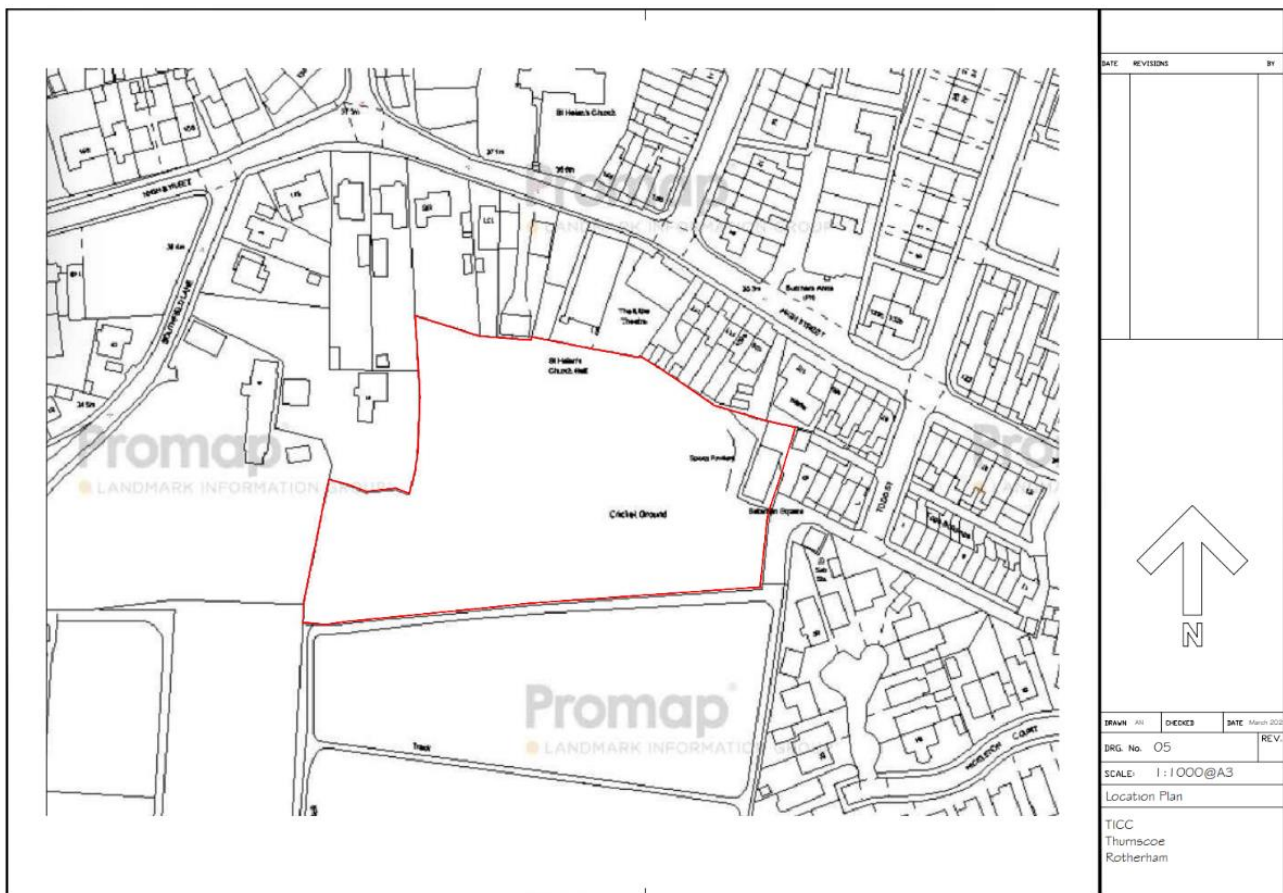


Application Reference Number:		2026/0062.	
Application Type:		Full.	
Proposal Description:		Installation of replacement non-turf match pitch and erection of enclosed two-lane cricket practice nets (Amended Description).	
Location:		Cricket Pavilion, Bateman Square, Thurnscoe, Rotherham, S63 0QN.	
Applicant:		Mr Ashley Newton.	
Third-party representations:	X1 Comment.	Parish:	
		Ward:	Dearne North.

Summary: The applicant is seeking planning permission for the installation of replacement non-turf match pitch and erection of enclosed two-lane cricket practice nets. The principle of development is considered acceptable pursuant to paragraph 104 of the NPPF and Local Plan Policies GS1, I1 and I2, and is attributed significant weight in favour of this proposal and its approval. This proposal is considered acceptable regarding its potential impacts on residential amenity, health and pollution control, visual amenity, highways, and biodiversity and geodiversity and trees, pursuant to paragraph 116 of the NPPF and Local Plan Policies D1, T4, GD1, POLL1, and BIO1. Significant, moderate, and modest weight has been attributed accordingly, in favour of this proposal and its approval. This proposal is viewed as an enhancement that would support or improve the proper function of an existing Cricket Ground and included on the green space register as a local neighbourhood outdoor sports facility. This proposal is therefore considered to be an acceptable and sustainable form of development in accordance with Section 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2024). Recommendation: APPROVE subject to conditions.	
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Site Description

This application relates to an existing Cricket Ground in Thurnscoe. The immediate surrounding area predominantly comprises dwellinghouses to the north, east and west with Allotment Gardens to the south. The development site is accessed from the east off High Street and Togo Street and Bateman Square. The Cricket Pavilion is located to the north-east corner within the development site. A non-turf match pitch is located to the centre within the development site. An existing detached, moveable structure which appears to act as cricket practice nets is located to the south-west corner within the development site. The development site is bounded by various fencing. Various vegetation is located to the south-west corner with an area of protected trees beyond the development curtilage. The site is included on the green space register as a local neighbourhood outdoor sports facility.



Planning History

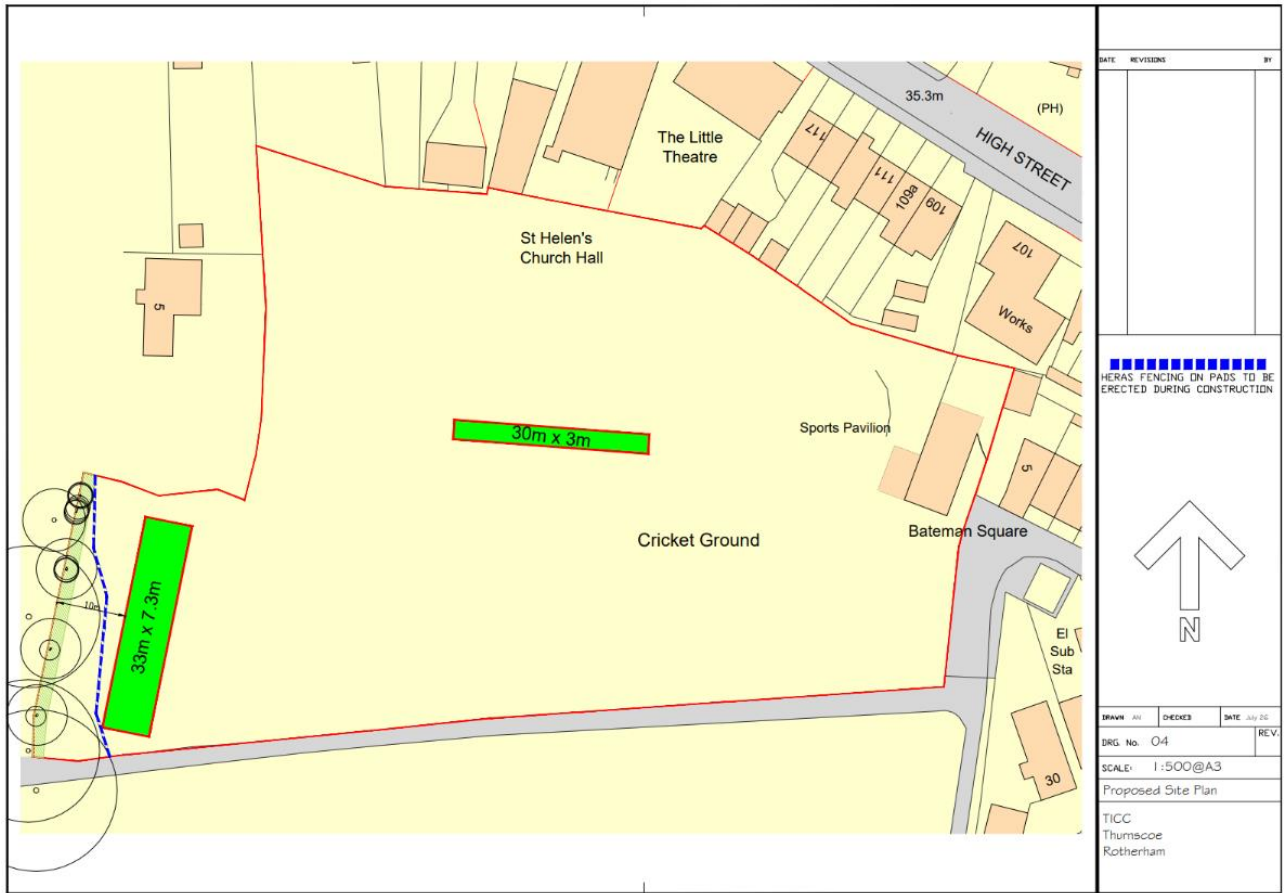
B/96/0760/DE	Erection of new pavilion.	Approved.
B/99/0233/DE	Erection of store room extension.	Approved.
2024/0244	Single storey extension to existing pavilion building and associated works.	Approved.

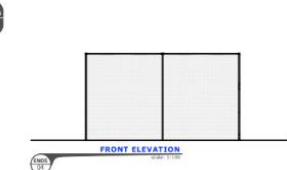
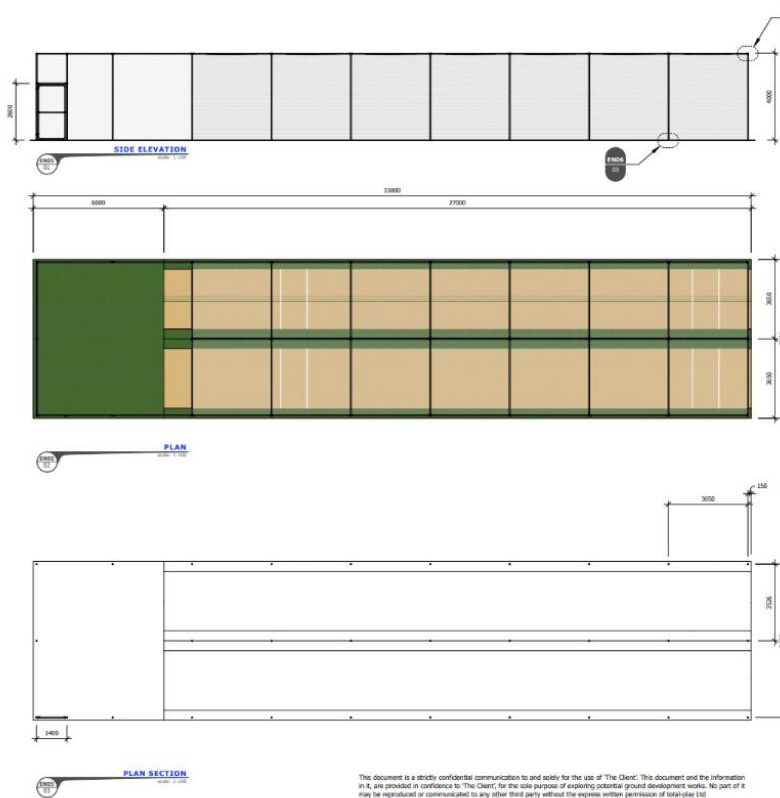
Proposed Development

The applicant is seeking planning permission for the installation of replacement non-turf match pitch and erection of enclosed two-lane cricket practice nets.

The proposed replacement non-turf match pitch would measure approximately 30 metres (W) x 3.0 metres (D) and would be located to the centre within the development site and on the northern edge of the natural turf square.

The proposed enclosed two-lane cricket practice nets measure approximately 7.3 metres (W) x 33 metres (D) x 4.0 metres (H). The playing surface would comprise a premium grade tufted synthetic playing surface carpet in single or two tone green with green or blue boarders. The two-lane cricket practice nets would be enclosed within a steelwork frame and netting system.





Specification for two lane enclosed 'tp5t' NPC system

Playing surface carpets
Overall two lane dimensions: 33m x 7.3m
'tp5' premium grade tufted synthetic playing surface carpets per lane: 27m x 3.65m NPC Natural Pitch Colour Carpet with Green borders
Optional: single tone green or NPC, two tone green with blue borders
Optional: training aid - contrasting stump lines
'tp5' premium grade tufted run up carpet per lane: 6m x 3.65m single tone green

Shock pads: per lane
'tp2' batting area: pace modifying shock pads for the pitching area 19m x 3.4m
'tp3' bowling area and run-up: load absorbing shock pad 14m x 3.6m

Steelwork system dimensions: per lane
Height: 4m
Lane length: 25.55m
Overall length 33m
Width: 3.6 - 3.65m
48mm diameter galvanised steel tubes set in a 52mm diameter socket.
Optional: powder coated steelwork green or black
Optional: Pedestrian gate with latch

Netting systems
25.55m x 4m HD Protection tunnels: exclusive total-play design one seamless piece of total-play's 'HD' netting secured with PVC encapsulated tension wire
6m x 4m HD panel sidewalls
4m high white bowler netting
Single batting curtains (white mesh) 2m x 7.3m
Optional: green or black netting
Optional: additional 'double' or 'wrap' batting curtains
Optional: total-play's 'HD' netting in walled panel design
Optional: protection skirt in green or black (PVC); protects the bottom section of netting, either 500m or 1m high.

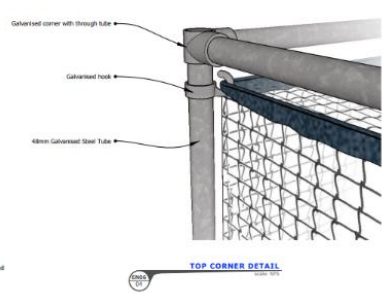
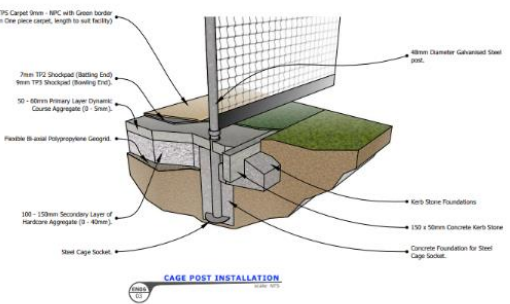
Security fence
All systems can be built with perimeter security fencing and gates. design options include gate width, fence height, colour and type of perimeter safety path.

The 'tp5t' system designed and installed by total-play Ltd in an England area (Wales Cricket Board, (ECB) Approved Non-Turf Pitch System.

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THE TWO LANE 33m ENCLOSED SYSTEM
33m x 7.3m

Client: Nelson Thornes Cricket Club
Site: Nelson Thornes Cricket Club
Area: 25.55m x 7.3m
Project: 2025
Status: Approved
System Details: EN 05



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PERSPECTIVE VIEWS AND DETAILS

Client: Nelson Thornes Cricket Club
Site: Nelson Thornes Cricket Club
Area: 25.55m x 7.3m
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Relevant Policies

The Development Plan

Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires development proposals to be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The Development Plan for Barnsley consists of the Barnsley Local Plan (adopted January 2019).

The Local Plan review was approved at a full Council meeting held 24th November 2022. The review determined that the Local Plan remains fit for purpose and is adequately delivering on its objectives. This means, no updates to the Local Plan, in whole or in part, are to be carried out ahead of a further review, which is due to take place in 2027, or earlier, if circumstances require it.

The development site is allocated as urban fabric within the adopted Local Plan which has no specific allocation and forms the Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Ground green space – an area included on the green space register as a local neighbourhood outdoor sports facility.

The following Local Plan policies are therefore relevant in this case:

- *Policy SD1: Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development.*
- *Policy GS1: Green Space.*
- *Policy I1: Infrastructure and Planning Obligations.*
- *Policy I2: Educational and Community Facilities.*
- *Policy D1: High Quality Design and Place Making.*
- *Policy GD1: General Development.*
- *Policy POLL1: Pollution Control and Protection.*
- *Policy T4: New Development and Transport Safety.*
- *Policy BIO1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.*

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Practice Guidance

In December 2024, the Government published a revised NPPF which is the most recent revision of the original Framework, first published in 2012 and updated several times, providing the overarching planning framework for England. The NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how they are expected to be applied. The NPPF must be taken into account in the preparation of local and neighbourhood plans and is a material consideration in planning decisions. The revised document has replaced the earlier planning policy statements, planning policy guidance and various policy letters and circulars, which are now cancelled.

Central to the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 10) and plans and decisions should apply this presumption in favour of sustainable development (paragraph 11). There are three dimensions to sustainable development: economic, social and environmental; each of these aspects are mutually dependent. The following NPPF sections are relevant in this case:

- *Section 2: Achieving sustainable development.*
- *Section 4: Decision-making.*
- *Section 8: Promoting healthy and safe communities.*
- *Section 12: Achieving well designed places.*
- *Section 15: Conserving and enhancing the natural environment.*

The National Design Guidance (2019) is a material consideration and sets out ten characteristics of well-designed places based on planning policy expectations. A written ministerial statement states that local planning authorities should take this guidance into account when taking decisions.

Supplementary Planning Guidance

In line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, Barnsley has adopted twenty-eight Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) following the adoption of the Local Plan in January 2019. The following SPDs are relevant in this case:

- *Biodiversity and Geodiversity (Adopted March 2024).*
- *Parking (Adopted November 2019).*
- *Trees and Hedgerows (Adopted May 2019).*

The adopted SPDs should be treated as material considerations in decision making and are afforded full weight.

Representations

This planning application has been advertised in accordance with Article 15 of the Town and Country Planning Development Management Procedure (England) Order 2015 (as amended).

Any neighbour sharing a boundary with the site has been sent written notification and the application has been advertised on the Council website.

No representations were received.

A 21-day re-consultation was undertaken due to an amended description and amended plans which expired 03rd August 2026.

One representation was received.

The concerns raised relate to nearby facilities having been subjected to cricket balls hitting external building fabrication, roofs, and landing in adjacent land and gardens for many years. As such, it was suggested that a high level safety net should be considered.

Whilst the concerns raised are acknowledged, they relate to existing issues in respect of damage to property and are therefore, not a material planning consideration in this instance. This proposal is to replace an existing non-turf match pitch and to erect an enclosed two-lane cricket practice nets, and as such, it is not anticipated that the proposal would significantly exacerbate existing issues. Property damage would be a civil matter to be dealt with between affected parties. Nonetheless, the concerns raised have been relayed to the applicant for consideration. However, it is not considered necessary to require the installation of a high level safety net at this time.

Consultations

Biodiversity Officer	<i>No objection(s) subject to condition(s).</i>
Local Ward Councillors	<i>No objection(s) – Councillor Young.</i>
Forestry Officer	<i>No objection(s) subject to condition(s).</i>
Highway Drainage	<i>No objection(s).</i>
Highways Development Control	<i>No objection(s).</i>
Pollution Control	<i>No objection(s) subject to condition(s).</i>
Sports England	<i>No objection(s) subject to condition(s).</i>

Planning Assessment

For the purposes of considering the balance in this application, the following planning weight is referred to in this report using the following scale unless the NPPF establishes a specific weight:

- Substantial
- Considerable
- Significant
- Moderate
- Modest
- Limited
- Little or no

Principle of Development and Impact on Green Space

Paragraph 104 of the NPPF establishes that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields and formal play spaces, should not be built on unless:

- a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

Paragraph 108 of the NPPF establishes that policies and decisions for managing development within a Local Green Space should be consistent with national policy for Green Belts set out in chapter 13 of this Framework [excluding provisions relating to grey belt and previously developed land set out in chapter 13].

Local Plan Policy GS1: Green Space establishes that proposals that result in the loss of green space, or land that was last used as green space, will not normally be allowed unless:

An assessment shows that there is too much of that green space in the area which it serves, and its loss would not affect the existing and potential green space needs of the borough; or

The proposal relates to small scale facilities needed to support or improve the proper function of the green space; or

An appropriate replacement green space of equivalent or improved quality, quantity and accessibility is provided which would outweigh the loss.

Local Plan Policy I2: Educational and Community Facilities establishes that the Council will support the provision of schools, educational facilities and other community facilities, including sports venues where they would be located centrally to the communities they serve and in places where they would be accessible by walking, cycling and public transport. Such uses will be protected from development unless it can be demonstrated that the sites and premises are no longer required by the existing or an alternative community facility.

In this instance, this proposal is for the installation of replacement non-turf match pitch and erection of two-lane cricket practice nets with associated perimeter security fencing and gates. This proposal would not result in the loss of existing green space and is instead viewed as an enhancement that would support or improve its proper function according with Local Plan Policy GS1.

The level of development proposed is also proportionate to the size of the green space and would support its primary use. As such, no financial contribution will be required in this instance, according with Local Plan Policies GS1, I1 and I2.

Considering the above, the principle of development is considered acceptable subject to assessment of the following matters and is attributed significant weight in favour of the proposal and its approval.

Impact on Visual Amenity

The development site occupies a back land location and is visible from the adjacent public realm of Bateman Square to the east and the Allotment Gardens to the south, with limited, glimpsed views of the development site from High Street to the north.

The proposed development would not significantly alter or detract from the character of surrounding street scenes and would be proportionate to the size of the development site and appropriate for the use as a Cricket Ground. The proposed enclosure for the two-lane cricket practice nets would adopt a restrained height and would be constructed of appropriate materials and the proposed replacement non-turf match pitch would replace an existing non-turf match pitch of a similar size and placement within the development site.

Considering the above, on balance, this is considered to weigh moderately in favour of this proposal and its approval.

This proposal is therefore considered to comply with Local Plan Policy D1: High Quality Design and Placemaking and is considered acceptable regarding impacts on visual amenity.

Impact on Highways

Paragraph 116 of the NPPF sets out development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe following mitigation and considering all other reasonable future scenarios.

Highways Development Control colleagues were consulted; and it was established that the proposal would involve the delivery of materials and groundworks machinery to the development site. It is felt that the existing access points are suitable to be used for this purpose. The submitted specifications document states that part of the existing parking area may be used as a site compound if necessary. It is considered that there is sufficient room within the site to accommodate any temporarily displaced vehicles. Following the construction period, it is considered that these proposals would not affect the existing access, parking and turning arrangements of the development site, nor otherwise adversely impact upon the highway. As such, this proposal is considered acceptable by Highways colleagues from a Highways Development Control perspective, and no objections were received, or any specific highways-related conditions considered necessary.

The Local Planning Authority has no reason to disagree with the professional opinions of Highways Development Control colleagues in this instance, and the proposal is not considered to be prejudicial to highway safety, nor is there sufficient ground to warrant refusal under Paragraph 116 of the NPPF.

Considering the above, on balance, this is considered to weigh moderately in favour of this proposal and its approval.

This proposal is therefore considered to comply with paragraph 116 of the NPPF and Local Plan Policy T4: New Development and Transport Safety and is considered acceptable regarding its impacts on highway safety.

Impact on Residential Amenity, Health and Pollution Control

It is not considered that this proposed development would contribute to significant increased levels of overshadowing, overlooking and loss of privacy, or reduced outlook.

It is acknowledged that there could be some disruption and nuisance caused to people in the locality during use of the existing and proposed new and replacement facilities. However, this development site is a long-established Cricket Ground and therefore, it is not anticipated that this proposal would significantly exacerbate existing levels of potential noise and disruption to unreasonable levels.

It is acknowledged that there could be some disruption and nuisance caused to people in the locality during construction works. However, any potential impacts are anticipated to be temporary and could be controlled by conditions.

Considering the above, on balance, this is considered to weigh modestly in favour of this proposal and its approval.

This proposal is therefore considered to comply with Local Plan Policy GD1: General Development and Local Plan Policy POLL1: Pollution Control and Protection and is considered acceptable regarding its impacts on residential amenity, health and pollution control.

Impact on Biodiversity and Geodiversity and Tress

In England, Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) became mandatory from 12 February 2024 under Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by Schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021) and means developers must deliver a BNG of 10%. This proposal is subject to a requirement for BNG in this instance.

The Council's Ecologist [Biodiversity Officer] was consulted, and it was stated that a small site metric, Biodiversity Gain Plan and a BNG map had been submitted to support this application. This proposal would result in the loss of 240.48m² of modified grassland. To achieve the minimum 10% BNG, it is proposed that 42 small trees would be planted on the western boundary of the development site. As such, the Council's Ecologist raised no objections to this proposal subject to conditions which secure a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan [BEMP] and include the Biodiversity Gain condition.

Verbal discussions held with the Council's Forestry Officer determined that there would unlikely be significant impacts on adjacent trees and vegetation, including an area of protected trees to the west beyond the development curtilage. An amended proposed site plan shows that the proposed cricket practice nets would be positioned approximately 10 metres from the western boundary and adjacent protected trees. The proposed development would occur outside of these trees' root protection areas and canopies. Protective Heras fencing would be erected during construction parallel to the western boundary. Trees and vegetation to the north and south would be protected existing boundary fences in these locations. The Council's Forestry Officer therefore raised no objections subject to conditions to secure the erection of the protective fencing prior to work commencing and for their entire duration.

The Local Planning Authority has no reason to disagree with the professional opinions of Biodiversity and Forestry colleagues in this instance.

Considering the above, on balance, this is considered to weigh moderately in favour of this proposal and its approval.

This proposal is therefore considered to comply with Local Plan Policy BIO1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity and is considered acceptable regarding its impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity and trees.

Planning Balance and Conclusion

In accordance with the provision of paragraph 11 of the NPPF (2024), this proposal is considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development.

The applicant is seeking planning permission for the installation of replacement non-turf match pitch and erection of enclosed two-lane cricket practice nets.

The principle of development is considered acceptable pursuant to paragraph 104 of the NPPF and Local Plan Policies GS1, I1 and I2, and is attributed significant weight in favour of this proposal and its approval.

This proposal is considered acceptable regarding its potential impacts on residential amenity, health and pollution control, visual amenity, highways, and biodiversity and geodiversity and trees, pursuant to paragraph 116 of the NPPF and Local Plan Policies D1, T4, GD1, POLL1, and BIO1.

Significant, moderate, and modest weight has been attributed accordingly, in favour of this proposal and its approval.

This proposal is viewed as an enhancement that would support or improve the proper function of an existing Cricket Ground and included on the green space register as a local neighbourhood outdoor sports facility.

For the reasons given above, and taking all other matters into consideration, this proposal complies with the relevant local and national planning policies and guidance and as such, planning permission should therefore be granted subject to necessary conditions.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve subject to conditions.

Justification

Statement of compliance with Article 35 of the Town and Country Development Management Procedure Order 2015.

In dealing with the application, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) has worked with the applicant to find solutions to the following issues that arose whilst dealing with the planning application:

- *Additional Arboricultural details sought.*
- *An amended description agreed to include the replacement of a non-turf match pitch.*
- *A further amended description by the LPA to ensure the proposals read clearly.*

Due regard has been given to Article 8 and Protocol 1 of Article 1 of the European Convention for Human Rights Act 1998 when considering representations, the determination of the application and the resulting recommendation. It is considered that the recommendation will not interfere with the applicant's and/or any objector's right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

Conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provision of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. The development hereby approved shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the amended plans:

04 Proposed Site Plan received 12th August 2026.

AB7941125 EN 05 Two Lane 33m Enclosed System 33m x 7.3m.

AB7941125 EN 06 Perspective Views and Details.

Pre-development Plan Baseline Map.

Post-development Plan Post-development Map.

Post-development Plan Post-development (Per Habitat).

Small Sites Metric (The Statutory Biodiversity Metric) prepared by Ashley Newton

(Architect) ref. Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club and dated and received 17th April 2026.

Total-play Proposal, Specification and Costs ECB Approved Non Turf Cricket Net Facility and Non Turf Match Pitch prepared by Anthony Burton (Business Development Manager) ref. AB7941125 and dated 1st December 2025.

and specifications as approved unless required by any other conditions in this permission.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1: High Quality Design and Place Making.

3. The Biodiversity Gain Plan shall be prepared in accordance with the Ecological documents submitted with the application [The Statutory Biodiversity Metric] by [Ashley Newton] reference [Thurnscoe Institute Cricket Club] and dated [17th April 2026].

Reason: In the interests of clarification and to help deliver a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

4. The external materials shall match those specified by the approved documents listed above.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1: High Quality Design and Place Making.

5. No development or other operations shall take place except in complete accordance with the approved details and the tree protection fencing shall be installed in accordance with the approved plans and particulars before any equipment, machinery or materials are brought on to the site for the purposes of the development, and shall be maintained until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site. Nothing shall be stored or placed in any area fenced off in accordance with this condition and the ground levels within those areas shall not be altered, nor shall any excavation be made, without the written consent of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the continued well-being of the trees in the interests of the amenity of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy BIO1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

6. Prior to completion, a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP) detailing the programme of habitat creation and enhancement for the first five years shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in full accordance with the approved BEMP, and the biodiversity measures shall be retained and maintained for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity enhancement and in accordance with Local Plan Policy BIO1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

7. Prior to completion full details of both hard and soft landscaping works, including details of the species, positions and planted heights of proposed trees and shrubs; together with details of the position and condition of any existing trees and hedgerows to be retained. The approved landscaping details shall be implemented no later than the first planting and seeding season following the completion of the new building; and any trees or plants which die within a period of 5 years from first being planted, or removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policies D1: High Quality Design and Place Making and BIO1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

8. Construction or demolition-related activity shall only take place between the hours of 08:00am – 18:00pm Monday to Fridays, 09:00am – 14:00pm Saturdays and at no time on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Reason: To reduce or remove adverse impacts on health and the quality of life, especially for people living and/or working nearby, in accordance with Local Plan Policy POLL1: Pollution Control and Protection.

9. The approved replacement non-turf cricket match pitch shall be designed, constructed and laid out in accordance with the ECB's Performance Standards for Non-Turf Cricket Pitches Intended for Outdoor Use (TS6) and shall thereafter be retained and maintained as such.

Reason: To ensure the replacement sports facility is provided to an appropriate standard in the interests of sport and recreation and in accordance with Paragraph 104 of the NPPF and Local Plan Policies GS1: Green Space and I2: Educational and Community Facilities.

Informative(s):

1. The granting of planning permission does not in any way infer that consent of the landowner is given. Therefore, the consent of all relevant landowners is required before proceeding with any development, including that of the Council as landowner.

If it should transpire that the applicant does not own any of the land included in this consent, then it is the responsibility of the applicant to seek all necessary consents and approvals of the landowner.

2. The Town and Country Planning Act has been amended to make every grant of planning permission deemed to have been granted subject to the following General Biodiversity Gain Condition:

The development may not be begun unless:

- a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority; and
- b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The purpose of the General Biodiversity Gain Condition is to secure the 'Biodiversity Objective', which requires the post-development biodiversity value to exceed the pre-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat by at least 10%.

Biodiversity net gain can be achieved through habitat creation or enhancement on-site or off-site; the purchase of biodiversity units from a habitat bank; or as a last resort through the purchase of statutory credits; or a mixture of these.

3. The General Biodiversity Gain Condition has a separate legal basis in contrast to other planning conditions and will apply to all planning permissions, unless exempt. The General Biodiversity Gain Condition will therefore not appear on the decision notice along with the list of planning conditions imposed on the application, rather it will be referenced separately.

The General Biodiversity Gain Condition cannot be varied or removed by an application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act. It also cannot be discharged as part of the grant of planning permission.

4. It is recommended that measures are taken to prevent a nuisance/ or effect the quality of life of local residents. Please note that the Council's Pollution Control Team have a legal duty to investigate any complaints about noise, smoke or dust. No waste should be burnt. If a statutory nuisance is found to exist, they must serve an Abatement Notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Failure to comply with the requirements of an Abatement Notice may result in a fine of up to £20,000 upon conviction in Magistrates' Court. It is therefore recommended that you give serious consideration to the steps that may be required to prevent a noise, dust or smoke nuisance from being created.
5. The applicant/contractor should note that to deposit mud/debris on the public highway, or anything which may cause a nuisance or possible danger to road users, is an offence under provisions of the Highways Act 1980.