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Re: Letter of Support for Saint Hill Manor Car Park Planning Application

On behalf of East Grinstead Meads FC I would like to support the case for improved parking facilities at Saint Hill Manor.

East Grinstead Meads FC grows year on year, now fielding over 30 youth teams with over 400 players, as well as a Veteran's & Walking Football sections. We are one of the largest volunteer organisations in East Grinstead.

The Church of Scientology have been great supporters of youth sport in East Grinstead over a number of years, with both use of sports pitches on the former Fonthill School site and with car parking at the Saint Hill Manor complex. Without the existing support of our neighbours at Saint Hill Manor our club would not be able to continue to provide all opportunities for the local community.

During the drier periods, car parking is generously provided by the Church of Scientology on the grass area at Saint Hill Manor but through the winter months this is unavailable due to ground conditions. This area is also only available during daylight hours.

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Between September & April every Saturday & Sunday we have several youth football matches which attracts players and their families.
On average 60 to 80 cars daily with up to 150 cars at any one time at peak times.
This leads to an overspill of the existing car park spaces. Vehicles park on Saint Hill Road which causes congestion also raising concerns over pedestrian and vehicle safety.

The EG Sports Club & EG Rugby car parks back up and causes congestion along Saint Hill Road and can overflow at peak times with several other sports (Hockey, Rugby, Netball, Squash & Gym members) taking place at the same time.

Midweek evenings, particularly Tuesday to Thursdays, are also very busy with parking along Saint Hill Road due to teams using floodlit Rugby Club & Sports Club facilities.

Next year we are hoping to re-instate the East Grinstead Youth Football Festival which would be held at EG Sports Club & Fonthill sites over a spring weekend when car parking will be a real issue.

Extra permanent off-road parking at Saint Hill will be a great community facility and improve the safety of event visitors and local residents alike throughout the year. Additional, well-maintained parking at Saint Hill Manor would significantly alleviate congestion.

I hope the council can support any application to extend the parking facility at Saint Hill Manor in that it would be an enormous benefit to the local community, residents, local sports clubs and improve safety along Saint Hill Road.

Kindest regards

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