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Subject: RE: 18/03998/FUL - Bradford Rugby Football Club, Ashley Lane, Winsley BA15 2HR

Dear Katie

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') on the above planning application.

I do not have capacity to provide a comprehensive response at present. However, I can state that **the Board objects to the proposed development** on the grounds of: (i) potential visual impacts on the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), particularly with regards to potential light pollution; and (ii) potential impacts on the Bath and Bradford-on Avon Bats Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

The proposed development lies within approximately 500m of the boundary of the Cotswolds AONB, in an elevated position in close proximity to the enclosed limestone valley of Bathampton and Limpley Stoke. As such, the applicant should be required to undertake an assessment to identify the potential impacts of the proposed development on the AONB, in particular, the potential impact of light pollution resulting from the proposed floodlighting. The development should only be permitted if it can be clearly demonstrated that there would be no adverse effect on the AONB (i.e. no increase in the levels of light pollution in the AONB). Consideration should also be given to minimising light pollution from the existing floodlights.

The Board agrees with the recommendation of Natural England that the applicant should undertake a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in order to assess whether the proposals will have a likely significant effect on the Bath and Bradford-on Avon Bats SAC. The development should only be permitted if it can be clearly demonstrated that there would be no such significant effect.

Kind regards,

John Mills