

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Dennis Smith

DATE: 18 December 2018

REPORT OF: Site Inspection Team – Councillors Clarence (Vice-Chairman), Bullivant, Nutley and Rollason

DATE OF SITE INSPECTION: 29 November 2018

Purpose of the site inspections:

In accordance with the procedure relating to major applications, the application below was the subject of a site inspection prior to being considered by the Committee. All members of the Committee were invited to attend the site inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to enable Members to familiarise themselves with the site. Members were unable to form an opinion on the applications without having first considered the detailed reports of the Business Manager which will be included in the Committee agenda for a future meeting.

Newton Abbot – College 18/01690/MAJ - Devon FA Coach Road, for Mr Morrison - Construction of an external 3G Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) with associated lighting, fencing, hard standing, storage and car parking area

Councillor Smith declared an Appendix B interest in this application by virtue of his position as Director on the board of the Devon FA, and was not present at the site inspection.

Also present: Councillor Dennis and the County Highways Officer

Apologies: Cllrs Colclough and Hayes

The site inspection team viewed the area proposed for additional car parking and the existing sports pitch identified for artificial turf.

The Planning Officer reported on the retention of existing lighting to serve the proposals; Environmental Health's involvement with the proposals for the acoustic barrier, consisting of a fence and additional landscaping to protect residents from additional noise and changes in amenity, and to meet World Health organisation limits; Sport England's support for the application, and the community use of the site; that public representations have been received; and the possible hours for use of the site.

The Site Inspection Team also noted: that the site is within a Conservation Area, and that Coach Road forms part of the surrounding area for the Grade I Listed Building on Totnes Road.

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Members asked for additional information consisting of a cross sectional drawing to enable comparison between the height of the existing club building and that of the height of the acoustic barrier.