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12 August 2011

Dear Mr Woodward,

Application No : 2011/0666

Description : Extension to Clubhouse

Location : Houghton Main Recreation Ground

On behalf of our trustees' may I thank you for the meeting held 4th August and the advise afforded, re Green Belt Policies and for the suggested amendments with regard the proposed extension, and the layout, to the existing building.

Amendments : as discussed please find enclosed amended plans which comprise :

- removal of the extension which projected forward of the principal elevation, and therefore eliminating any harmful visual effect upon the amenities of the Green Belt.
- the proposed extension to the western elevation of the building would comprise kitchen and toilet facilities.
- the proposed extension to the sports pavilion would ensure that everything would be maintained in it's current elongated state, with the side of the building facing the highway, as you suggested, without encroaching upon the openness of the area.
- a more accurate description of the internal areas, my apologies for the misleading information previously provided.

Future developments : as discussed it is proposed to an all weather pitch that would :

- facilitate training and youth matches, without overplaying the existing pitch.
- facilitate batting cages for the cricket section, and
- include a bowling green for the older members of the community.
(please find enclosed computer sketches of proposed layout).

Bar Opening Hours : as stated we do not operate the regular hours of a drinking establishment but rather only : open three times per week, evenings only and limited hours, and at times of sporting activities to provide a service, including lunch and teas.

It would also be made available for special events, e.g. Presentation Evenings.

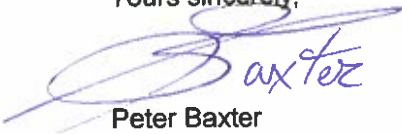
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Funding Application : as previously discussed the delay has had an adverse effect upon our grant application as they have a specific criteria and are not prepared to allow the application to go forward for consideration unless planning application has been approved.

Therefore, I trust the amendments are in accordance with the details of our discussions, and your requirements, such that you are able to support our application.

However, should you require any further information and/or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Baxter", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Peter Baxter
Secretary