

Fwd: Message from Simon Storey, Chief Executive Officer, Kent Cricket

Louise Randall [redacted]
To: Michael Bailey [redacted]

Hey Mike,

This is a little bit of an odd one.

Has Simon Storey for Kent Cricket provided a rep through other channels (i.e. email to planning or online form)?

I received below but from what I understand this was circulated as part of the after event information for the Sports Forum run by Ali's team - not sent just to me.

If he hasn't already responded, can we include below as a representation from Kent Cricket using the information:

Simon's email : [redacted]

The address is: -

The Spitfire Ground,
St Lawrence, Canterbury
Old Dover Road, Canterbury,
Kent, CT1 3NZ

Tel: [redacted]

Hope that makes sense

Thanks,
Louise

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From: **CCC Commissioning** <commissioning@canterbury.gov.uk>
Date: Fri, 6 Aug 2021 at 12:39
Subject: Message from Simon Storey, Chief Executive Officer, Kent Cricket
To:

All

I am submitting this feedback as a representative of Kent Cricket and an attendee of the Canterbury and District Sport Forum which took place in July 2021. I am also a resident of Canterbury and District and a parent of three school-age children.

We believe sport and leisure should be placed overtly at the core of the local plan for Canterbury and District.

Sport, recreational leisure and an active lifestyle in its widest sense – from individual recreational pastimes to organised team sports – has a critical part to play in making Canterbury and District a great place to live, work, study and play.

The benefits of sport, recreational leisure and active lifestyles are well-documented:

- Improving the health of the community – physical activity should be a natural part of everyday life reflecting proven health benefits in both mental and physical health including obesity, diabetes and dementia.
- Enhancing social and cultural well-being – opportunities for sport and physical activity contribute to peoples' perceptions and experience of well-being, social inclusion and sense of attachment to their surroundings.
- Creating and supporting economic growth – sport and leisure directly and indirectly contributes to local economic vibrancy through employment, skills development and the visitor economy.
- Providing new opportunities for children and young people – the foundations of life-long health and sporting excellence lie in early opportunities for taking part in sport and active recreation.
- Efficient use of resources – sport and recreation can demonstrate and contribute to the sustainable use of natural resources.
- Improving community safety – sport can help to directly reduce social exclusion and disaffection.

Canterbury has a wealth of existing sport and leisure assets – including cycle paths, leisure centres, coastal paths, schools, gyms, park runs, university facilities, professional and amateur sports clubs and a network of committed community volunteers.

The Canterbury & District Sport Forum is committed to working in partnership with Canterbury City Council to harness these resources.

The local plan should take account of, and support, local strategies to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all, and deliver sufficient community and cultural facilities and services to meet local needs.

The local plan should also ensure positive planning for sport, enabling the right facilities to be provided in the right places, based on robust and up-to-date assessments of need for all levels of sport and all sectors of the community.

The local plan should also provide a framework that would aid the attraction of external investment and grants from agencies such as Sport England, governing bodies and external funders.

Placing sport and leisure at the heart of the local plan represents a significant opportunity for Canterbury and District and we would urge Canterbury City Council to place sport and leisure overtly at the core of the local plan for Canterbury and District.

Simon Storey

Canterbury City Council