



Shine Hotshots Netball Club
Shine Sports Ground
Lime Trees Road
Bristol BS6 7XW

20th November 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Planning Application S62A/2025/0132 Cotham School

On behalf of Shine Hotshots Netball Club, I am writing to express our support for the proposal to install floodlights at Cotham School's All-Weather Pitch (AWP) and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

Our club currently has over 120 girls aged 8 to 16 training and playing netball each week, and the majority of these players live locally. Unfortunately, there is a significant shortage of netball courts available for evening hire in the area. At present, we train on a sand-based astropitch, which is not an appropriate surface for netball and poses performance challenges. Additionally, we share this pitch with a football club, further limiting our access and training quality.

The main netball season runs from September to April, meaning that during the winter months, evening training sessions take place after dark. Installing floodlights at Cotham School would allow us to use the MUGA for netball training during evenings, ensuring that our players can continue to develop their skills in a safe and suitable environment.

This proposal will have a positive impact on local families and the wider community. By providing a high-quality, floodlit facility close to home, we reduce the need for players to travel long distances for training, supporting sustainability and lowering transport costs. It also strengthens community engagement by creating a safe, accessible space for young people to participate in sport, fostering teamwork, confidence, and healthy lifestyles.

We believe this investment will encourage participation in sport, promote health and wellbeing, and support the growth of netball locally.

Thank you for considering our views. We strongly urge you to approve this planning application.

Yours sincerely,
Sally Renison
Treasurer, Shine Hotshots Netball Club