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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPLICATION - 4/01891/00/FUL

**LONG MARSTON TENNIS CLUB, CHEDDINGTON LANE, LONG MARSTON,
TRING, HERTS, HP23
INSTALLATION OF FLOODLIGHTING ON 6.7M COLUMNS**

Your application for full planning permission dated 16 October 2000 and received on 23 October 2000 has been **REFUSED**, for the reasons set out overleaf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Nobby'.

Development Control Manager

Date of Decision: 22 December 2000

REASONS FOR REFUSAL APPLICABLE TO APPLICATION: 4/01891/00/FUL

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1. Policy 8 of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan aims to safeguard the local environment, which includes the prevention of harm to the character of an area in which a development is set, and the prevention of visual intrusion and pollution. Policy 57 of the Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991- 2011 specifies that development proposals which would be likely to result in or significantly contribute to unacceptable levels of pollution will not be permitted. Policy 9 of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan 1991-2011 Deposit Draft reinforces Policy 8 of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan and Policy 57 of the Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991-2011 by seeking to resist development which causes harm through light pollution. This is reinforced by Section 16 of the Environmental Guidelines relating to the control of exterior lighting, including a general policy approach, and the introduction of Environmental Zones which are referred to in the preamble to Policy 57 of Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review.

The policies of the local planning authority seek to prevent the night-time incursion of exterior lighting into the open countryside of the Borough. The tennis courts are located in a relatively prominent and exposed location in the open countryside, well beyond the built-up limits of the village of Long Marston. They are also located in an area where there is limited exterior lighting. Notwithstanding the content of the submitted scheme, the proposal will introduce a comparatively large area of harsh exterior lighting, creating a 'box of white light'. This will be visually intrusive in the open countryside where it is expected that there should be minimal exterior lighting, in order to protect the recognised dark landscape of this rural location.

By day the proposal will introduce a concentration of visually intrusive columns which will be detrimental to the appearance of the open countryside, creating a far more dominant impact than the existing fenced tennis courts.

The proposal is therefore contrary to the policies referred to above of the Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991-2011, the adopted Dacorum Borough Local Plan and the Dacorum Borough Local Plan 1991-2011 Deposit Draft.