

<b>APPLICATION NO: 19/00213/FUL</b>		<b>OFFICER: Miss Michelle Payne</b>
<b>DATE REGISTERED:</b> 13th March 2019		<b>DATE OF EXPIRY :</b> 12th June 2019
<b>WARD:</b> Charlton Kings		<b>PARISH:</b> CHARLK
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Balcarras School	
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Balcarras School, East End Road, Charlton Kings	
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Installation of 4no. multi use games courts, complete with 3m high twin wire fencing, incorporating floodlighting to 2no. courts	

## REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	<b>3</b>
Number of objections	<b>3</b>
Number of representations	<b>0</b>
Number of supporting	<b>0</b>

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**Comments:** 4th April 2019

I am writing to object to this Planning Application to install four MUGAs in the field right in front of our garden fence. These MUGAs are not restricted to school hours; they will be in use during the evening, at weekends and during the school holidays.

The garden fence of our bungalow will be just 3.07 metres from the three-metre-high netting surrounding the MUGA. At the moment we have a lovely view of the playing fields and the surrounding hills. We enjoy watching the children doing their sporting activities. All this will be lost to us and we will suffer noise and loss of the amenity of our garden throughout the summer, particularly during the evenings when our garden should be a space of tranquillity and repose.

My husband ...(text withheld)... to sit in the garden and enjoy the peace and quiet. We have included a photo of the view from our patio door looking out over the fence towards the hills.

We do not object to the principle of MUGAs, just their proposed location. It would be a simple matter to turn the MUGA plot through 90 degrees and so maintain a reasonable separation between the MUGAs and the residents of Willow Road.

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**Comments:** 2nd April 2019

The school held a consultation meeting, as perhaps expected not everything mentioned there is included in the plans. Local residents have noted that disruption is typically encountered outside school hours when the school lease the facilities to local organisations.

The areas of concern that we have are:-

- 1) There is no indication as to the proposed utilisation of the courts. Anecdotally it is liable to be 9:00 - 21:00 however it would be useful to know exactly what is planned. Potential covenants/restrictions might make the plans more acceptable to those neighbours affected.
- 2) The existing floodlights used on the all-weather pitch cause significant light pollution. The lighting on the new courts might be less intrusive but will still increase the net level of light pollution. If, as part of this development, the school were required to replace the existing lights with more modern equivalents this would lead to a net reduction in light pollution. This would obviously benefit the environment and neighbours. Furthermore it should also pay for itself in a few years as the existing lights are unlikely be as cost effective as modern replacements. Replacing these will also address the problems encountered with the existing lights timer not always working as expected.
- 3) At the initial meeting residents requested that the new courts are a neutral colour. The colour in the plans seem to be a vivid royal blue rather than a softer colour such as the green of the existing all weather pitches. Something akin to a grass colour would be far better than that used in the plans.

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I do not object outright to these plans but believe they need to be adjusted or relocated to be more considerate to the neighbouring properties. The rear of my house is behind the Balcarras tennis courts and fields. In my view this new development is too close to the neighbouring houses / bungalows the other side of the fence. The development will bring increased noise to these properties, more than is currently experienced (which as it is a school we accept, but do not wish it to increase).

The use of the courts by outside groups, out of school hours, will also bring noise and disruption to residents. Our current experience with the tennis courts being used out of hours is that some people bring sound systems and play music and as there is no one monitoring them there is no restraints on the noise. It is also offensive to hear swear words used frequently. This is really notable in the summer holidays and ruins our time in the garden.

The current floodlighting is extremely glaring and is also not properly managed. There are times when they are left on way past the end of a match sometimes all night. This is a waste of money and electricity and extremely glaring into people's bedrooms and disturbing to sleep. The new development includes further floodlit areas which will extend this problem.

For those directly behind this development it will have a significant visual impact and will also affect the privacy of their property. It brings the pupils into much closer proximity to a residential area and there is the potential for much more noise.