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Hi Michael

Please find enclosed a copy of my response to this planning application. A signed hard copy will be posted to you shortly.

Regards

Gary

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Mr M Higgins
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08 August 2012

Our Ref: SW/EX/2012/29144/S

Dear Mr Higgins

Application Number: 12/1030/03
Site Address: Sandy Park Way Exeter EX2 7NN
Proposal: Redevelopment to increase capacity from 10750 to 20600 by three new grandstands, additional parking, bus/coach drop off and extension to west stand including conference centre to south stand

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

It is understood that the site forms part of, or constitutes a playing field as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (Statutory Instrument 2010 No.2184).

Sport England has therefore considered the application in the light of its playing fields policy. The aim of this policy is to ensure that there is an adequate supply of quality pitches to satisfy the current and estimated future demand for pitch sports within the area.

The new stadia will affect an existing rugby training pitch which will be replaced by a new rugby training centre (with 3 new pitches) at Oil Mill Lane, EX5 1AF (planning ref 11/1277/MFUL) which has been approved by East Devon District Council. That meets E4 of our playing fields policy regarding replacement playing fields.

From the information provided we are satisfied that the proposal for three new stands at Sandy Park meets one of the exceptions of the above policy (E2) in that:

The proposed development is ancillary to the principal use of the site as a playing field or playing fields, and does not affect the quantity or quality of pitches or adversely affect their use.



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This being the case, Sport England **does not wish to raise an objection** to this application.

The absence of an objection to this application in the context of the Town and Country Planning Acts, does not in any way commit Sport England's or any National Governing Body of Sport's support for any related application for grant funding.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely

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