

REFERENCE: 25/0542

PROPOSAL: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ASTRO TURF PLAY AREA (195 SQUARE METRES) AND TIMBER VERTEX PLAY FRAME WITH EPDM GROUND SURFACING BELOW (49.87 SQUARE METRES) AND LOW-LEVEL PICKET FENCING

SITE: St Woolos Primary School, Stow Hill, Newport, South Wales, NP20 4DW

APPLICATION TYPE: FULL

CASE OFFICER: Catherine Aldous

RECOMMENDATION: NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Comments:

The proposed MUGA will replace hard standing so this could be regarded as an improvement to the existing landscape. Further details of the play area are required however to include:

- A play area landscape plan showing the positioning of the proposed equipment in its context (including any other features mentioned below) and indicate relative fall and clear (movement) and fall zones, should be submitted for approval.
- Details of the artificial grass surfacing and build-up to demonstrate sufficient impact-absorbing base material has been designed in, should be submitted for approval.
- Any construction details for the fencing and play equipment should be submitted for approval.

Additionally, the following should be considered:

- Astro turf is a crude surfacing option and 3G type artificial grass should be considered as an alternative;
- With regards to sustainability and biodiversity could reinforced grass/turf be considered, or even bark mulch as opposed to manufactured synthetic surfacing?
- Tree and shrub planting incorporated into the design would be strongly supported.
- Could informal natural play features be incorporated into the design of the play area?