

11 DCNW2006/2889/F - PROPOSED FLOODLIGHTS TO "BEAGLES PITCH" (SCHOOL, YOUTH & DEVELOPMENT TEAMS) AT OLD LUCTIONIANS SPORTS CLUB, KINGSLAND, LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR6 9SB

**For: Luctonians Sports Club Ltd per Mr A Last,
Brookside Cottage, Knapton Green, Herefordshire,
HR4 8ER**

Date Received:
7th September 2006

Ward: Bircher

Grid Ref:
43404, 61767

Expiry Date:
2nd November 2006

Local Member: Councillor S Bowen

1. Site Description and Proposal

- 1.1 The application site is located to the rear of the existing sports club ground on its western elevation, on the site of pitch no. 5. The site is surrounded by agricultural fields on three elevations. To the north is the rest of the sports ground complex, consisting of four other pitches and the club house and parking area.
- 1.2 The application proposes the installation of 6 floodlight columns around the pitches perimeter (which includes playing and training pitch area).

2. Policies

2.1 Leominster District Local Plan

A1 – Managing the District's Assets and Resources
A9 – Safeguarding the Rural Landscape
A21 – Development within Conservation Areas
A23 – Creating Identity and an Attractive Built Environment
A24 – Scale and Character of Development
A78 – Rural Tourism and Recreational Activities
A41 – Protection of Agricultural Land
A61 – Community, Social and Recreational Facilities

2.2 Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan (Revised Deposit Draft)

S1 – Sustainable Development
S2 – Development Requirements
S11 – Community Facilities and Services
DR1 – Design
DR2 – Land Use and Activity
DR3 – Movement
DR4 – Environment
DR14 – Lighting

LA2 – Landscape Character and Areas Least Resilient to Change
HBA6 – New Development with Conservation Areas
RST1 – Criteria for Recreation, Sport and Tourism Development
RST3 – Standards for Outdoor Playing and Public Open Space
RST10 – Major Sports Facilities

3. Planning History

3.1 NW01/0294/F - Change of use of field to rugby pitch - Approved 16th March 2001.

4. Consultation Summary

Statutory Consultations

4.1 Public Rights of Way Manager states that the proposed floodlights to the 'Beagles Pitch' would not appear to affect public footpath KL28, which crosses the development site.

4.2 Environment Health Manager - No comment received at time of writing this report.

5. Representations

5.1 Kingsland Parish Council recommend approval.

5.2 Three letters of comments/objection have been received from:-

- P C & Mrs E A Shorrocks, The Woodhouse, Kingsland
- Richard Knight, Downs Farm, Kimbolton, Leominster
- Mr & Mrs P N Friend, Brook Farm, Kingsland (object).

The comments can be summarised as follows:-

- Concerns about existing lights being incorrectly angled, allowing light to escape.
- Impact of light pollution on the surrounding countryside.
- If mindful to support application, lights are fitted at a horizontal angle and existing lights are adjusted.
- Impact on local security.

5.3 The full text of these letters can be inspected at Northern Planning Services, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford and prior to the Sub-Committee meeting.

6. Officers Appraisal

6.1 The key issue with regards to this application is the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding landscape.

6.2 The proposal is for 6 floodlight columns to light up pitch no. 5 known as 'Beagles Pitch'. This pitch is the furthest pitch from the adjoining public highway of the sports ground and therefore the furthest pitch from that of the built up area of 'Kingsland Village'. The pitch itself being surrounded by open farmland.

- 6.3 The application proposes floodlights that will achieve 200 lux average and 0.6 min/average uniformity on the pitch itself and 100 lux average and a 0.5 min/average uniformity on an adjacent training pitch, utilising a maintenance factor of 0.70.
- 6.4 Information provided in support of the application indicates that each of the proposed luminance and visor incorporate advanced photometrics for each of the fixed locations to minimise spill and glare in order to ensure that the light is directed to the playing surface in order to minimise light pollution.
- 6.5 Therefore the applicants' are proposing a system of lights which seek to minimise impact on the surrounding landscape. I consider that this is an acceptable form of artificial lighting, with appropriate conditions attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:

- 1 - A01 (Time limit for commencement (full permission))**

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 2 - A07 (Development in accordance with approved plans)**

Reason: To ensure adherence to the approved plans in the interests of a satisfactory form of development.

- 3 - F33 (Time limit on floodlighting (sports grounds))**

Reason: To minimise the impact of the floodlights and to protect the residential amenity of nearby dwellings.

- 4 - F34 (Restriction on level of illuminance of floodlighting (sports grounds))**

Reason: To minimise the impact of the floodlights and to protect the residential amenity of nearby dwellings.

- 5 - F35 (Details of shields to prevent light pollution)**

Reason: To minimise light overspill and to protect the amenity of neighbouring properties.

- 6 - F36 (Angle of floodlighting)**

Reason: To minimise light overspill and to protect the amenity of neighbouring properties.

Informatives:

- 1 - N15 - Reason(s) for the Grant of PP/LBC/CAC**

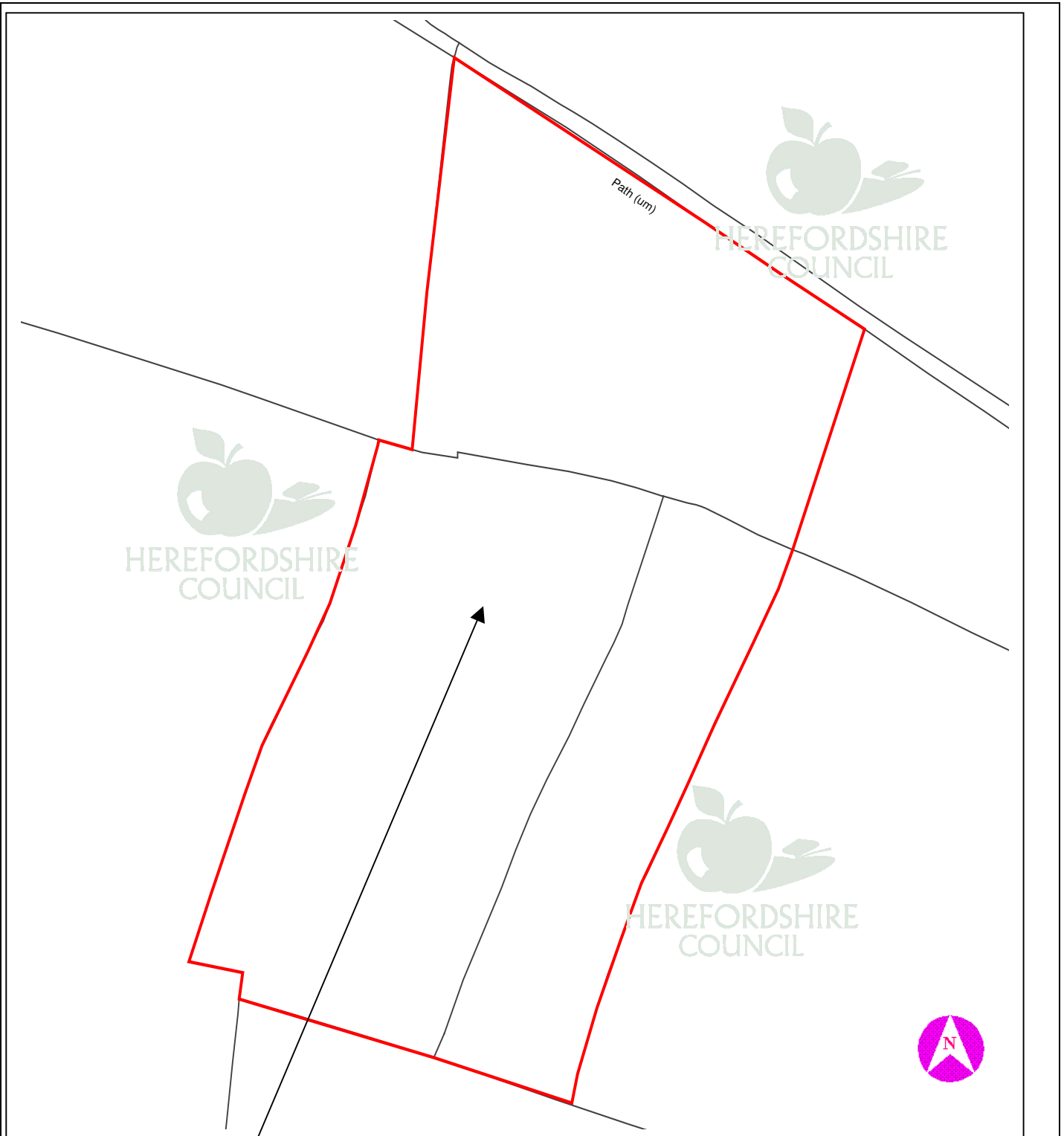
Decision:

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Background Papers

Internal departmental consultation replies.



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