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To: Section 62A Applications Non Major <section62anonmajor@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
Subject: Support for Planning Application Reference S62A/2025/0132 - Installation of Floodlight Columns at Cotham School, Cotham Lawn Road, Bristol, BS6 6DT

Dear Section 62A Applications Team,

I am writing on behalf of Social Fitness Bristol, a local, social fitness & outdoors community that regularly hires the sports facilities at Cotham School, including the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and Artificial Grass Pitch (AW). As a valued external user of these pitches, we strongly support the planning application S62A/2025/0132 for the installation of nine floodlight columns, along with associated planting & works.

Our organization relies on the Cotham School pitches for weekly outdoor sports and recreational activities for our community. Currently, the lack of adequate lighting limits our access during the shorter daylight hours of autumn and winter, often forcing us to cancel sessions or seek alternative venues that are less convenient, more costly & mostly not available at all/fully booked. This restriction not only hampers our ability to provide consistent opportunities for physical activity but also affects the broader community by reducing participation in sports and recreation.

The proposed floodlighting would significantly enhance our use of the facilities by enabling year-round access, regardless of seasonal daylight constraints. This would allow us to extend our training and event schedules into the evenings, increasing participation rates, fostering skill development, and promoting health and wellbeing among local residents. Furthermore, it would support community cohesion by providing a reliable space for inclusive activities that bring together diverse groups, including young people, families, and amateur sports enthusiasts. We believe this project aligns with local planning policies aimed at improving community facilities and encouraging active lifestyles.

In summary, we fully endorse this application as it would deliver substantial benefits to external hirers like ourselves and the wider Bristol community. We urge the Planning Inspectorate to approve the proposal to ensure these vital sports facilities can be utilized to their full potential.

Should you require any further information about our organization's use of the pitches or the specific benefits we anticipate, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Perry Club Manager Social Fitness [REDACTED]