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Re: Works to install 9 no. floodlight columns around the MUGA and AW pitches at Cotham School, Cotham Lawn Road, BS66DT with associated planting and works.

Application reference number S62A/2025/0132

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong support for this application for the following reasons:

Benefits for Students

The floodlighting will significantly extend the usable hours of the school's outdoor facilities, particularly during winter months when daylight is limited. This will enable students to participate in physical education lessons, sports training, and extracurricular activities throughout the year, promoting health, wellbeing, and academic achievement. Regular physical activity is crucial for young people's development, and these facilities will help combat potentially sedentary lifestyles while fostering a love of sports and exercise.

Community Access

Beyond school hours, the lit facilities will provide invaluable resources for local sports clubs, community groups, and residents. Many communities face a shortage of quality sporting venues, and these floodlit pitches will offer safe, well-maintained spaces for evening and weekend use. This could accommodate netball and basketball teams, 5 A-Side, fitness groups, and other organisations that currently struggle to find suitable facilities during darker months.

Social and Health Impact

The availability of floodlit outdoor space will encourage greater community participation in sport and physical activity, contributing to Bristol's public health objectives and social cohesion. It will provide young people with positive recreational opportunities, reducing antisocial behavior through structured activities and engagement.

Economic Considerations

The enhanced facilities may also generate modest revenue for the school through hiring arrangements, supporting educational resources while ensuring community benefit. This represents efficient use of public assets and good value for taxpayers.

Conclusion

I believe this application represents a thoughtful investment in local infrastructure that will benefit both current students and the wider community for years to come. I urge the planning committee to approve this application.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Joanne Butler

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