



Bloxham School

Dear neighbour

February 2018

As an important part of the Bloxham community, whenever the school is looking to initiate a new development or project that may impact local residents, in a positive or negative way, then it is right we share it with you before making it public.

With this in mind, I would like to invite you to an open meeting to be held in the studio within the Dewey Sports Centre on Tuesday 13 February 2018, between 6pm and 7:30pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to introduce you to Bloxham School's forthcoming planning application for the erection of floodlights on the two artificial pitches located at the Dewey Sports Centre.

I am not exaggerating when I say this is the most important development for Bloxham School in recent years and I fully appreciate the potential sensitivities around such an application. Therefore, I personally wish to share with you more detail about this project, including what we have already done and are proposing to do, which may ease any concerns that you have.

At the open evening, I will be joined by members of our Estates and Games staff team together with representatives from the Banbury branch of Fisher German who have guided us through the process. Having consulted with England Hockey and their preferred lighting supplier, Halliday Lighting, we are proposing LED lighting with shield protectors to reduce light pollution. Suggesting green columns will also help with environmental concerns.

In recognising such a development is best physically seen rather than on paper, the School has arranged for members of both the Parish Council and District Council to visit a local site with floodlights which closely match our preferred design. Both Councils have also been involved in the build up to this stage to ensure all stakeholders are fully informed before making their decisions.

I have attached to this letter a small flyer which hopefully answers some of the questions you may have, but we will be happy to answer any other questions at the meeting on the evening of 13 February 2018. Fundamentally, we are doing this for two reasons. Firstly, as a registered charity, it allows us to continue and enhance our work within the local community. Only recently we had to turn down a local Brownie pack who wished to use an outdoor space for their 7pm group and meeting the demands of those in the village with outdoor, physical activity is an important part of our agenda. Secondly, to remain within the elite group of Independent Schools and to continue to support the village of Bloxham, it will help academic, physical and mental development, thus producing better results and supporting the long-term sustainability of Bloxham School. We already have acquired letters of support from many local groups, but I would like to also ensure I have your support or have answered your questions prior to the application going in later this term.

I sincerely hope you are able to support our forthcoming application.

Yours sincerely

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