

Gloucestershire County Cricket Club Nevil Road Bristol BS7 9EJ

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	<p>196 Additional representations received.</p> <p>183 letters of support, comments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposal is key to the club’s ability to improve its revenue streams. - Financial benefit to the City. - Long overdue for Bristol to improve its sporting facilities compared to Cardiff or any other major City. - The addition of these lights will not be intrusive, not least because they will only be used on a few occasions per season. - Cricket is the only sport to provide international competition. - A City the size of Bristol should have this. - This project will increase the options available and make it possible for the city of Bristol to host even more events, including the possibility of hosting more major international ones. - If Bristol wants to be a major European city, its developments like this that will ensure we are. - With the weather an obstacle that is often difficult to overcome, the addition of these floodlights could secure additional income to the club, and attract greater visitors to the city. - Sport has the ability to bring families together in an age when televisions and mobile devices are challenging the fabric of family life. - Opportunity for children to experience cricket in an atmosphere that could encourage them to be more active during their teenage years and keep at bay the threat of obesity. - The likely introduction of a new T20 league also highlights the requirement, as Bristol will not be considered as a venue unless permanent floodlights are installed. - North Bristol, once the centre of sporting life in the area, is becoming sidelined with the departure of Bristol Rugby and impending departure of Bristol Rovers. - Sport has a hugely beneficial impact on young people's lives and should be encouraged whenever possible. - The County Ground has a great youth policy and big matches can help to support this. - The floodlights at the athletics ground at the top of my road have had no detrimental effects on the neighbourhood - indeed it is great to see young and old training, keeping fit and doing something positive all year round. - Approval would generate much needed funds for the council, local amenities, local traders and the GCCC. - As a local trader I feel that improving the ground can only be a good thing for the city and surrounding area. Improvements will mean more matches, including international games, and the spectators of which will bring myself and other local businesses increased trade on match days. Compared to rovers football fans who are damaging to our business when a home match is on, Cricket supporters make for an enjoyable experience on Gloucester Road. An area which is being hit hard by parking restrictions and big shopping centres like Cabot Circus and Broadmead. - I live very close to the ground and I am more than prepared to put up with a

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	<p>minor inconvenience on the very few nights that the floodlights will be used during the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Bishopston area is also enjoying a housing boom and is attracting a lot of young families to the area. If an expansion of the cricket ground's use could help boost transport links to the area then everyone would benefit. - Cricket must change with the times and appeal to a wider audience. Gloucs will decline if it does not modernise. - floodlights are the way forward to bring a large city like Bristol on the sporting map. - We have four professional teams and it's about time they were all helped to promote Bristol as a sporting city as well as a Green city and all of the other factors that make this a great place to live. - It seems that steps have been taken to cater for the local and travelling cricket fans with public transport and park and ride schemes. - Support for the club's wish to be a flexible community partner for a range of events and opportunities. - Most large and smaller size cities around the world have these facilities in cricket playing countries and they should be in our city as well as like the Bristol Arena we will be poor cousins to Cardiff and Taunton in the future if we don't have these facilities. - If the T20 competition becomes a franchise system (as in Australia) Bristol would be the perfect location for a South West Franchise & the money and benefits that would bring to the city but this will not be possible if there are no permanent floodlights. - Up until 2014 I lived in Birmingham, nearby the Warwickshire County Cricket Ground at Edgbaston, where similar planning issues were involved when they applied to erect their floodlighting. In the end, Birmingham City Council allowed it and the benefits to the area have been substantial. - The application should be approved as mobile devices used in the past are not the answer. - The floodlights available now are not unsightly, and the infrequent use would not be a problem. - It appears that certain people object to stadia in Bristol all the time, we have suffered under achievement because of this. these people also appear not to be from Bristol originally and are not supporters of Bristol sport, they have also moved next to a stadium that has been there a lot longer than they have. - As a supporter of the game, there have been changes to the format which require games to be played during early evening and extending to darker hours. Without floodlights, these very popular formats will not be able to be played at the County Ground. - If this application is denied then once again top level sport will go to Cardiff, Southampton or Durham! - The floodlights will make the ground a landmark of which we can be proud. - most county grounds around the UK now have floodlights for evening games, and I don't see any reason why Gloucestershire should be refused. - The County Ground adds to the cultural capital of Bristol, and floodlights will allow the Ground to offer more International cricket for the enjoyment of the people of Bristol. - After the City of Bristol lost out on an international quality football and rugby stadium to replace Ashton Gate because of planning problems, it is important that the same doesn't occur with the critical installation of suitable floodlights in the County Ground redevelopment. - Would create a vibrant atmosphere locally on a summer evening. - Many child play cricket in the Bristol area and want a chance to see their heroes play and evenings are a perfect opportunity.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The work of the County within the city to develop young players and small cricket clubs, is well documented. It is not just about the professional team. - The opportunity to stage international, and high level, cricket reflects the long history of cricket in Bristol since the days of W. G Grace whose anniversary is at hand. - There has been virtually no impact that I can see or indeed has been reported to use an investment, indeed local businesses have all benefitted from the evening fixtures. It's important to realise that cricket is far removed from football in its impact on areas around grounds. <p>13 letters of Objection, comments include:</p> <p>Councillor Susan Milestone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'I question why many of the 'Neighbour comments' are from people living as far away as Cheltenham, London and Liverpool. I would like confirmation that only 'Neighbour comments' from actual neighbours are relevant i.e. neighbours on the GCC updated neighbour list. I feel strongly that comments from people living outside the immediate area should be removed from the planning website as they are irrelevant and misleading. I request that this application be rejected, or at the very least, deferred until a proper illustration is produced showing the visual impact on the neighbourhood and the conservation area adjacent to it. I feel there is something seriously amiss with Planning Law in this country, and the way Planning Officers are interpreting it, if officers are recommending approval of such monstrous floodlights in this residential setting'. Further comment... IN MY COMMENT I OMITTED TO SAY 'THE VISUAL IMPACT OF THE FLOODLIGHTS ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD....' - What is clear is that light spillage on a vertical plane (e.g. wall, window) will be significant and will impact significantly on houses hundreds of metres away. There is a complete absence of glare measures. - The spillage figures provided do not include glare. During the pre-planning consultation I was advised glare measures would be provided as part of the planning application and they have not been. These measures were not available at the pre-consultation. If they are not included then there are no explicit glare measures against which to take enforcement action. In modern floodlighting systems using high intensity lights, glare is the biggest light pollution problem not spillage. key information, promised in the pre-consultation meetings held at GCC, has not been provided - The lights will be too bright too late at night. This will have an impact on local people's sleep, including children. - The proposal needs to have limits specified: a) maximum eight days per year the lights will be permitted to be used b)only to be used for cricket, not other sorts of event c) switched off by 10pm. - The permanent lights are too tall and will have a detrimental effect on the Ashley Down Conservation Area. - Lack of adequate community consultation. Despite being asked, the club has not provided sufficient images of what these lights will look like, therefore residents have not been able to understand the visual impact. - Strongly encourage the council to make images of such proposals a requirement in requesting permission. Only then can residents truly evaluate the impact on their neighbourhood - Parking and congestion will continue to be a problem for late night events. - While the comments objecting on the website are mostly from local residents

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	<p>who will be impacted, the supportive comments seem to be mostly from people who do not live within sight, and many are not from within the Bristol City Council boundaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I do not believe all lighting options have been explored, only the cheapest and easiest for the club. - The club also appears to be exceeding the ECB's maximum requirement. - I haven't seen sufficient plans for how the club will seek to minimise this disturbance to local residents if there is an increase in games late at night. - How can we make a decision on something that we haven't seen at the correct scale in three dimensions? There is an article in the Bristol Post today showing viewpoints that have been produced and they are visually unacceptable. I note from the club's lighting calculations that my property on Muller Avenue has a LUX level of 0. Is this correct? What redress do I have if it doesn't meet this standard? When cricket games are on we always see the floodlights! - I am also concerned that their data is highly inaccurate. Properties on Kennington Avenue have LUX levels of up to 320 which is 800% of the ECB recommended light pollution level. To put this in context 320 LUX is the same light level as lighting inside an office! A full moon on a clear night is 0.27 to 1.0 LUX so it's as bright as 320 full moons. I also note that Headingley cricket ground has managed to achieve 10 LUX through better design. Why can't we? The reality is that the problem can easily be avoided by telescopic flood lights, these have been deployed at Lords, The Oval, Sussex etc. All of these grounds are in residential areas. Why can't we do the same? The ECB has budget to support these requirements? Can't they help with the costs of the lights? - The flats are already too large and an eyesore on the local area. We do not need these floodlights as well. - The best value for money option is for retractable floodlights. The floodlights are very high and will only be used a maximum of 12 times a year. I have no issue with the ground wishing to develop and prosper but I don't believe the benefits of having floodlights that high for 365 days a year is a reasonable, compared to the costs for the local community. - The club, despite many requests from council officers had not provided visualisations so the impact of the permanent structures cannot be measured. The city design group has requested these. Why should they be ignored? What has the club got to hide? If they have nothing to hide surely visualisations would have been provided? I urge you to defer the decision until these have been provided. - lately I have found the club to be less than considerate towards its immediate neighbours, and am extremely disappointed that business gains are now sought at the expense of the amenity value of the local area. - The club has consistently cited ECB regulations saying that they will not get international cricket. Please check the following link which confirms that the telescopic lights at Lords cricket ground are temporary telescopic structures. International cricket is always played at Lords therefore the permanent lights policy isn't a policy. In light of this evidence I request that the development be halted until clarity can be gained on this issue. If temporary lights are acceptable at Lords why aren't they in Bristol? It seems a double standard from the ECB. It cannot be a standard unless all grounds comply. This removes the 'perceived' financial loss to the city as matches are clearly awarded on an arbitrary basis not on the basis of this 'policy'. The ECB is the England and Wales cricket board. Wales only has the stadium at Cardiff. For political reasons tests are awarded there. Bristol's proximity to Wales effectively ends their chances of test internationals meaning that the odd one

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	<p>day game will be awarded. The damaged this development proposes outweighs any benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Further to my recent objection regarding the position of Floodlight 3 which is proposed to be very adjacent to my apartment in the Graveney block, I received an unsatisfactory vague response from the PR agency representing GCCC regarding an alternative solution. I was expecting documented evidence from the lighting engineers (not a summary from the PR guys) explaining why this was the only potential solution, this was not forthcoming. I do not think that alternative solutions have been investigated properly.

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1, 2 & 5	<p>Further representations have been received resulting in a revised total of 534 comments received, of which 513 are objections, 20 are in support and 1 is neutral. No new issues were raised to those summarised within the officer report. One of the objections received was from the head of the Bristol Metropolitan Academy who raised concerns over impacts on public health and highway safety.</p> <p>The online petition referenced within the report has also now closed resulting in a total number of signatories when combined with its paper counterpart of 1699.</p>
5	<p>Since the closing of the committee report the agent has submitted further documents as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised Site Layout Plan to show the relocation of the two grill bays into the general parking area resulting in a loss of two parking spaces to allow for the creation of a landscaped area to the frontage adjacent to the pedestrian access. - Revised Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations to show obscure glazing to some of the east facing first floor windows. - A proposed extract diagram. <p>The revised site layout plan has not been accepted by officers due to the fact that this conflicts with the proposed delivery servicing tracking. This will be set out within the officer presentation to inform members in the interests of clarity.</p> <p>The other documents do not affect any of the considerations of the officer report, including insufficient information over extract due to no specification of the equipment proposed.</p>
33	<p>The refused plans list requires updating to reflect the above as follows:</p> <p>The plans that were formally considered as part of the above application are as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6675-AL-001A Site location plan, received 17 September 2014 - 6675-PL-002A Block plan, received 17 September 2014 - 6675-AL-003A Existing site layout plan, received 17 September 2014 - 6675-PL-004B Proposed site layout plan, received 17 September 2014 - 6675-PL-005B Proposed elevations and section, received 26 January 2015 - 6675-PL-006B Proposed floor and roof plans, received 26 January 2015 - Landscaping plan, received 17 September 2014 - Tree Survey Plan, received 17 September 2014 - Typical barrier and lamp post details, received 17 September 2014 - Air Quality Assessment, received 17 September 2014 - Marketing Report, received 17 September 2014

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Furniture details, received 17 September 2014 - Canopy details, received 17 September 2014 - Noise Assessment, received 17 September 2014 - Transport Statement, received 17 September 2014 - Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan, received 17 September 2014 - Remediation Strategy and Verification Plan, received 17 September 2014 - Proposed Lighting layout, received 14 October 2014 - Luma light, received 14 October 2014 - Proposed lighting product, received 15 October 2014 - Addendum Air Quality Assessment, received 14 October 2014 - Ecological Assessment, received 23 December 2014 - Proposed Visual, received 15 December 2014 - D130 Section of building showing plant, received 26 January 2015