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REF: Non-turf pitch for Wheathampstead Cricket Club at Kimpton, The Hoo

To whom it may concern,

Please find below our brief design statement to support the application on a new non-turf pitch for Wheathampstead Cricket Club at Kimpton, The Hoo.

Kimpton The Hoo, was a cricket ground created by the estate (now owned by Oxford University) after WW2, Kimpton CC initially played there until Approx 30 years ago when they moved to their current site opposite. It was used sporadically afterwards, but has been fallow for about 15 years.

Wheathampstead Cricket Club have now agreed a lease for the site in order to have a second ground to support a growing community club. The ground will be used to host our open gender 3/4th XI league teams, our new expanded girls junior teams, our new women's as well as our Junior training and matches.

The club are in the process of arranging funding for the refurbishment of the general cricket square and as part of these proposed works, they are planning to install a non-turf pitch in accordance with the specification provided. Funding for this element has been granted by the ECB, subject to the relevant approvals. The new non-turf pitch will be a vital asset to the club to ensure the club are able



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to fulfil all the training sessions and fixtures to support approximately 100 adult playing members and 220 junior members. The Wheathampstead playing membership ranges in age from 6 to 84 and draws its membership from Wheathamsptead and a number of North Hertfordshire villages and towns including Kimpton, Codicote, Whitwell, Old Knebworth and Stevenage.

The project has support from a number of local organisations

- NFU East
- Herts Sports and Physical Activity Partnership
- Wheathampstead Parish Council, the club's current existing Nomansland landlords,
- Hertfordshire cricket

We trust that the council will support this proposal for the reasons outlined above.

Yours sincerely,



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