

Planning Consultation Response Form

Part 1: Consultation Comments	
Consultee:	<i>Louise Randall</i>
Application Ref:	<i>25/01696/OP</i>
Site Address:	<i>Land South East Of Holwell Road And North Of Hambridge Way, Pirton</i>
Summary of Response:	<i>Comment</i>
Consultation Comments:	<i>No objection subject to financial contribution towards leisure and sports facilities.</i>

In Part 2 below, please provide details of all contributions/obligations you consider necessary to mitigate impacts on services etc. that may be included in any S106 Legal Agreement. Multiple suggestions can be put forward (please copy and paste Part 2 as required for each 'project'). Notwithstanding the comments detailed in Part 1 above (i.e. if an objection has been stated) consultees should still seek S106 contributions towards services which can be secured in the event that permission is granted.

Any contributions sought will need to be in line with the CIL regulations and fully justified/ evidenced. Any contributions or 'projects' which are not compliant will not be sought - the decision whether to seek any proposed contributions will be at the discretion of the Planning Case Officer (who can also provide further assistance and guidance where necessary - Some guidance is already provided for each question/ requirement in grey).

Part 2: Required s106 Contributions/ Obligations	
Named Project:	<i>Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre: Indoor pool surround tile replacement scheme</i> <i>This project will replace the ageing indoor pool surround with a new, high-quality, durable and slip-resistant tiled surface. The existing surface is showing signs of wear and deterioration, which can impact both safety and the overall user experience.</i> <i>The scheme forms an essential part of ongoing asset management, ensuring that the facility remains fit for purpose and capable of accommodating increased usage arising from local population growth and new development.</i>
Responsible Party for named project:	<i>North Herts Council</i>
Justification and reasoning for named project	
<i>This capital project is identified within the Council's Leisure Long Term Investment Plan, demonstrating an established need for improvement and upgrade of the facility.</i> <i>The proposed development of up to 130 dwellings will increase the local population within the Holwell/Hitchin catchment, placing additional demand on existing leisure infrastructure, particularly Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre. This increased usage will add pressure to key facilities, including the swimming pool, changing provision and gym areas.</i> <i>The refurbishment of the pool hall surround is therefore necessary to ensure the facility remains fit for purpose, can accommodate increased demand, and continues to provide a high-quality user experience.</i> <i>The improvements will also support the Centre in ensuring safe, accessible and modern facilities for both existing and future residents.</i>	

Estimated Total upfront Costs of project:	£200,000
S106 Contribution:	£81,249

Part 2: Required s106 Contributions/ Obligations	
Named Project:	<i>Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre: Active Play Hub</i> <i>The project will refurbish a currently mothballed building, including replacement of the roof, installation of a suspended ceiling and modern lighting, upgrade of toilet facilities and flooring, and re-plastering of internal wall surfaces. These works will bring the facility up to a modern, functional standard, enabling increased capacity and more flexible community use.</i> <i>The refurbished space will be fitted out to support a structured physical play programme, with a particular focus on early years and young children. The offer will support the development of fundamental movement skills providing an accessible and inclusive indoor activity space for the local community. By introducing a dedicated, programmed offer within a modernised and fit-for-purpose facility, the project will significantly increase usage of the building, attracting new users, particularly families and young children, and enabling higher levels of regular participation throughout the week.</i>
Responsible Party for named project:	<i>North Herts Council</i>
Justification and reasoning for named project	
<i>The proposed project will deliver an indoor activity offer through a dedicated, purpose designed space that supports structured physical activity. The facility will focus on a programmed physical play offer, particularly for early years and young children. This targeted approach ensures the space is accessible, inclusive, and well utilised, providing meaningful opportunities for participation and supporting early intervention in physical literacy, while delivering comparable health and activity outcomes to more traditional indoor sports provision.</i>	
Estimated Total upfront Costs of project:	£250,000
S106 Contribution:	£62,517