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Dear Sirs,

Sports Pavilion at Bartestree Playing Fields

Please find enclosed the planning application and related attachments, for the proposed Sports Pavilion at Bartestree Playing Fields.

As background information, I should say that this Pavilion has been mooted for several years now, and is badly needed for the extra changing rooms and the clubroom facility. Since the establishment of the playing fields in 1997, the football and cricket clubs which then started from scratch have been extremely successful, and now field 3 adult football teams, 10 juniors football teams, 3 adult cricket teams and 3 juniors. The Football Club has recently gained F.A. Charter Status, and the Cricket Club the ECB Clubmark award – both recognitions of high quality in management, training, facilities, youth involvement and safety.

The only negative point in the whole set-up is the lack of suitable dedicated facilities. The Village Hall's changing rooms are insufficient when several simultaneous games are played, as is often the case on football weekends, and as the Hall is usually let on summer afternoons it cannot be used for cricket teas and as a social base.

The new Pavilion is intended to remedy these shortcomings and provide a base for both clubs. It has been designed by the Manchester firm Club Design Ltd., which has been responsible for the construction of a number of similar pavilions around the country. Photographs of two are attached for interest. (Please note that neither is exactly identical to our proposal.)

The intention is that the Pavilion will be constructed and owned by Bartestree with Lugwardine Group Parish Council (the landowners) and managed by Bartestree and Lugwardine Playing Fields Association. Funding applications to the Football Foundation and the ECB are well advanced, and we are reasonably certain of obtaining full funding from these bodies.

If you have any questions or require clarification or further documentation, please contact me in the first instance and I will be more than happy to help.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,



Nigel L. Shore

Parish Councillor, and

Secretary, Bartestree and Lugwardine Playing Fields Association

