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Thank-you for consulting Sport England on the updated Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan version 2.3 and the associated new Policy 4 in respect of Local Green Spaces. Sport England notes the inclusion of playing field at Ashfield, Springhead, though we would query the associated boundary plan which differs between the plan in Appendix 3 to the main document (which excludes the stadia grass football pitch from the LGS designation) and the plan within the suggested LGS document dated November 2024 (which includes the stadia football pitch). We are unsure if this is a deliberate change to the boundary or a drafting error?

Sport England does not object to the boundary for the LGS designation proposing to exclude the stadia pitch and its associated car parking and pavilion, if that is what is intentionally proposed, as this means that any proposals to alter or extend the ancillary facilities (eg. new changing rooms, sports lighting etc) would not then be subject to the application of the LGS policy. The playing field would still be protected by any relevant Development Plan policies, the guidance in Para 104 of the Framework and Sport England's playing fields policy which is a material consideration to relevant development proposals that impact on playing fields.

The comments we have made previously on 4th June 2024 remain relevant and so we would wish to reiterate those comments for this consultation.

Many thanks

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