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Dear Planning Policy and Land Charges Team,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the Draft Lockington-Hemington Neighbourhood Plan. Sport England is a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting playing field land. We assess planning consultations against the five exceptions in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance Document <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport> which reflects the wording in paragraph 99 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).

Protecting Sport Facilities

Paragraph 99 of the NPPF offers clear advice on how sport facilities and playing fields should be considered in the planning system.

The inclusion of Policy EN3 (Important Open Spaces) in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan is welcomed by Sport England. However, for this planning policy to be consistent with paragraph 99 and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy the following wording should be inserted after "equivalent" "or better quality and quantity provision in a suitable location." The wording "unless it can be demonstrated that the open space is no longer required by the community" should be deleted and so the end of the wording of the policy should read: ... will not be supported, unless the open space is replaced by at least equivalent quality and quantity provision and in a suitable location."

If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

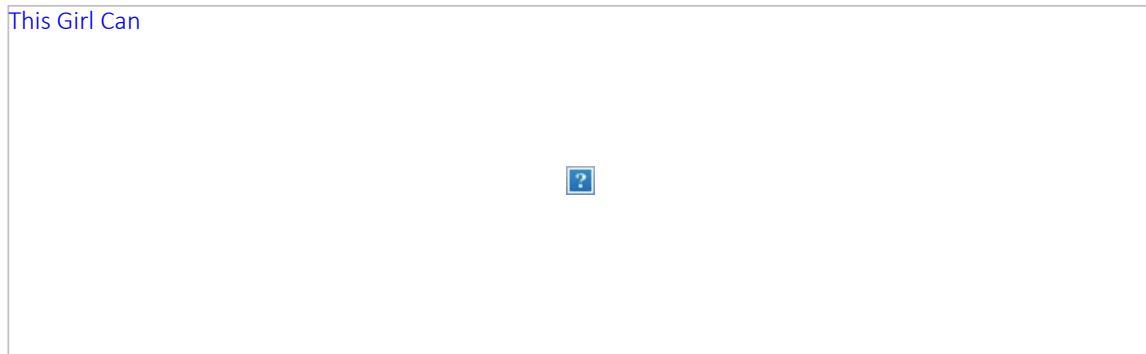
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