

AGENDA ITEM 9: Schedule of Planning Applications

Item.9d

Location: Dereham Hockey Club, Greenfields Road

Proposal: Erection of safety fencing at the ends of Pitch 1 (northern pitch) (Retrospective) and replacement fencing at Pitch 2 (southern pitch).

REFERENCE: 3PL/2022/0597/F

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hockey England – *The relevant National Governing Body for Hockey state on their website:*

Perimeter fencing should be at least three metres at the ends of the pitch, rising to five metres behind the goals. When spectators can view behind the goal, the fencing height may need to be increased to at least seven metres. Side-line fencing may be as low as 1.2 metre, but cross field play needs to be considered and would ideally recommend 3metres. England Hockey would advise that a risk assessment is carried out to determine an appropriate fencing solution and reflects the intended use.

Sports England also offer design guidance in their Design Guidance Note (2013):

Fencing: The choice of surround fencing is usually dictated by the priority sport, site constraints and budget. The two basic functions of surround fencing are to retain balls within the playing area and to allow spectators to view the game safely. In some locations other important considerations may be security and the need to keep out animals. For greater durability, weldmesh cladding is strongly preferred, together with rebound boards or perimeter kickboards as appropriate for the sports being played.

OFFICER COMMENTS

The proposed fencing at Dereham Hockey club is 6m in height, therefore sitting comfortably within this threshold and the proposal also comprises weldmesh cladding as preferred by Sports England.

RECOMMENDATION

The application remains recommended for approval, as set out in the main Committee report.