

PLANNING SERVICE

UPDATE OF LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DECIDED BY
PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE (HUDDERSFIELD AREA)

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Planning Application 2023/90876

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Variation of conditions 4 & 5 (hours of use) on previous permission 2018/93872 for replacement of existing Redgra track with 3G synthetic turf pitch consisting spectator area, perimeter fencing, floodlights, storage container and link path

Colne Valley High School, Gillroyd Lane, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5SP

Since the publication of the committee report a letter of support for the proposal addressed to 'to whom it may concern' (which is dated 22nd November 2023) has been received from Cllrs Cahal Burke and Anthony Smith. This was received within an email from the Club Secretary of Linthwaite Football Club.

The letter, in full, states the following:

'Planning Application 2023/70/90876/W

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to support the proposal to secure extended access to the 3G pitch at Colne Valley High School.

Extending the operating hours of the pitch by a few hours on weekdays and enabling the pitch to be used on Sunday mornings would benefit several clubs in the area, including Linthwaite Football Club and Golcar United Football Club, and it would benefit hundreds of local children in the area.

Currently, the artificial pitch is not being utilised to its full potential due to the current constraints in the planning conditions. However, extending the operating hours would allow greater use by local groups, as the peak time for community sports use are weekday evenings and weekends.

We understand that the inclement weather recently has meant that the grass pitches are in a poor condition and often unplayable due to them being waterlogged. However, extending the use of the 3G pitch would help to address this by offering a reliable facility for training and for matches. It would also allow the grass pitches to regenerate more quickly and ensure that they are in a better state, which would improve their capacity for use.

We believe that the application should be granted, as it will be vital in giving local children extra access to much needed facilities and it would have a positive impact on the local football community.'

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