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Re St Andrews School extending use of floodlight hours.

There is a lot of summary in this planning application and that of the environmental report, but both lack REAL evidential detail.

The environmental report states there is a NOISE and LIGHT

However the author has compromised his findings by suggesting reducing the hours at the weekend to 20.30. So he agrees that there are environmental issues both noise and light but still supports the application to extend the use of the lights midweek for an additional 1.5 hrs and weekends for additional hours.

He has come up with no other environmental suggestions which would reduce the noise and light, such as;
Cowling on the lights or restrict light overspill,
An electronic timer on the floodlights so they can be turned on and off during the evening to coincide with the pitch being used. These are LED lights so can be switched on and off regularly. This technology exists.
Planting a wider spread of evergreen plants along Congreve road side and in particular at the west end where there is none,
Installation of sound suppressant membrane on the fence surrounding the pitch and the estimate of 45 metres from the pitch to residents gardens is totally inaccurate, it is 20 metres, half of what he has said. I would like to know whether anyone from the environmental team has attended the location?

On a personnel note have they not seen the photographs of the lights on the south side of the pitch shining straight in to our house in Congreve road?

The school state in there application that there is a demand for use of the pitch. I have certainly not seen this. My research suggests that over the last three weeks between the hours of 4-8pm the pitch has never been used for more than 2 hrs and on four of those weekdays not used at all.

The school stated other clubs both Hockey and football want to use the pitch, but no evidence from those clubs is mentioned. If demand is that great why is the pitch still unused for considerable times.

Can the applicant provide evidence to the Senior Planning Officer of;
Current levels of bookings of the pitch and

details of additional clubs who have expressed an interest to use it and why they would wish to use it after 8pm on weekdays and after 6pm on Saturday or 4pm on a Sunday.

I have done my own research, Southwick Hockey Club have been using the pitch since August 2026 and have two adult games during the day on Saturday and training 7-8pm on Wednesday. Club sport is nice to see but competitive hockey increases the noise with shouting, whistle and the noise of the ball in the stick.There is no demand from them to use the pitch after 6 pm on Saturday or after 8pm weekdays.

The plan for the lux levels is a pre installation plan. There is no evidence to suggest the lux levels post installation of the LED lights are accurate. Again no evidence provided by the school just summary and assumptions. My house is outside the boundaries of the overspill yet I still get it as my photos suggest.

The noise management plan as outlined is likely to be ‘how to deal with it plan’. Residents will still have to tolerate the sports noise later in to the evening 7 days a week. The level of noise will increase as the pitch is used more!!

There is no plan that can deal with that issue other than the application being refused. There will be extra hours of noise and extra hours of light all to the detriment of the local residents.

Again I firmly believe that the application should be looked at in more detail due to the impact both noise and light has on the local residents particularly in Congreve road.

The school have provided no evidence of additional usage and the residents, if the application is granted can no longer enjoy there gardens and socialising without fear of additional hours of noise and light affecting there enjoyment.

St Andrews school HAS FAILED previously to comply with conditions set as it retains one floodlight post on in the south west corner for 15 mins after the permitted time and they have failed to fully plant sufficient greenery around the site to prevent noise and light spillage which was also one of the conditions.

I invite the all parties, the school, Senior planning officer and environmental officer to come to my house and see and hear for themselves the light and noise issues.

This is a RESIDENTIAL area and the current hours of usage is tolerated. The school is NOT taking in to consideration the impact this application will have on local residents, they are just being greedy and as such should be rejected.

Regards

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