

To Whom It May Concern

18th February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Presdales School, Ware

I write in support of the application for funding from Presdales School, Ware for the provision of sports lighting for an area on the school grounds, consisting of tennis and netball courts.

The current courts were built in 2009 and were upgraded in 2020 with the help of external funding, and investment from the school's own resources.

That refurbishment led to growing interest from a number of local netball clubs and holiday activity programme providers and with the addition of sports lighting the facility clearly has the potential to attract wider community use for tennis, netball and other sporting activities.

As we move out of the current pandemic, opportunities for involvement in sport and physical activity will need to be at the heart of the community resilience and recovery programme, in support of both physical and mental wellbeing.

We have agreed to work with the school to provide some much needed free-standing equipment, in respect of nets and posts etc. and to work with a range of National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs), to ensure that use of the proposed facility is maximised in support of wider community outcomes - including health and wellbeing, community cohesion, social inclusion, and educational attainment.

The school already has an impressive track record of facilitating community use of its facilities and I have every confidence that if funding is made available, that the provision of the proposed sports lighting will bring with it both telling and lasting benefits to local community life.

As such, I would urge you to look favourably upon this application and would thank you in anticipation of your support of the same.

Yours faithfully



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