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Application Reference: AWDM/0239/25
Site: Southwick Football Club Old Barn Way Southwick West Sussex BN42 4NT
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 10 (CMP), 15 (pitch details), 22 (levels), 26 (surface water drainage) and 27 (drainage maintenance) of Application AWDM/1217/23.
Sport England Reference: PA/25/SE/AAW/70301

Dear Peter,

Thank you for consulting Sport England in respect of the details submitted under the above planning reference to discharge conditions 10 (CMP), 15 (pitch details), 22 (levels), 26 (surface water drainage) and 27 (drainage maintenance) of Application AWDM/1217/23.

Conditions 10 (CMP), 22 (levels), 26 (surface water drainage) and 27 (drainage maintenance) are outside Sport England's area of expertise and therefore we shall not be commenting on them.

The wording of condition 15 (pitch details) states:

> *No development shall commence until details of the design and layout of the artificial grass pitch, in particular a section through the edge of the pitch showing the mitigation barriers, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority [after consultation with Sport England]. The artificial grass pitch shall not be constructed other than in accordance with the approved details. The use of the development shall not commence until:*
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> *(a) certification that the Artificial Grass Pitch hereby permitted has met FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf – FIFA Quality or equivalent International Artificial Turf Standard (IMS) and*
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> *(b) confirmation that the facility has been registered on the Football Association's Register of Football Turf Pitches have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.*
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> *Reason: To ensure the development is fit for purpose and sustainable, provides sporting benefits and to accord with Development Plan Policy **.*

The information supplied deals with the construction details of the pitch but does not address the certification of the artificial grass pitch.

We have reviewed the details of construction details and found them to follow best practice and therefore sound.

Therefore, in terms of condition15 (pitch details), a submission has been provided for consideration. Sport England welcomes the commitment to discharging the condition. However, at this stage the submitted document fails to cover all the details and requirements set out in the condition.

Once the certification has been provided and the AGP has been Football Association's Register of Football Turf Pitches, condition can be fully discharged.

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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