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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] LA REF: 21/02851/AOP; SITE ADDRESS: HMP SPRINGHILL & GRENDON UNDERWOOD (SPRINGHILL SITE), GRENDON; SE REF: PA/21/SE/BUC/59169

**Outline Planning Application with all matters reserved except for access and scale for the construction of a new Category C prison (up to 67,000 sqm GEA) within a secure perimeter fence together with access, parking, landscaping and associated engineering works on land adjacent to HMP Grendon and HMP Springhill, Grendon Underwood, Edgcott, Aylesbury HP18 0TL**

Dear Danika,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the amended proposed site block plan which shows the increased size of the proposed 3no. MUGAs.

Sport England welcomes the approach which takes account of Sport England's design guidance for artificial surfaces for outdoor sports. This will improve the sporting and recreational offer at the site. I should add that the proposed dimensions are in line with a typical Type 4 or 5 MUGA layout with line markings for five-a-side football ie 37m x 18.5m but not a Typical Type 1, 2 or 3 MUGA layout with line markings for tennis, netball and mini tennis which is a larger multi sport MUGA at 36.6m x 21.35m.

Sport England would wish to seek to impose a condition which requires the detailed design and specification of the MUGA to be approved prior to the commencement of development:

- No development of the MUGAs shall commence until details of the design and layout of the MUGAs have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority after consultation with Sport England. The MUGAs shall not be constructed other than in accordance with the approved details.

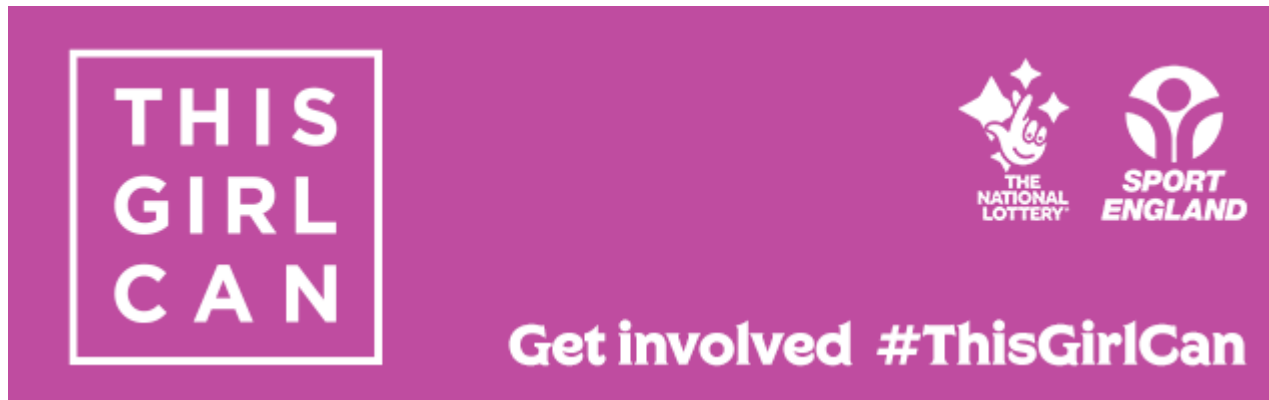
*Reason: To ensure the development is fit for purpose and sustainable and to accord with Development Plan Policy \*\*.*

*Informative: The applicant is advised that the design and layout of the MUGAs should comply with the relevant industry Technical Design Guidance, including guidance published by Sport England, National Governing Bodies for Sport. Particular attention is drawn to: Artificial Surfaces for Outdoor Sport (2013)*

I should add for clarity that the increased sporting benefits arising from the proposed amendments to the size of the MUGAs do not outweigh the harm caused by the loss of playing field, and therefore it does not affect our overall position which is to maintain an overall objection to the application. But we do welcome the fact that the applicant has responded positively to the feedback from Sport England on the matter of the MUGAs and we acknowledge that this will enhance the opportunities for the prison community to participate in sport and be physically active.

Best wishes,  
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