

## **Culture, Tourism and Leisure**

### **Comments regarding proposed development**

#### **Application 21/00790/AS**

Outline application for up to 145 dwellings

Full application for Country Park 8.66ha, sports pitches 3.33ha, pavilion, access points  
Appledore Road, Tenterden

#### **Cultural Services**

##### **Comments to Wates response 12.08.21**

- 1.1. In summary, the comments collated by Judith Ashton Associates have not alleviated our concerns regarding general need, community provision, community engagement and management of the sport, community and open space facilities.
  - 1.2. The response still does not provide a named team or organisation where agreement, whether informal or formal, has been achieved or where engagement has been progressed with any suitable operator, sports club, community and land management organisation.
  - 1.3. It is still not clear what clubs are intending to use the site, and how the sport pitches, pavilion, open space and related infrastructure will be managed.
  - 1.4. The response does not address community provision, and does not provide clarity on what will be school provision, and what local clubs will use.
  - 1.5. The comments have not responded to our comments regarding the absence of community engagement for this specific application.
  - 1.6. The comments have not referenced our point regarding pitch loss and replacement with reference to the unrelated and separate Tenterden Recreation Ground application 21/00724/AS.
  - 1.7. With regards the comment at 1.22 and reference to the need of 'the blessing' of ABC for representatives from the Sports Review to talk to Wates, this has no weight and is not related to Wates' lack of meaningful consultation with local clubs. The 'blessing' of ABC is not required in order for any club or individual to discuss this application or any sports related issue with the applicant.
- 1.1. We accept that detail for the informal public open space provision will be provided as part of a future condition and trust our comments will form part of the detail of any condition(s) relating to landscape /community provision.
  - 1.2. We note that the applicant does not consider the informal open space to be a 'Country Park.'
  - 1.3. The comments have not addressed our concerns on the impact to the Heritage Asset ridge & furrow feature in the north-west of the site. A negative impact on this asset is not acceptable.
  - 1.4. The comments have not provided any clarity on the involvement of Kent Wildlife Trust.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- *JAA - Wates Tenterden - Response to ABC Culture and leisure services reps of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - 12.08.2021*