



**North
Herts
Council**

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**Application for Removal or Variation of a Condition following Grant of Planning Permission or
Listed Building Consent**

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation
Areas Act) 1990 (as amended)**

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	
Suffix	
Property Name	Hitchin Cricket Ground
Address Line 1	Lucas Lane
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	Hertfordshire
Town/city	Hitchin
Postcode	SG5 2JA

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
517489	229523

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Alan

Surname

Middleditch

Company Name

Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Ltd

Address

Address line 1

Lucas Lane

Address line 2

Hitchin

Address line 3

Town/City

Hitchin

County

Country

GB

Postcode

SG5 2JA

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Applicant Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Description of the Proposal

Please provide a description of the approved development as shown on the decision letter

Development B Full planning application for the provision of all-weather sports pitch with 8 x 15m floodlight columns, replacement clubhouse, scorebox/implement shed with changing facilities, widened access from Gaping Lane and provision of additional parking.

Reference number

15/00192/1 Condition 25 Development B
As subsequently varied by 22/03044/S73 dated 22 February 2023

Date of decision (date must be pre-application submission)

22/03/2016

Please state the condition number(s) to which this application relates

Condition number(s)

22/03/2016 Condition 25 Development B as varied by 22/03044/S73
Please also refer to the documentary evidence submitted in support of this Variation.
The All-Weather Pitch hereby permitted shall only be used between the following hours:
Monday to Thursdays – 09.00 – 22.00 hours
Fridays – 09.00 - 22.00 hours
Saturdays – 09.00 – 18.30 hours
Sundays and Bank Holidays – 09.00 – 18.00 hours
Reason: In the interests of the amenity of existing and future residential occupiers

Has the development already started?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please state when the development was started (date must be pre-application submission)

21/12/2018

Has the development been completed?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please state when the development was completed (date must be pre-application submission)

20/12/2019

Condition(s) - Variation/Removal

Please state why you wish the condition(s) to be removed or changed

Blueharts Hockey Club's men's' 1st team has been promoted to England Hockey's National League for the 2026-27 season which begins in September. This League allows Saturday fixtures to end after 18.30 hours which is presently permitted by Condition 25. There are nine home fixtures, but we would expect late finishes to be the exception rather than the norm.

If you wish the existing condition to be changed, please state how you wish the condition to be varied

To give us the flexibility allowed by the National League's rules we wish to extend the hours of permitted use to 20.00 hrs on Saturdays. Note use is already permitted up to 22.00 hrs Monday-Friday.

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/ the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

** "agricultural holding" has the meaning given by reference to the definition of “agricultural tenant” in section 65(8) of the Act.

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

- ☒ The Applicant
- ☐ The Agent

Title

Mr

First Name

Alan

Surname

Middleditch

Declaration Date

15/04/2026

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Removal/Variation of a condition as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;

- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Alan Middleditch

Date

15/04/2026