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#### Good afternoon,

Further to our previous response which I attach for reference, Sport England has no further comments to make with the exception of the proposed wording of Policy WS10.R which should be re-drafted to read as follows:

"R. The loss of playing field land including grass sports pitches and facilities for outdoor sports or children's play will not be permitted unless they are replaced by equal or better provision of quality and quantity on an alternative and suitable location. Any works involving replacement playing field land including grass sports pitches and facilities for outdoor sports must be completed in full prior to the commencement of development that would result in the loss of playing field land".

It is also noted that there a significant number of changes to proposed Policies Maps. Please note that Sport England does not have the resource to assess each of these proposed changes. However, please be advised that Sport England will most likely object to any forthcoming planning application on these sites that involves the loss of playing field land, grass playing pitches or other outdoor and/or indoor sporting facilities unless adequate mitigation is provided for.

Best wishes





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SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF	
Tel No:	Tel No:
Mobile:	Mobile:
Email: planning.north@sportengland.org	Email:
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	2: Your Agent's details (if applicable) we will correspond with your agent*
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First Name:	First Name:
Last Name:	Last Name:
Organisation/ Company:	Organisation/ Company:
Sport England	
Address:	Address:
SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF	
Tel No:	Tel No:
Mobile:	Mobile:
Email: planning.north@sportengland.org	Email:
	t be accepted and that in order for your comments
to be considered you MUST include your detail agree to my name, name of organisation, and r inspection on the internet, and that my data will accordance with the Council's Privacy Notice:	epresentations being made available for public
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Name or Organisation: Sport	t England			
3. To which part of the Loca (Important: Please submit sep		•		
Paragraph S	Policy/ V Site ID/Ref	WS7.3	Policies Map	
Sustainability Appraisal		Habitat Reg Assessment		
4a. Do you consider the Loc	cal Plan is:		¬	
4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes	х	No	
4.(2) Sound	Yes	Х	No	
4.(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	X	No [	
(Please indicate with an 'X' as	s appropriate	)		
4b If you think the Local Pla why:	ın is not sou	ınd, please in	dicate the rea	son(s)
Not Positively Prepared				
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Support. The policy reflects the requirements of para 187 of the NPPF and Sport England's
Playing Fields Policy which seeks to ensure any development adjacent to playing fields does
not prejudice the use of the playing field. This is either through blocking access into a playing
field, or risk of ballstrike from the playing field onto or into the curtilage of the new
development or access roads.
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or 1	5a. If you wish to make a separate representation, relating to legal compliance, soundness or the duty to cooperate in relation to the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal (SA), please make them here.					
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Sport England	
Address:	Address:
SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF	
Tel No:	Tel No:
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Email: planning.north@sportengland.org	Email:
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