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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my strong support for the planning application submitted by Cotham School for the installation of floodlights on their outdoor football pitch. Having been a regular player on this pitch during the summer months for the past three years, I have experienced first-hand the benefits that this facility brings to our community.

The football pitch at Cotham School serves as an important recreational space for many local residents, including myself. It promotes physical activity, fosters community spirit, and provides a safe and structured environment for young people and adults alike to engage in sport. However, the usability of this pitch is significantly limited during the winter months due to the lack of adequate lighting. As the days grow shorter, it becomes increasingly difficult to use the pitch for its intended purpose after school or work hours.

Installing floodlights would extend the availability of this valuable community resource throughout the year, allowing for continued use during the darker winter months. This would not only support the physical and mental well-being of the many individuals who use the pitch, but also help in maintaining the momentum of local sports activities and community engagement that the school has successfully cultivated.

I understand that there have been concerns from some neighbours regarding potential light pollution and noise. I believe that these issues can be effectively mitigated with modern, well designed lighting systems that minimize light spill and can be controlled to ensure they are used responsibly, with appropriate timings that respect the surrounding residential area.

The benefits of having floodlights on the football pitch far outweigh the potential drawbacks. The school and the community have shown a commitment to ensuring that any installation is done thoughtfully and considerately, with the needs and concerns of local residents taken into account.

In conclusion, I urge the planning committee to approve this application and enable us to make full use of this important local resource.

Thank you for considering my views.

Kind regards,
Tiago Grilo