

FROM SPORT ENGLAND [SOUTH]

Dear Mr Fox,

Thank you for contacting Sport England regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. I confirm that I did meet with Paul Willmott yesterday, but discussions were focussed on the planning application that Oxford Brookes University is advancing for the development of their site. Sport England is a statutory consultee on the planning application and our approach to the application is informed by our Playing Fields Policy; As Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England.

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-applications/playing-field-land/>

Sport England will seek to protect existing sports facilities from development and I note that Policy S11V of your neighbourhood plan seeks to do this, which we would support.

The Council has undertaken a Playing Pitch Strategy and Built Sports Facilities Strategy which has included the facilities in Wheatley and this in turn should inform what additional playing field/sports facilities, if any, the Community require.

I will also copy you in on my comments to the developer from yesterday's meeting as it will include the comments received from some of the National Governing Bodies for sport and their views on what is require in the local area,

Regards

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