

APPLICATION NO: 19/4896N

PROPOSAL: Partial Demolition and Redevelopment

ADDRESS: Erection of 73 dwellings, comprising 42 independent living apartments and 31 houses (all affordable homes) with associated access and landscaping.

APPLICANT: The Guinness Partnership Limited

CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Representations - A letter of representation has been received from Crewe FC. The letter sets out proposals for development on the King George V playing field/tennis courts in Crewe and suggests the mitigation payment could be used towards their proposed development scheme.

OFFICER COMMENT

Potential use of the King George V playing field has been considered as part of the research work carried out by Greenspaces/ANSA in relation to finding a suitable site for the mitigation payment to be spent, as set out in the updated report to the committee. The King George V playing field has spare capacity which is not being utilized and Sport England previously confirmed that it would not be policy compliant to simply bring these back into use. The mitigation must be spent towards creating a new adult football pitch of same or better provision to that being lost at Goddard Street. Given the proposals for Crewe FC are at early pre-application stages and would need to go through the formal planning process before the development could be fully considered in line with Policy. Furthermore, the £80,000 mitigation payment would only be a very small part of the fee required to carry out the development proposed by Crewe FC. Therefore, the proposal would not be policy compliant in terms of Sport England's objection currently.

Therefore, the recommendation to committee remains as set out in the main officer report.

RECOMMENDATION – no change to the recommendation