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**Sent:** 13 September 2010 15:22  
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**Cc:** Alistair Copeland; Fiona Pudge  
**Subject:** Leeds Girls High School planning applications

Dear Mr Crabtree

Sport England has had sight of the email exchange between yourself and Councillor Illingworth. Sport England would like to clarify a point that is referred to in your email to Councillor Illingworth of 1 September 2010, where you state:

*“Initially, Sport England objected to the potential loss of playing fields but, following the submission of further information by the applicants and a visit to the Alwoodley site, Sport England withdrew their objections. They were of the view that the provision of the new playing fields at the Alwoodley site met the policy requirements of the UDP and PPG17, a position with which I agree.”*

We would like to clarify that Sport England withdrew its statutory objections to the planning consultations at the Leeds Girls High School site because they were considered to meet exception E4 of Sport England’s Playing Fields Policy, as set out in our letters. The withdrawal of our objection does not mean that the Council has satisfied the requirements of either its own UDP or PPG17. We would expect that the Council should still have regard to these policies during the determination of the planning applications.

I trust the above clarifies the reason why Sport England withdrew its objections to the planning applications. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Kind regards

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