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To: NCC - Planning <Planning@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Planning application

Objection to Planning Application 25/0618 – Marshfield Football Club Spectator Stand

I am writing to formally object to planning application 25/0618, which proposes the construction of an 85-person spectator stand and footpath at Marshfield Village Hall.

As a resident of the local community, I am concerned about the impact this development will have on our shared public space.

The playing fields are the only recreational area available to children and families in Marshfield, and the adjacent park is frequently used during weekends. Increasing the number of spectators may limit access to this vital space and compromise its usability for non-football-related activities.

Parking is already a significant issue during events at the village hall.

The car park cannot accommodate current demand, leading to congestion on surrounding narrow roads.

An increase in visitors will exacerbate this problem, potentially deterring families from using the hall for parties and community events.

There are no dedicated toilet facilities on the fields, and access to the village hall toilets is restricted during private events due to safeguarding concerns. This raises questions about how basic amenities will be managed for spectators.

The hall is used by various community groups, and increased foot traffic from football spectators may disrupt ongoing activities and alienate other users.

Furthermore, the proposal appears to benefit a single group rather than the wider community.

It is unclear how many senior team players are local residents, and the long-term maintenance and security of the stand remain uncertain—especially if the club disbands.

Additional concerns include potential vandalism, increased litter, and light pollution if security lighting is introduced. These changes could negatively affect local wildlife and the overall character of our semi-rural village.

Past incidents involving inappropriate behaviour from visiting spectators have already caused distress to families using the facilities. Expanding the spectator capacity may increase the likelihood of such occurrences.

Given the significant impact this proposal could have on our community, I strongly urge that a full public consultation be conducted before any decision is made.

Sincerely,

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