

MINOR UPDATE

Application No:	DC/18/00368/FUL
Site:	Blaydon Leisure And Primary Care Centre Shibdon Road Blaydon NE21 5NW
Proposal:	Refurbishment of existing external Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and athletics track complete with new artificial surfaces, replacement of associated athletics features, new and replacement floodlights, new ball stop fencing, new sports equipment, new maintenance equipment with storage and improved clean access (additional information received 25/07/18 and 17/08/18 and description amended 07/09/18).
Ward:	Blaydon
Recommendation:	Grant Permission
Application Type	Full Application

Reason for Minor Update**Further consultation response received**

A further consultation response has been received from Sport England, commenting on amended plans. Whilst Sport England's initial statutory response (of not objection) is unaffected by the amended plans, they question the adequacy of lighting of the eastern straight of the athletics track and recommend either providing the lux levels recommended in Sport England guidance or relocating athletics features to the side of the pitch where higher lux levels would be more likely to be achieved.

The proposed lighting would be an improvement on the existing floodlights and Condition 3 is recommended in the main report to be imposed to require final details of the lighting bollards/columns on the eastern side, which would be directed lighting in this location and would contribute to further betterment of the existing lighting arrangement. In any event, the use of the facility for specific activities and the requirement to comply with guidance/legislation outside of planning are not material planning considerations.

SEE MAIN AGENDA FOR OFFICERS REPORT.