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Thank you for your letter of 12 December on behalf of your constituent Mr Michael J Sprules of 53 Park Avenue, Chippenham, SN14 0HB regarding the concerns about sports pitch provision in towns such as Chippenham.

I am aware that Sport England has been working closely with Mr Sprules, Chair of the residents association RADAR, and Wiltshire Council, on this issue for the past two years and continues to do so.

You may also wish to know that Sport England is currently supporting Wiltshire Council on producing a Playing Pitch Strategy and wants to see this site included in that strategy.

Sport England will always work to protect and improve the provision of playing fields for local communities. Its team of facilities and planning experts works with Councils' planning departments and developers across the country to ensure this provision is maintained.

I hope this information is helpful.

With best wishes,

**Helen Grant MP**  
Minister for Sport and Tourism

