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Subject: Support for Installing Floodlights at Cotham Secondary School.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the installation of floodlights on the sports field at Cotham Secondary School. I believe this would bring meaningful benefits not only to the students, but also to the wider community.

Firstly, floodlights would significantly extend the hours during which the field can be safely used, particularly during the autumn and winter months when daylight is limited. This would allow students to take part in after-school sports, training sessions, and physical activity without the constraints caused by early darkness. As a result, it would promote healthier lifestyles, increased participation in sport, and improved wellbeing among young people.

Secondly, the local community would also benefit. With extended availability, the field could potentially be used by local sports clubs and community groups outside of school hours. This would help support grassroots sport, provide safe recreational space, and strengthen community engagement.

Thirdly, well-designed modern floodlighting systems are energy-efficient, low-glare, and can be installed with appropriate shielding to minimise any impact on nearby homes. With responsible scheduling and usage policies, concerns about noise, light spill, and late-night activity can be effectively managed. In many cases, neighbouring areas have implemented similar installations without issue.

Finally, installing floodlights would help the school maximise the value of its existing facilities rather than requiring additional land or new construction. This is a cost-effective way to enhance community resources and support both youth development and local sport.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage the council to support this proposal. It represents a simple but highly impactful improvement for the school and the community it serves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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