

Sports committee response

All members of The Sports Committee have been emailed the Sports Community and Leisure section of the Regulation 14 Neighbourhood plan. In addition the Chairman of The Sports Committee attended an Executive Committee meeting of 1st Newport to discuss the plan. The Scouts are in agreement with the Sports Committee but will also be submitting their own response.

The detailed comments relating to Sports Community and Leisure section are :

Para 11 (Page 91). This paragraph implies there is an adequate car park for the White Horse and Social Club 2 minutes walk away. This car park only has 10 spaces and is wholly inadequate to service both establishments.

Para 12 (Page 99). We do not agree with this comment. The Scout Hut is in active use most evenings and the existing changing facilities are fully utilised at weekends. There is little demand for the use of these facilities during the day. Newport already has a number of facilities that are available for hire for daytime activities.

Para 13 (Page 99). We do not accept this comment. We have received many compliments from visiting teams on the facilities at Newport Recreation Ground and we do not regard the current state of the buildings as a relevant matter for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Recommendation SCL5:

We do not believe conversion of the bridleway to a byway is achievable or needed. However vehicle access is required and improvements to the current track, together with a dedicated footpath are. The car park connection could be designed so that there are no "speed and safety" implications and we do not see this as an issue. Car Park should include cycle parking and make provision for electric charging.

Recommendation refers to "storage for the Scouts" but should in fact be a replacement Scout Hut. We are also looking at including an office for the Parish Council

In general we agree with all the policies and the recommendation SCL5 in the Sports Community and Leisure section.

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