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New Planning Issue: S.07/1256/FUL Stroud Rugby Club

It was agreed that the following were grounds for objection to this plan:

- B11 Development effects the setting of the Grade II listed building at Eastington Park
- G3 There is a need to minimise noise for residents of the Old People's Home at Eastington Park, and residents of East Lodge and William Morris House all of whom will be affected by increased traffic, car parking, events and functions disturbing the quiet of the area.
- G2 There is a need to minimise atmospheric and environmental pollution. There is no protection of the Old People's Home or East Lodge from noise, light from floodlights and traffic fumes.
- R1 This development although providing outdoor playing space is providing it 5 miles from its present location and will result in a loss of play space in Rodborough where play space is at a premium and under the national standard. There is also playing space already meeting the needs of Eastington Parish within the Parish. The majority of members of the Rugby Club live in the Stroud urban area and this development would result in additional travel for most of them with the resulting increase in the carbon footprint of this development.
- G5 This development would increase traffic on the main road into Eastington and along the by passes of Ebley and Stonehouse causing further congestion at the Sainsbury's/Dudbridge roundabouts, which are already congested. This will create slower journeys, increase fumes particular at junctions near to housing developments and be detrimental to highway safety.
 The main road into Eastington is used by many walkers and cyclists and by people with learning difficulties going into Eastington and their danger along and crossing this section of road will be increased.
 Also the fact that a majority of members of the Club and users of the facility will need to travel, mainly by private transport will increase traffic congestion greatly. The main junction and by passes are already congested, especially if there is a problem on the Motorway and this development would exacerbate the problem.
- N10 Although some trees and woodland appear to be included in the plan parts of the Ecological Survey state that the survey is incomplete.
- N11 The Ecological Survey says that the existing hedgerow is incomplete but there is no statement as to whether it could be managed or reinstated.
- N14 There is no information about how run off from the pitches (which will include fertiliser), car parks and buildings will be dealt with to protect the groundwater and surface water resources from damage.
- R8 The development will effect the Stroudwater and Thames Severn canal and will open up the possibility if ribbon development alongside the canal and bypasses.
- S15 This whole development will result in the loss of community facilities in the Rodborough and Stroud Urban area where there is a large population in need of such provision and remove it to a remote, less accessible area, so reducing community facilities for the majority.
 Eastington Parish already has community facilities run by the community.
 It is unclear whether the development will provide facilities that will be suitable or affordable to community groups, or at a business rate that many groups such as the present Rugby Club based Toddler Group and Friendly Circle could afford. Also at present many of the community groups can walk to the facility or use ring-a-ride at a reasonable cost but this new development would not be accessible to these groups on foot or would be prohibitively expensive.
- T1 The car parking seems inadequate for the development proposed if the pitches, arena, squash courts, gymnasium and conference facilities could all be running at the same time. This will also increase the fumes, noise and traffic congestion in the area.
- T6 There is no indication that the bus service will be improved to meet the prime time of this facility, which the plans declare will be evenings and weekends. At present the buses run hourly and end at 6.30pm. It is likely that much of the training and casual members use will be in the evenings when the bus service does not run and again this will increase the use of private transport to the site.

Committee agreed to object on the following points from above: R1, R4, G5, S15, T6 and N14 as the most appropriate points for Rodborough Parish Council to make. Comment will also be made that there is no information in the plans about whether other sites nearer to Stroud were surveyed to see if they were suitable.

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