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Dear Sir/Madam,

Many thanks for consulting Sport England on the latest draft of Medway's local plan.

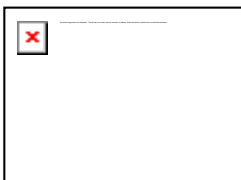
I am pleased to note that Sport England's previous comments have been taken into account and I now consider the appropriate policies to offer a good level of protection for playing fields and sports facilities as per the NPPF. Sport England is supportive of this.

With regard to the provision of new playing pitches, I would suggest it would be useful if policy I8 specifically references the Medway Playing Pitch Strategy in order that both applicants and development management colleagues are clear.

I can confirm that Sport England continues to **object** to the loss of any playing field site and as such will object to the allocation of the sites listed on p143 unless playing field land is replaced by equivalent or better provision.

Sport England is supportive of plans outlined in Section 7 - natural environment and green belt, which suggest opening up access to the river for both walking and cycling. Where appropriate, provision for water-based sporting activity should also be considered. A riverside link between Medway and Maidstone would provide an excellent opportunity for walking and cycling

With regard to Section 8 - Built Environment - Promoting High Quality Design - I would strongly encourage a reference to Sport England's Active Design guidance, which is supportive of Medway's design to foster residents' health and wellbeing. It can be found at <https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/active-design/> and focuses on encouraging activity in everyday lives.



Active Design - Sport England

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Encouraging activity in everyday lives. Active Design is about designing and adapting where we live to encourage activity in our everyday lives.

I hope you find these comments helpful; please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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