



TANKERTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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Dear Sirs

Land on The North East Side of Colewood Road, Whitstable

On behalf of Tankerton Football Club, we are writing to you to express our support for the land on the North East side of Colewood Road, Whitstable to be considered in the upcoming Local Plan Review of development sites. We believe the land in question has been submitted for your consideration by local developers, George Wilson Developments Limited.

Tankerton Football Club are a registered charity and have been established since 1996. To date, the club has grown to have over 24 active teams with hundreds of members from Whitstable, Herne Bay and the surrounding areas regularly turning out to participate.

The club currently has use of land at Seaview Holiday Park, adjacent to the proposed development but with no formal tenure in place. To this extent we have been working with the Council since 2014 to secure a 30-year lease to develop the Council owned site adjacent to St Augustine's Industrial Park, to the East of the proposed development, in order to provide new much needed facilities for the Clubs players. This is particularly important looking into the future; we are growing year on year (which we expect to soon be exacerbated by the new developments such as the Hyde Housing scheme on the land North of the Thanet Way and the Thornden Wood Village Housing project at Greenhill).

We have been desperately trying to raise monies to help facilitate the development of new natural grass pitches and the building of a sports pavilion with a bespoke entrance way and discreet carparking. Indeed, the requirement for these works to be undertaken has been recognised at a national level, with The Football Foundation identifying the site as a possible area to utilise its £500,000 Facilities Grant (which itself requires an element of matched funding for the grant to be released) and is listed in the Local Football Facilities Plan as a top priority for the area.

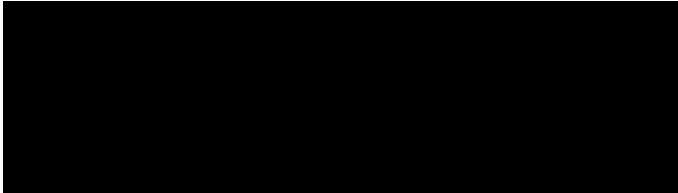
Having met with the developer and discussed the general proposals for a strictly commercial development on the site (which could create thousands of jobs and generate hundreds of thousands of pounds of business rate income for the council), we believe funding for Tankerton Football Club could be generated and secured via a section 106 agreement following planning permission being granted on the land. This will go a long way in assisting the club to meet its current and future needs.



We recognise that no planning application has been submitted on the site but would like to emphasise the positive benefits that could come from a considerate and well-designed development, as we discussed, on this piece of land while the council is considering sites to be allocated for development.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Tim Elgar

Chair of Trustees
On behalf of Tankerton FC



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