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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

DECISION NOTICE

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Applicant:

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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 26/00997/S73

Proposal: Variation of Condition 25 of Development B of planning permission 15/00192/1 granted 22.03.2016 and varied by condition 8 of 22/03044/S73 granted 22.02.2023. Extension of hours of the All-Weather Pitch on Saturdays from 09.00 - 18.30 hours to 09.00 - 20.00 hours. The permitted hours on Monday-Fridays remain at 09.00-22.00 hours and Sundays and Bank Holidays at 09.00-18.00 hours.

Location: Hitchin Cricket Ground, Lucas Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JA

Plan Nos: Location Plan

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

In pursuance of its powers under the above Act and the associated Orders and Regulations, the Council hereby **GRANT PERMISSION** for the development proposed by you in your application received with sufficient particulars on 14 May 2026, subject to the following condition(s):

Biodiversity Net Gain

1. This development is not subject to the statutory Biodiversity Gain Plan condition because it is considered exempt under the statutory exemptions (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>) or transitional arrangements in respect of the biodiversity gain condition.

Planning Conditions

1. Developments A and B - The development hereby permitted shall be carried out wholly in accordance with the details specified in the application and supporting approved documents and plans listed above.

Reason: To ensure the development is carried out in accordance with details which form the basis of this grant of permission.

2. Development A - Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as amended, no development as set out in Classes A - E of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Order, (or any subsequent Statutory Instrument which revokes, amends and/or replaces those provisions) shall be carried out without first obtaining a specific planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: Given the nature of this development, the Local Planning Authority considers that development which would normally be "permitted development" should be retained within planning control in the interests of the character and amenities of the area. LP Policy D1.

3. Development A - The development shall be carried out in accordance with the football related mitigation measures as approved by 17/04118/DOC.

Reason: To ensure the satisfactory quantity, quality and accessibility of compensatory provision which secures a continuity of use.

4. Development A - The development shall be carried out in accordance with contamination measures approved as required by Condition 16 of planning permission 15/00192/1.

Reason: To ensure that any contamination affecting the site is dealt with in a manner that safeguards human health, the built and natural environment and controlled waters.

5. Development A - The development shall be in accordance with the Interim Travel Plan as approved by 18/01819/DOC.

Reason: To ensure that the development offers a wide range of travel choices to reduce the impact of travel and transport on the environment.

6. Development B - The All Weather Pitch hereby permitted shall only be used between the following hours:

- o Monday to Thursdays - 09.00 - 22.00 hours
- o Fridays - 09.00 - 22.00 hours
- o Saturdays - 09.00 - 20.00 hours
- o Sundays - 09.00 - 18.00 hours
- o Bank Holidays - 10.00 - 18.00 hours

Reason: In the interests of the amenity of existing and future residential occupiers.

7. Development B - The development shall be in accordance with the Management and Maintenance Schedule approved under 17/00575/1DOC.

Reason: To ensure that the new facilities are capable of being managed and maintained to deliver playing pitches which are fit for purpose, sustainable and to ensure sufficient benefit of the development to sport.

8. Development B - The development shall be in accordance with the community use agreement approved by 17/00576/1DOC.

Reason: To secure well managed, safe community access to the sports facilities and to ensure sufficient benefit to the development of sport.

9. Development B - The development shall be in accordance with noise mitigation measures as approved by 17/00578/1DOC.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of future residents.

10. Development B - The development shall be in accordance with the kitchen extract ventilation system approved by 17/00579/1DOC.

Reason: To protect the residential amenities of future residents.

Proactive Statement:

Planning permission has been granted for this proposal. Discussion with the applicant to seek an acceptable solution was not necessary in this instance. The Council has therefore acted proactively in line with the requirements of the Framework (paragraph 38) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

Signed:



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Date: 14 August 2026

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NOTES

- 1 **Failure to satisfy conditions may invalidate this permission and/or result in enforcement action. Particular attention should be paid to the requirements of any condition in bold.**
- 2 Applicants will need to pay a compliance fee where they request confirmation in writing of any planning consent, agreement or approval (commonly known as discharge of conditions) required by one or more conditions or limitations attached to a grant of planning permission.
- 3 The fee is £309 per request or £89 where the permission relates to an extension or alteration to a dwellinghouse or other development in the curtilage of the dwellinghouse.

The request can be informal through the submission of a letter or plans, or formal through the completion of an application form and the submission of plans. Any number of conditions may be included on a single request. The form is available via the Council's website:
www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/planning/planning-applications/submit-planning-application
- 4 If the development hereby permitted is one that will require a new postal address/es then please contact the Council's **street naming and numbering service** on 01462 474431 or email SNN@north-herts.gov.uk who will advise you on how to apply for the new address/es.

Any proposed sales and/or marketing name to be adopted by the developer should be forwarded to the **street naming and numbering service**, prior to any publication of the site details and sales information.

- 5 If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's (LPA) decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

However, if an enforcement notice has been served for the same or very similar development the time limit is 28 days from the date of the LPA decision or 28 days from the date the enforcement notice was served.

Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>. If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

6 **Purchase Notices**

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 7 The District Council and County Highway Authority wish to ensure that, in the implementation of the development, hereby approved, the highway verge adjacent to the property is not damaged or does not become unsightly due to the stationing of skips, parking of vehicles, storing of building materials etc thereon. Your attention is, therefore, drawn to the provisions of Section 131 of the Highways Act 1980 and to the Hertfordshire County Council Bylaws 1955 (specifically relating to grass margins and verges in Letchworth Garden City) by virtue of which such actions, unless authorised by the prior grant of a licence, constitute a prosecutable offence. Persons responsible for undertaking the development and any associated works are, therefore, strongly encouraged to take appropriate steps to ensure that no breach of the said legislation occurs during the course of such activities. In the event of any damage being caused it will be expected that suitable reinstatement is undertaken upon completion of the development. Failure to do so could also result in legal action being pursued. To obtain information regarding the issue of licences, contact Hertfordshire Highways, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG138DQ or telephone 0300 1234 047.

8 **Cadent Gas Informative:**

Cadent Gas own and operate the gas infrastructure within the area of your development. Contact our Plant Protection Team for approval before carrying out any works on site and ensuring requirements are adhered to. Email plantprotection@cadentgas.com Alternatively you can register on www.beforeyoudig.cadentgas.com This service is free of charge.

THIS PLANNING PERMISSION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL UNDER BUILDING REGULATIONS AND IS NOT A LISTED BUILDING CONSENT OR CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT. IT DOES NOT CONVEY ANY APPROVAL OR CONSENT WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED UNDER ANY ENACTMENT, BYE-LAW, ORDER OR REGULATION OTHER THAN SECTION 57 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990.

Consent for these works may be required from the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (www.leitchworth.com/heritage-foundation) under the Scheme of Management or leasehold covenants. If you do not already have their approval, you are advised to contact the Heritage Foundation on home@leitchworth.com or 01462 476017 to confirm whether you also need to submit an application to them.