



Planning and Sustainable Development
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Dear Mr. Evans,

Planning Application 170021: Proposed Community and Sports Facilities, Football Academy, (comprising outdoor pitches, pavilion, ancillary buildings), Stadium (20,000 capacity).

I am writing on behalf of the Cults Bieldside and Milltimber Community Council (CBMCC) to share our views on the Kingsford Stadium Proposal following the submission of the additional information by the applicant. We do not object to the construction of the stadium and associated training facilities. Given that a new stadium and its location has been under discussion between Aberdeen Football Club (AFC) and the Aberdeen City Council for many years, it is time a decision to move forward is taken for a new stadium at Kingsford or at another site agreed between the two parties. We note the proposals put forward by the applicant for managing traffic and movement of supporters to and from the proposed Kingsford stadium on game days and we believe some conditions should be set out if the Aberdeen City Council approves the planning application.

1. Seating design – all the terraced seating in the stadium should have a C value of at least 120 mm. It seems completely illogical to design a brand new stadium with sub-optimal viewing (optimal viewing standard 120mm) for what looks like nearly half the total number of spectators. If Aberdeen Football Club (AFC) is going to be allowed to build the stadium, make sure they do it to a standard that reflects well on the city.
2. Spectator Transport – any planning permission granted should include the condition that requires AFC to demonstrate that bus transport contracts which are capable of transporting spectators as set out in the Transport Assessment Addendum May 2017 are in place before the stadium can be used for matches. The suitability of the bus arrangements should be monitored at regular intervals.
3. Traffic Management - any planning permission granted should include the condition that AFC fund any required traffic management measures, either new traffic signals at junctions or police support at key junctions on match days, to minimise traffic queues and waiting times. The traffic assessment suggests the potential queues and waiting times at some junctions would be excessive and unacceptable without traffic management.
4. Bus Lanes – the traffic assessment makes it clear that the creation of bus lanes will severely impact traffic movement and bus lanes should not be introduced on the roads around the new stadium.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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