

My case for objecting this appeal
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Resident

- 1. Unsuitable location of BCA**
- 2. Agent of change Impact on AFC Portchester**
- 3. Importance of site for Brent Geese**



Location of BCA



1. BCA to back directly onto football ground heavily used during migratory period
2. Regular and significant light and noise pollution from the football club
3. This area of field not used by visiting geese
4. Local evidence from failed relocation experiment on Southsea Common
5. Natural England have been consistent with their objections

Agent of Change para 187 NPPF 2021

- Planning policies and decisions should ensure that new development can be integrated effectively with existing businesses and community facilities (**including sports clubs**). They should not have unreasonable restrictions placed on them as a result of new development.
- The 'agent of change should be required to provide suitable mitigation where an existing facility could have a significant adverse effect on new development
- Case examples
 - 1) Bradford CC v Appleton Academy noise abatement order to new build school stops football club activities
 - 2) George Tavern (Stepney) v Tower Hamlets

AFC Portchester - football

- Wessex league - Semi professional
- Aspiring for Southern League – one division from the national professional leagues.
- Largest non professional football club in Hampshire with over 600 members
- 50 teams age 5 to veterans
- Capacity 1900
- Match day average 300
- FA flagship club
- Advanced plans for 3g pitch for 7 day week use
- Ground development aspiration for four stands



Noise assessment technical note flawed

1.1.4 Desk top assessment (**limited value**)

1.2.1 Bi monthly games!! (**40 league matches over 8 months + cup, friendlies u23, u18 and Ladies league fixtures**) any day (not just Tuesday) 19:30 to 19:45!!!!

Club activities across Wicor Recreation ground not just main pitch

1.2.2 2010 information old - **club license provision updated. Members and friends events numerous**

1.2.4 Predicated noise reduction from similar size unnamed ground - **how possible during pandemic?**

1.2.12 Predicted noise table results **not experience of any resident.**

1.3.1 Live & recorded music until midnight. Temporary license option used to extend hours

AFC Portchester - community

- Additional income from social hire essential for club survival
- Queens Award winner 2011 for voluntary service
- Large community use, 1200 people access club for social reasons each week
- Regular functions incl wakes, parties, weddings, firework & Christmas events
- Alcohol license hours to 11pm
- High profile response to pandemic ongoing

The NPPF2 Agent for Change principle must protect this club

“ This football club would not be viable if any new restrictions were imposed to our license. I cannot think of a less suitable spot for a bird conservation area than the one suggested. It is quite possible that some residents of a new development would consider the impact of noise and other potential ‘nuisances’ arising from inevitable activities generated from this sports and community club as being unacceptable leading to complaints

We have had no contact from the developer”

Paul Kelly
Chairman
AFC Portchester



Importance for Brent Geese



- Brent Geese are prolific in the Cams-Wicor area during the migratory season and **were heard most early mornings Feb-March 2021 roosting on the northern area of the field particularly during high spring tides.**
- Natural England, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Bird Aware Solent have been consistent in their advice and statements regarding the importance the appeal site has as a primary support area.
- **Residents care deeply about this area and are experts on it. PLEASE HEAR OUR CONCERNS & REJECT THIS APPEAL – thankyou**