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Subject: Application reference number S62A/2025/0132

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

I am [REDACTED], and two of my sons were previously students. Outdoor sports facilities for our young people, and the local and wider community in Bristol, should be available for all and this is great opportunity to really enhance that provision. I am writing to give my strong support for this application for the following reasons:

Well designed and low impact on neighbouring community

The scheme has been thoughtfully designed and carefully considered with appropriate supporting assessments and plans respecting the needs of neighbouring properties.

Benefits for students

The floodlighting will significantly extend the usable hours and safety of the school's outdoor facilities. This will enable students to participate in physical education lessons, sports training, and extracurricular activities throughout the year. Cotham School itself has very limited outdoor space and it has to provide safe and appropriate sports facilities for c1,600 pupils.

Community access

Outside of school hours, the lit facilities will provide invaluable resources for local sports clubs, community groups, and residents and there is a real shortage in Bristol of quality sporting venues. Floodlit pitches will offer safe, well-maintained spaces for evening and weekend use.

Social and health impact for the Bristol community

Sport and physical activity contribute to Bristol's public health objectives and will provide young people with positive recreational opportunities, reducing antisocial behaviour through structured activities and engagement.

Conclusion

Regular physical activity is crucial for young people's development, and doing outdoor sports strongly contributes to their mental health and wellbeing. These facilities are a well thought out and good value investment in local infrastructure which brings long term benefits to the students and the wider community. I urge the planning committee to approve this application.

Thank you

Paula Bradshaw