

## Consultation responses

Application number: 2023/0608/FUL

Application Type: Full

Location: Lindum Sports Association Ltd, St Giles Avenue, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN2 4PE

### **Highway and Lead Local Flood Authority Report**

Substantive Response provided in accordance with article 22(5) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015:

**Recommendation: No Objections**

Having given due regard to the appropriate local and national planning policy guidance (in particular the National Planning Policy Framework), Lincolnshire County Council (as Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority) has concluded that the proposed development would not be expected to have an unacceptable impact upon highway safety or a severe residual cumulative impact upon the local highway network or increase surface water flood risk and therefore does not wish to object to this planning application.

#### **Comments:**

The proposal is for the replacement of existing 2 bay cricket practice nets with a new 3 bay facility, and it does not have an impact on the Public Highway or Surface Water Flood Risk.

Officer's Name: Justine Robson

Officer's Title: Senior Development Management Officer

Date: 13 September 2023

**CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL  
DIRECTORATE OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES**

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<b>TO: Development Team Development Control</b>	<b>FROM: Emma Credland – Environmental Health Officer</b>
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**Date: 14 September 2023**

**at Lindum Sports Association Ltd St Giles Avenue, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, , LN2 4PE**

Further to your consultation on the above application, I would confirm that I have no objections to the proposals in terms of contaminated land, air quality, noise or other environmental impact.

Regards

Emma Credland  
Environmental Health Officer  
Food, Health and Safety Team

### 31 Longdales Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 2JR (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 25 Oct 2023

I wish to express support to the application for the much needed replacement of the cricket nets on behalf of my family and I.

The nets are a vital part of a well used sports facility providing opportunities to residents of Lincoln and the wider area including an increasingly popular junior boys and girls cricket programme, the developing Lindum Ladies cricket team as well as the established men's teams.

The replacement of the nets is long overdue, the current nets are no longer safe and fit for purpose.

### 23 De Wint Avenue Lincoln Lincolnshire LN6 7HY (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Thu 19 Oct 2023

Lindum CC is one of the county's biggest cricket clubs in terms of membership and participation numbers.

They have made great strides in recent years to make the game accessible to all and have now got a fully-fledged Womens & Girls section - cricket isn't just for boys or men, it's for everyone and Lindum do a great job in promoting this message, helping all in the community to get active, stay active and socialise. It's a community club that offers so much to the people it serves, with physical, mental, social & personal benefits.

The growth of the club has resulted in the desire & demand for larger, better quality practice facilities. The old & worn current facility is no longer safe for all - the new facility is guaranteed to be, giving youngsters and women alike the confidence to train more and develop their skills.

The club is also working with the County Cricket Board to ensure more than just the club's members benefit from the new facilities - it has the potential to help & support elite young cricketers to achieve their dreams from all over the county. A centrally-located, top-quality facility like this one is much needed and can deliver so many benefits to the club and its community.

### 19 Sastangate house Rasen Lane lincoln LN1 3HE (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Thu 12 Oct 2023

Lindum cc need this new facility to carry on the fantastic work it does in the local community by encouraging people from all walks of life to join the club. The club is going from strength to strength to be the best it can be.

### 206 Nettleham Rd Lincoln LN24DH (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

Critical and much needed facility improvement to a much loved family based cricket club.

### 7 Lee Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 4BJ (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

As a local resident, coach and user of the club, I see the hundreds of lives Lindum CC touches and supports. Moving forward with the times is a must and this project will help secure the club and all it's good for years to come.

### 2 The Orchard Willingham by Stow DN215JU (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

With myself and my son being a regular user of Lindum Cricket Club over the last 7 years I would like to strongly support this proposal.

The cricket ground is home to a thriving community club and the new facilities will only help support the sporting activities of both young and old, male and female members at the club, the local school and the wider local community.

The application would serve to improve on existing sporting facilities on open space without harming the character of the site and surrounding area. Given that the nets will be in a similar position to the exiting nets, it will also have minimal impact on neighbouring residential amenity.

### 31 Milman Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 5LX (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

Fully support the replacement of new nets at lindum cricket club . Much needed and great for the community.

### 11 furnace close North hykeham Ln69zr (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

This will be a great benefit to the community with young and old having access to a facility in the heart of Lincoln.

### 177 Wragby Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 4PS (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

The club is part of our community, they are supporting a ladies cricket team andy son plays there too, it's a fantastic club and new nets would transform practice for the ladies, juniors and senior teams.

### Glebe Farm Bardney Lincoln LN3 5up (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

It will provide a great facility for local people especially youngsters to practise and play cricket. We have to do more to encourage youngsters to get outside and play sports for their own well being and mental and physical health. Playing a team sport is great for kids social skills and facilities like this will only encourage more to get involved in their local club. It looks a brilliant innitiative and will be great for the local community.

### 47 Silver Street Branston Lincoln LN4 1LR (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

A wonderful club for adults and children alike, in the immediate community and beyond. This is a very necessary and beneficial development and one that will help many people become or remain active as we recover from the pandemic.

### 5 The Grove Lincoln LN2 1RG (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

Not Available

### 1a Stanley Street Lincoln LN58NG (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

This would be highly beneficial to the area. Providing a valuable resource for the area. The cricket club is used by all ages. From youth groups to senior teams. The current nets are getting dangerous to users with large holes. Having new nets would support all user for years to come. With a safe place to practice and hone their skills.

### 3 Thirsk Close MARKET RASEN LN8 3EB (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

This will be a fantastic facility within a thriving cricket club which Lincoln should be very proud of. This club not only has nurtured some incredible cricketers buy it also binds together the local and wider community.

## 6 Cornus Close Lincoln LN4 1PH6 (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

I 100% support the erection of the new nets. As the parent of a very keen young cricket player I feel its vital this goes ahead, not only for the development of my daughter and her team, but all the children and adults alike who would hugely benefit from the use of this facility.

## 1 Hayfield Grove Weston Newark NG23 6SB (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

I am the Welfare and Safeguarding Officer of the Lindum Sports Association and their Insurance Director. I would just like to make the point that I am very much in favour of the proposed new Cricket Nets at the Lindum Sports Club. From Health & Safety and Safeguarding issues and for the protection of the users, particularly the local children from the Cricket Club and neighbouring school, the new nets would be a significant improvement on what has been there for the past 30 plus years. With the new arrangement having totally covered-in nets the chance of damage or injury to third party property or persons will be considerably reduced. This will be a major benefit to the local community as a whole. With this being a sports field the noise level should be no different, as it is situated very close to the hockey pitch, where noise levels already exist with no complaints.

## 1 < Belton Park Drive North Hykeham Lincoln LN69XW (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 10 Oct 2023

I would like to offer my full support for the proposed cricket net facility at Lindum Cricket Club.

- The club is a huge community asset offering a valuable source of physical activity to a wide range the local community and beyond.
  - The club is developing and expanding, particularly with its junior and Women and Girls' sections and requires facilities that are fit fur purpose and increased demand.
  - The proposed design for a fully enclosed net system offers a safe and secure system that will also be protected from unauthorised usage, offering protection not only to the facilities but to our near neighbours.
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## 27A Nettleham Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 1RQ (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Fri 29 Sep 2023

Having lived most of my life backing on to the Lindum sports ground with houses on Lee Road and then Mainwaring Road and now residing on Nettleham Road, playing junior cricket at the Lindum, I think this is a really important development for the club. For the size of the club the netting and practice area is simply too small. Practice nets are not a noisy affair in cricket, it's a bat hitting the ball and the odd bit of chat. I really can't see any issues surrounding this project and look forward to seeing it come to fruition.

## 2 Middletons Field Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 1QP (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Wed 27 Sep 2023

I want to express my support for the new nets facility at Lindum Sports Association. The nets will provide excellent facilities for young people and adults to practice their sport and also come together as a community. Although an additional lane will be created, the proposal does not alter the existing configuration to a very great extent and will provide no additional interruption to residential neighbours of the sports facility.

## 49 Flaxley Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 4GL (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

This is a fantastic project, much needed for the club's progress to be one of the leading provider of opportunities to get involved with sports in the community. The club has grown in popularity not only with the 5 senior men's teams, but also with a healthy junior membership across all ages and women's cricket.. the improved facilities will help the club immensely on this trajectory

## 9 Ancaster Avenue Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 4AY (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

Having been part of this inclusive, welcoming club for over ten years, we have seen the benefit playing cricket has had on the development of our son both on and off the field. The existing net facilities have deteriorated over the years and are not fit for purpose. They now need replacing to cater for the growing club community including juniors and ladies cricket. Much work has gone into raising money for this new facility by the existing members and the local community. This will be a huge benefit for the future of the club.

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## 11 Furnace Close North Hykehan Lincoln LN6 9ZR (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

Will provide a great facility for hundreds to use!

## 15 Market Rasen Road Dunholme Lincoln LN23QS (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

This new facility will support for many years to come in the provision of practice facilities that will benefit the club and the whole community. This facility will support young and aspiring cricketers, will help the development of the ladies game and it will also help to give the older cricketing members inspiration to keep fit! Fully in support of this development.

## 42 St Nicholas Street Lincoln Lincolnshire LN1 3EQ (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

A fantastic opportunity for the children of Lincoln to develop their cricket skills with the improvement of this already existing structure.

## 33 Stonefield Avenue Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 1QL (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

I have been involved with the Lindum Cricket Club for 60 yrs. The nets being replaced are dangerous and not fit for purpose. They have been down for about 30 yrs and are so costly to repair each year. The life span of the facility is only 20 yrs. Without replacement the community facility would mean many juniors would not be able train safely in the sport at the club.

## 18 Laceby Street Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 5NF (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

What a fantastic and positive step forward for such a vibrant community sports club. It is vital that we get behind the progression of such clubs that provide such fantastic opportunities for the local community of all ages, genders and abilities.

## 299 Burton Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN1 3UP (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

Slight increase to the existing footprint of the existing training nets with a significant increase in the cricket clubs ability to provide a safe environment to allow juniors and adults to learn and enjoy the sport.

With over 200 playing members from the age of 6 to 72 Lindum wants to continue to provided high quality opportunities and facilities to develop cricket amongst the community.

The club is a conscientious neighbor and supporter to the local community and local causes and a key part of enabling this is the upgrade to the facilities.

### Cleave House 1a Sewell Road Lincoln LN2 5RY (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

A fantastic opportunity to enhance the facilities at the Lindum. This is a sporting facility designed to enhance the offering for members and the wider community who enjoy and/or would like the opportunity to enjoy the game of cricket or learn the sport, people of all ages and gender. I fully support this planning application.

### 7 Victoria Terrace Lincoln Lincolnshire LN1 1HZ (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

An incredible community project to raise money for the funding of the net upgrade was carried out for a great club. It's an essential upgrade to keep a fantastic club moving onwards and upwards.

### 18 Laceby Street Lincoln Lincolnshire LN2 5NF (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

A fantastic idea which will provide crucial sporting opportunities for the local community.

### 42 Yarborough Crescent Lincoln Lincolnshire LN1 3LU (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

Will help to further develop the club and the players within the club and increased safety to those using these new nets

### 70 Hewson Road Lincoln Lincolnshire LN1 1RX (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

I am in full support of this application to enable the continued growth and development of playing members at Lindum CC of all age groups and abilities.

This application is to upgrade the existing facility already present on the grounds. It will be an amazing opportunity to grow the club and the game that we love.

### 12 Stocking Way (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Tue 26 Sep 2023

This Net project will bring the community together enhancing participation in sport across lincolnshire. I don't see why anyone would object to expanding of a project that is already there currently.

### 42 Yarborough Crescent Lincoln Lincolnshire LN1 3LU (Supports)

Comment submitted date: Thu 14 Sep 2023

As someone whose son has been a member of Lindum Cricket Club for over ten years I have seen the benefits he has experienced. Being part of an inclusive and supportive club has increased his life skills, seen him play county age group cricket and now follow a sports related degree at Leeds Beckett University.

The access he had to training facilities during his time at the club has been essential to his development. Also as a coach I recognise the importance of providing good quality, safe, and appropriate facilities. The cricket nets at Lindum are sadly old and tired and not fit for purpose as we see an increase in membership and increase in our Junior and Women and Girls playing members. I fully support the proposal for new net facility that will provide more opportunities for existing members and the wider community to access the benefits of physical activity.

A measure of the support that this project has both from member and those outside has been a crowdfunding campaign that as I write has exceeded £25 000 in just 8 weeks



Comment: Mrs Brenda Jones, 7 Auden Close, Lincoln.

I am writing to formally and in the strongest terms object to the application for planning permission about the moving of the Lindum cricket nets. You wrote to me to ask for feedback. I have been extremely upset about the letter and information you sent me and want to register my strong opposition to the current plans. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The first time I knew about this proposal was when the chairman sent a letter to me and asked me to make a donation. As being a longtime supporter of the club I gave a donation.

I was very upset when I saw the proposal as it makes a big impact on my property that I have lived in for over 20 years. It will result in moving the nets across my back gate, making it impossible to use this gate that a previous owner got written and agreed permission to build.

This plan, as well as the major gate problem, also creates other issues. It has a significant impact on my property. I do not think any consideration has been given to me and my property.

I want to oppose this application and have listed my objections below.

The nets have increased in height and length and will further be obtrusive and impact my view from my back garden.

A stone brick wall at the back of my garden will be more difficult to maintain by the cricket club. The front of the wall is very unstable.

As I have already said, the result of the nets moving significantly, will make my back gate inaccessible. I have documentation from a previous owner that confirms that they asked for a gate to be built in the garden wall. This permission was given by the cricket club to build this gate.

The moving of the nets and bowlers end will mean a lot more noise. I have seen that the nets will be used all the year round and will mean even more noise from cricketers, bats and machines.

I think there are a number of different positions on the Lindum grounds that could have the nets built including close to the hockey pitch. These would not be so intrusive for any of the local residents.

In summary I would like you to say I am very upset about this proposal and hope that you will change it so that it does not affect my property to the extent it currently does.



Comment:Mr and Mrs Tressler  
9 Auden Close  
Lincoln

Formal objection to planning permission to extend and reposition cricket nets at Lindum Sports ground. Ref 2023/0608/FUL

We are writing to you regarding a consultation letter ( ref 2023/0608/FUL ) that was sent to our house - 9 Auden Close - to request feedback for a planning application. The proposal is for the repositioning and expansion of the cricket practise nets.

Firstly we would like to put on record our support for the upgrading of the nets. We responded to a formal letter from the Cricket Chairman requesting support by making a significant donation to the crowdfunding site.

We had talked to the ground staff about the proposal and they told us that to their knowledge the upgrade was to add an additional lane to the existing facility. It therefore came as a major surprise when we received the planning application as it involved the repositioning, reconfiguration and size increase for the proposed nets. As this new plan has a very significant impact on our property we are extremely disappointed that there has been no attempt by the cricket club to consult with the local residents on this proposal. The proposal is purely written to benefit the cricket club and no thought whatsoever has been given to the residents of 7 and 9 Auden Close.

We would therefore like to formally and strongly oppose the planning application but at the same time would like to offer possible alternatives to these plans.

The reasons for the objection are:

- The new nets have increased in height to 4m. The proposed position moves the structure by approx 14m nearer to the scoreboard and therefore will now be directly in front of our back garden. There is a historical dividing 1.2m stone brick wall at the back of our garden. The construction of this 4m high structure will effectively destroy the current outlook from our garden. The current outlook from our garden is of the city of Lincoln including the cathedral.
- The proposed location of this structure is very close to the back garden wall of both 7 and 9 Auden close. This proximity will make any gardening and maintenance extremely difficult if not impossible. The ground by the wall is uneven and unstable.
- We would also note that the structure will make the official garden gate from 7 Auden Close very difficult , if not impossible, to access. [REDACTED]

- The moving of the nets and re location / switching of the bowling end will result in a major increase in noise associated with Cricketers and associated equipment ( including electric bowling machines ) for our property. The three bowling lanes will be next to our back garden and very close to our bungalow.
- The current nets are not heavily utilised and therefore we question the need to build an additional third lane.
- The proposal states that it is the intention to use the new nets throughout the whole year. This would result in the noise and environmental impacts being far in excess of current use. There is no stated provision for flood lighting and it is a major concern that this may be part of a future proposal and would again impact our property adversely.
- We currently have limited access for tree trimming on our property from the cricket field side due to the level of rubbish and redundant equipment placed by the wall. This practise of using this area as a dumping ground may become worse with the current proposal and make maintenance and repair difficult to achieve.

As stated previously we believe there are a number of alternative solutions to the positioning of the new nets that would meet both the objectives of the cricket club and the needs of the local residents.

We have listed our initial thoughts on the alternatives below but believe these are not totally inclusive.

- The extended nets could be built utilising the existing site. There could be room to the side of the current nets to extend the facilities footprint, as per the proposal, by the required additional length and width.
- If, for some reason, further width is deemed to be required then this could be created by the removing of the storage space within the current hockey pitch enclosure. This would create 3m of additional width to accommodate the new nets providing good clearance between the hockey pitch and bowling nets. The storage of the hockey goal nets could easily be accommodated in the opposite end of the pitch towards the Wragby road or elsewhere near to the hockey pitch.
- Alter the nets proposal from 3 nets to maintain the current 2 nets as current utilisation does not

appear to justify adding an additional lane.

- The nets could potentially be reallocated to a different part of the Lindum site.
- There is space to the area behind or to the side of the hockey pitch. This area already has the tall hockey enclosure fences that are floodlit.
- The current site plan gives the very misleading impression that the site is fully utilised with football and rugby pitches. Over the last few years most of these areas have either not been used or had limited use. In the past year the only area that has been marked out that is on the site layout is a practice football pitch between the hockey enclosure and cricket square.
- There are potentially a number of alternative areas within the Lindum site that could easily accommodate the nets that would have little or no impact on residents.

In our opinion there are much better solutions to meet both the cricket club and residents needs. The current position of the nets could be utilised and if necessary extended. We have made suggestions on how additional width could be created if this is deemed necessary. An alternative and potentially better solution is to build the new nets close to the hockey enclosure. There are also potentially other solutions elsewhere on the site. These would enable Lindum cricket club to achieve their aim of creating an enhanced net practise area and have very limited impact on residents.

We would very much welcome any feedback regarding our major concerns and deep worries regarding this proposal.

We would like to reiterate that we are supportive of upgrading the nets but we are strongly opposed to the current plan due to the impact of additional noise, detriment to the environment and privacy. The proposal makes great play on how the club is ensuring the players have the optimum conditions for practise. They have unfortunately given no consideration on the significant and major daily impacts to the local residents, especially those on 7 and 9 Auden Close.

Best regards,  
Nick and Helen Tressler

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Dear Sir. Planning Permission  
I am writing to formally object to the above  
planning permission about the moving of the cricket  
nets. You wrote to me to ask for feedback. I have been  
very upset about the letter and information you sent me  
to ask for feedback & want to register my strong  
opposition to the current plans [REDACTED] (hence  
the scribble!!) & my friend Elaine has helped me with this letter.

The first time I knew about the proposal was when  
the chairman sent a letter to me & asked me to make a declaration.  
As a long time supporter of the club I gave (as always!!)  
a declaration.

I was very upset when I saw the proposal as it makes  
a very big impact on my property that I have lived in for over  
20 years. It will result in moving the nets across my back gate,  
making it impossible to use this gate that the previous owners  
got a agreed permission to build.

This plan as well as the major gate problem also creates  
other issues. It has a significant impact on my property. I

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do not think any consideration has been given to me and my property.

I want to oppose this application & have high lighted my objections below

The nets have increased in height & length & will further be obtrusive & impact my view from my back garden plus the continuing noise of bat against ball.

A stone brick wall at the back of my garden will be more difficult to maintain by the cricket club. The iron of the wall is very unstable

As I have already said, the results of the nets moving significantly will make my back gate inaccessible. I have documentation from a previous owner that confirms that they asked for a gate to be built in the garden wall. Permission was given by the cricket club to build this gate.

The moving of the nets and bowlers end will mean noise. I have seen that the nets will be used all the year round & will mean even more noise from cricketers bats & machines.

I think there are a number of sites on the Fincham ground that could have the nets built including <sup>close</sup> to the hockey pitch. These would not be intrusive of the local residents.

In conclusion I would like you to say I am

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