Development Management - Delegated Officer Report

Application Number: AWDM/2230/21 Recommendation – Approve

Site: Buckingham Park, Upper Shoreham Road, Shoreham-by-sea

Proposal: Installation of 1no. 30m woven cricketweave non turf pitch

Date of site visit: 6th January 2022

Neighbours checked: Y

Additional neighbour notifications: N

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application seeks to install a 30m x 2.74m non turf astro pitch to ECB standards at Buckingham Park. The applicant, Southwick Cricket Club, wishes to increase the use of the site by women, girls and juniors.

At the moment there is a turf cricket square within the park and the artificial pitch is proposed to be installed immediately to the east of the turf square, running north-south.

Relevant Planning History

Various applications but none specifically related to this current application.

Consultations

Adur and Worthing Councils: The Parks and Foreshore Manager: There has been cricket for many years within the park and a new drive in recent years with the local club playing back within the park.

It would be great to see enhanced cricket facilities within this park

Representations

None received

Relevant Planning Policies

Adur Local Plan 2017 Policy 15, 32
National Planning Policy Framework (July 2021)

Planning Assessment

Principle

Policy 32 supports proposals for built sports facilities and formal sports provision where they are in accordance with other policies in the plan. The relevant issues are the effects on the amenities of neighbouring residential occupiers and the effect on the character and appearance of the area.

Visual amenity

The pitch will not be unduly out of character or prominent in the wider landscape of the park. There are a number of sports pitches in the park and this relatively small proposal will complement the existing cricket facilities. While artificial, it will not have a harmful visual impact.

Residential amenity

The proposal will have no impact on residential amenity

Recommendation

APPROVE

Subject to Conditions:-

1. Approved Plans
2. Standard 3 year time limit

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation? N

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

Case Officer: Peter Barnett Date: 28 February 2022

Authorised by: Gary Peck Date: 28 February 2022