and Human Rights Commission Guidance on Separate and single-sex service providers: a guide on the Equality Act sex and gender reassignment exceptions, April 2022. This arrangement is also no different to what is seen on UK construction sites whereby men and women can use the same toilet providing it is in a lockable room separate from any urinals. Men and women can share sinks for washing hands, face and arms. You can also provide unisex shower facilities if they are in a separate, lockable room, which one person can use at a time. As such, the submitted layouts are deemed acceptable.

**Kind regards**

**Maggie**

**Maggie Williams** | Planning Manager

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Dear Maggie

I have received the response below from Sport England which requires your attention.

Regards

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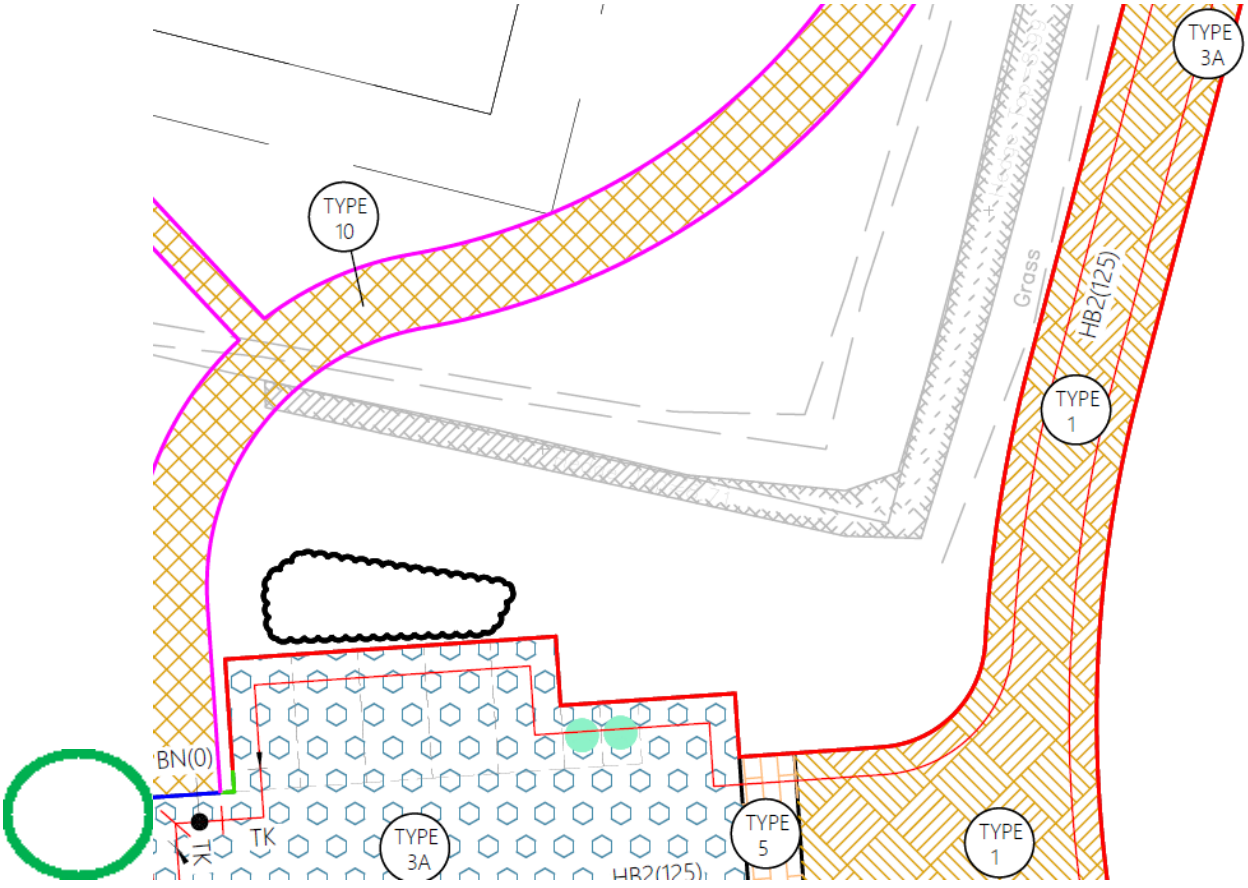
To: peter.barnett@adur-worthing.gov.uk <peter.barnett@adur-worthing.gov.uk>

Dear Peter,

Thank you for consulting Sport England in respect of the details relating to the Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 26 (Details of Football Pitch/Referee's Hut and Car Parking) of approved application AWDM/0323/1.

Sport England has reviewed the documents submitted and we cannot recommend the discharge of the condition on two grounds:

1. The footpath shown on drawing 601/150/104 rev P3 conflicts with the run-off area of the football pitch:




This could result in injury to the football players; and

2. Only having one officials changing accommodation is not acceptable in the 21st century. This may be contrary to the Equality Act 2010 ( As amended). Sport England would advise that there should be at least 2 changing rooms, to allow for different genders.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

**Bob Sharples** RIBA MRTPI ARB Principal Planning Manager - South Team Planning & Active Environments

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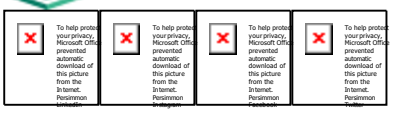

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