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Please accept the following comments in regard to the above consultation document, relating to Section 5. Community Consultation

My Name is Roger Cutler

I am a grandparent in Drakes Broughton

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I live in Drakes Broughton and follow the local football activities through involvement of my 2 grandchildren. There are many clubs offering different age groups, and the demand for membership, and indeed for casual playing opportunity, is very strong. There is great benefit in maintaining this as part of ensuring our youngsters grow through life with a positive approach to social and health activity.

Players use the council fields in Drakes Broughton during the Spring/Summer/early Autumn months, and draw in many clubs from outside the immediate area for competitive play. During the Winter however, the local facilities suffer from general poor/wet conditions due to underlying geology and soil structure, and the players are then encouraged to use the artificial pitches available in Pershore.

Whilst there is enthusiasm for attendance at Pershore it presents issues relating to the cost/travel necessary to meet fixture times.....thus resulting in fragmented attendance and less participation in the sport overall.

The future planned and natural population growth in the area means increased latent demand for the facilities outline above, more importantly, greater opportunities for increased participation. But so to is retention and improvement of existing participation

I, as do many grandparents/parents, feel that there is enthusiasm for, and great benefit to be had, in establishing an artificial playing surface within the current Drakes Broughton fields of play, together with floodlighting (understanding that such lighting has very little spillage these days). The surface would be available year round, and could be adapted for many other sports activity such as basketball, netball, hockey etc, possibly with self funding targets achieved from playing fees and the like.

To this end I would encourage the planning cycle to include the requirement for any property developers to offer a concession to support the local community in its requirement for the facilities outlined above.

Please contact me should you need to do so, and keep me informed.

regards
Roger Cutler