

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATION SHEET

PLANNING APPLICATION.

APPLICATION No. 170580

Officer POOJA KUMAR

Parish SONNING.

Proposal INSTALLATION OF ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCH (AGP) TO FORM A FULL SIZED PLAYING ENCLOSURE MEASURING 122M X 80M WITH ASSOCIATED TECHNICAL AREAS. INSTALLATION OF NEW PITCH PERIMETER AND ASSOCIATED GATED ENTRANCE TO FORM A PLAYING ENCLOSURE, NEW HARDSTANDING, NEW (ARTIFICIAL) FLOOD LIGHTING., NEW MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT STORE AND RETENTION OF SOIL ARISING ONSITE TO FORM A SCULPTURED GRASS MOUND TO AN ADJACENT GRASS PITCH.

Address OLD REDINGEMSIANS SPORTS GROUND

Applicant MR ROSS BAXTER.

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Sonning Parish Council has carefully considered this application and wish to raise the following concerns:

- This is a significant upgrade and could have an impact on a much wider area than has been considered, therefore a fuller public consultation should be undertaken.
- The improvements will make this a very attractive venue, increasing the usage and improving its standing in the sports world. This could result in the Club hosting higher profile matches and is bound to attract more supporters to the location and potentially swamping the area with additional vehicles.
- There is a comprehensive transport plan for public transport but this cannot be guaranteed. Many supporters are likely to use their own vehicles. This already happens with vehicles parking on adjacent residential roads.
- The floodlighting is of concerns due to its proximity to Sunrise, the adjoining home for the elderly. The lighting, while not flooding directly into the windows, creates a glow in the night sky which could cause disturbance and a suggested deadline of 9.30 pm might go some way to reducing this.
- The Council fully supports the principle of an all-weather facility however they recommend refusal of the application as it stands and until the above concerns are addressed.

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