

Christie Burns

From: Stuart Ainsley
Sent: 25 November 2025 10:56
To: Christie Burns; Devlin, Wendy
Subject: Re: 4/25/2344/0F1 - MILLOM SCHOOL, SALTHOUSE ROAD, MILLOM
Attachments: Millom School Playing Field Review.xlsx

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Dear Christie,

I have reviewed and would like the LPA to provide the following response to Sport England's objection.

Dear Christopher,

Thank you for your consultation response to the above application which I have attached.

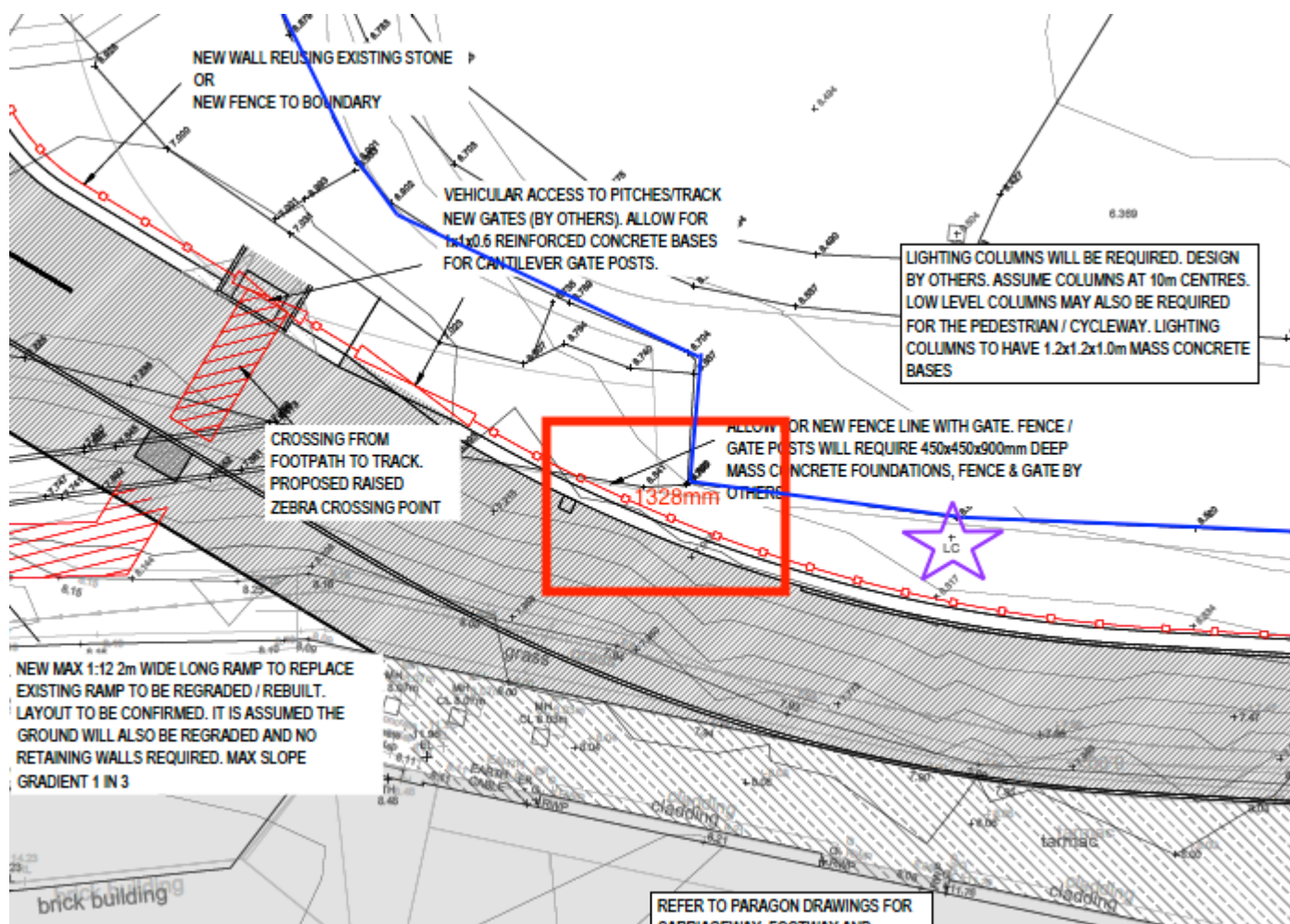
This planning application is to accommodate a dedicated access to the new leisure facility being progressed on site and detailed within [this planning application](#) which was approved in February 2025. The leisure scheme is being public and privately funded, delivered by Cumberland Council. The original proposal includes parking to the front of the school and then a shared pedestrian and vehicle route from the main car park to the building. This new application would fully mitigate any health and safety risk with the shared access from the car park, it also links with active travel links and creates a dedicated cycle path from the highway to the entrance.

The new access road proposals were developed in conjunction with the school, who own the playing field, which is a playing field for school use which the school also makes accessible to the community outside of school hours. The final proposals were also developed with input from the Striders Running Club who facilitate the community use on the field and running track. For context, we have recently relocated and upgraded an existing long jump that was located in the school to a new, longer, SE compliant long jump next to the running track to enhance the facilities for the community and opportunities for athletics.

Can I please address the concerns raised by England Athletics;

1. Confirmation that the proposal will not prevent use of the track (including lighting) during construction.
 - a. The architects plan used in the response shows the road illustrated a little nearer to the track than the actual design. The civil engineer plan (included in the submitted document pack, and to scale) is overlaid onto an existing topography survey which illustrates more accurately where the existing track and lighting is located in relation to the proposal. I have inserted a marked up version of the plan to illustrate this better. There will be no conflict with the track. During construction there will be minimal disruption, Contractors Thomas Armstrong are currently on site building the new community leisure facility behind the school, they access the site from this location on a temporary road, this works would make that temporary access permanent. The

contractor and myself regularly engage with the school and running club to ensure all parties interests are protected, with disruption kept to a minimum.



2. The timber post rail will be minimum of 1m from the outer edge of the track.
 - a. As illustrated in the above plan there is only one pinch point where the proposed road is nearest to the track. It is confirmed this is greater than 1m.

I hope the above satisfies English Athletics concerned.

In relation to exceptions listed.

Exception 1 - The amount of school playing field owned by the school is in excess of the area required for the pupil numbers of the high school and primaries in Millom combined. Please see attached which demonstrates this via pupil capacity not actual pupil numbers which is far lower.

Exception 2 - The proposal supports the Millom Community leisure facility that is currently being constructed on the School Campus. This application provides a dedicated access which eliminates a potential health and safety risk to users of this forthcoming sports facility. The community facility will be a positive impact for the local community and enhances further opportunities for athletic use on the fields.

Exception 3 - The plans will have no adverse impact on the schools playing field that is made available for community use of athletics. The wider works have actually improved facilities for athletics and will support the new leisure facility that will aid the public health of the wider community.

Exception 4 - No replacement playing field is proposed but a new long jump has been provided but the project which has enhanced the facilities for the community.

Exception 5 - The proposal is for an access road to support a new indoor sports facility.

As the playing field is the Millom school playing field, which is made available to the community outside of school hours I do not believe the Applicant, Cumberland Council is in a position or believe there is any need to enter into a community use agreement as there is an agreement already in place between the school and the community running club.

To conclude, please accept this mail containing further information to address concerns raised with the proposal can you please reconsider this statutory objection.

Kind Regards

Stuart

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From: Christie Burns

Date: Friday, 21 November 2025 at 14:34

To: Devlin, Wendy, Stuart Ainsley

Subject: RE: 4/25/2344/0F1 - MILLOM SCHOOL, SALTHOUSE ROAD, MILLOM

Good afternoon both,

Just to let you know I have now received the attached objection from Sports England in relation to this application. Details of how this objection may be overcome is detailed within the response.

I would be grateful if you could review and confirm how you wish to progress this matter.

Please note that the advice in this email is given in good faith on the basis of the information available at the present time. The advice may be subject to revision following further examination or consultation, or where additional information comes to light, and is therefore not binding on any future recommendation which may be made to the Council or any formal decision by the Council.

Kind Regards,

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