Planning Department
Manchester City Council
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23rd May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Application to Vary Planning Condition No. 6 – Planning Reference 132550/FO/2021
Didsbury High School, 4 The Avenue, Manchester, M20 2ET

We write on behalf of Laurus Trust to formally request a variation of Condition Number 6 attached to planning permission reference 132550/FO/2021, granted on 18 May 2022. The current condition restricts the use of the artificial turf pitch to between 09:00 and 17:00, Monday to Friday only.

We seek to extend the permitted hours of use to include Saturdays and Sundays from 08:30 to 16:00, to allow community access to the facility at weekends. The pitch would not be in use on bank holidays.

In support of this application, Laurus Trust commissioned, and we now enclose an updated Noise Impact Assessment (ref: 1387/APR1, prepared by Lighthouse Acoustics). This report provides a detailed environmental sound survey and an assessment of typical operational sound from the pitch to nearby residential properties, including those on Clearwater Drive.

The assessment demonstrates that predicted operational sound levels during the proposed weekend hours will remain within the World Health Organization's and Sports England's recommended external noise limit of 50 dB LAeq,1hr for residential amenity areas. The modelling confirms that the existing acoustic mitigation (including 1.8m and 2.4m boundary fencing) ensures compliance with this threshold. Additional good practice guidance is also included to further manage noise impacts, including user behaviour protocols and complaint procedures.

We trust this submission provides sufficient justification for the proposed variation and that the application will be supported. We are committed to working positively with the local authority to enhance community access to high-quality sports facilities while safeguarding residential amenity.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,
Tom Fearn
McArdle Sport-Tec Ltd
On behalf of Laurus Trust