

Comments for Planning Application 23/00117/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 23/00117/FUL

Address: Belmont School Warden Hill Road Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL51 3AT

Proposal: Installation of 200m oval running track with a 60m straight and run-off, 2no. smaller 100m ovals, a campus-wide 2 metre wide cycle track, a long jump pit and informal and equipped play areas. Erection of 1no. MUGA (to include five-a-side football pitch), 1no. BMX pump track (advanced and beginner combined) and bleacher seating.

Case Officer: Mrs Lucy White

Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: 42 Fairfield Parade Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL53 7PJ

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Other

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I was fortunate to be able to attend the residents meeting at Belmont school at 4pm April 10th 2024. As with all things of this nature, irrespective of which side one finds oneself, it's always a more complete experience when one can hear all arguments and concerns. My [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is a member of the only external organisation to use Belmont's ad hoc cycling offering on Sundays, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

They all share something in common, the opportunity to use a current ad hoc facility that helps them maintain some form of physical fitness, or accessing the community, or support to a programme of rehabilitation following an unpredicted medical event.

There are no loud coaching instructions, no supporting crowds cheering at pitch, no prolonged screaming and shouting for one's team to succeed. Just a small group of people who have found themselves fortunate to have a hard fought, hard won opportunity to be able to take part and improve their situations.

As all such facilities of which there is a dearth, they need to be safe, accessible and affordable. The Goals Beyond Grass group have been able to provide such a facility as an external group using the Belmont School grounds.

I have seen from some recommendations, that the single use Sunday usage of Belmont School is to be ceased to appease the fear that excessive noise will feature should this small group retain their access to Belmont School once the new BCS Project has completed. As the Goals Beyond Grass group are the only group both now and in the future who would be using Belmont on

Sundays, the only people who will suffer for this will be those who make very little noise and who provide a facility for those who may one day find themselves looking for such a facility and group to support their own rehabilitation needs or that of their children or grand children.

I urge the planning committee to be broad in their deliberations if there intends to be any embargoes on Sunday usage of the Belmont present and future facilities. For reference, the group meets for 2 hours only, between 2pm and 4pm each Sunday.