

Synthetic Turf Pitch at Rastrick High School

Noise Management Plan

Introduction

The purpose of this plan is to outline robust policies and procedures to minimise the potential noise impact on local residents during all operational times of the synthetic turf pitch and to satisfy the requirements of the Local Authority.

Planning Permission was granted by the local planning authority for the synthetic turf pitch refurbishment and extension subject to conditions (planning reference 21/00710/FUL, planning decision notice dated 26/07/2021).

Condition number 3 of the Planning Permission 21/00710/FUL requires that a Noise Management Plan shall be implemented prior to first use of the facilities and that this plan shall be maintained and operated at all times the facilities are in usage.

This plan identifies the following critical components:

1. Potential noise sources
2. Local Nearest Noise Sensitive Location (NNSL)
3. Noise management policies
4. Communication and complaints procedures

It is the responsibility of the nominated Noise Monitoring Officer to ensure the detailed policies and procedures are adhered to.

The nominated Noise Monitoring Officer for the school will be Shirley Graham (email: Shirley.graham@rastrick.calderdale.sch.uk).

During school hours, Shirley Graham will be responsible for dealing with all complaints and the school already has a formal procedure in place.

The School has an existing site team numbering 4 full time site agents, one of which is always on site to coordinate the use of the facility and to deal with any enquiries/emergencies.

The noise management plan is considered to be a live document which may be revised during the operation of the synthetic pitch and MUGA, in order to create an acceptable balance between the requirement for a successful sports and recreation facility and the protection of local residents' amenity.

Potential Noise Sources

Potential noise sources identified relating to the sports pitch and its vicinity include:

1. Footballs being kicked, hitting the ground and perimeter fencing
2. Shouting / cheering during matches
3. Anti-social behaviour such as swearing
4. People arriving / leaving the facility

The nearest residential properties to the facilities are situated on Field Top Road, Rastrick, Brighouse HD6 3XB.

Details of Noise Management Policy

1. The nominated Noise Monitoring Officer to regularly monitor activities on the synthetic turf pitch and MUGA.
2. Shirley Graham will be responsible for dealing with all complaints during school hours, and in term time, as well as out of school hours & out of term time.

3. Usage of the facilities will be limited between the following hours:

Monday to Friday	0830 hours to 2100 hours
Saturday	0830 hours to 1830 hours
Sunday	0830 hours to 1830 hours

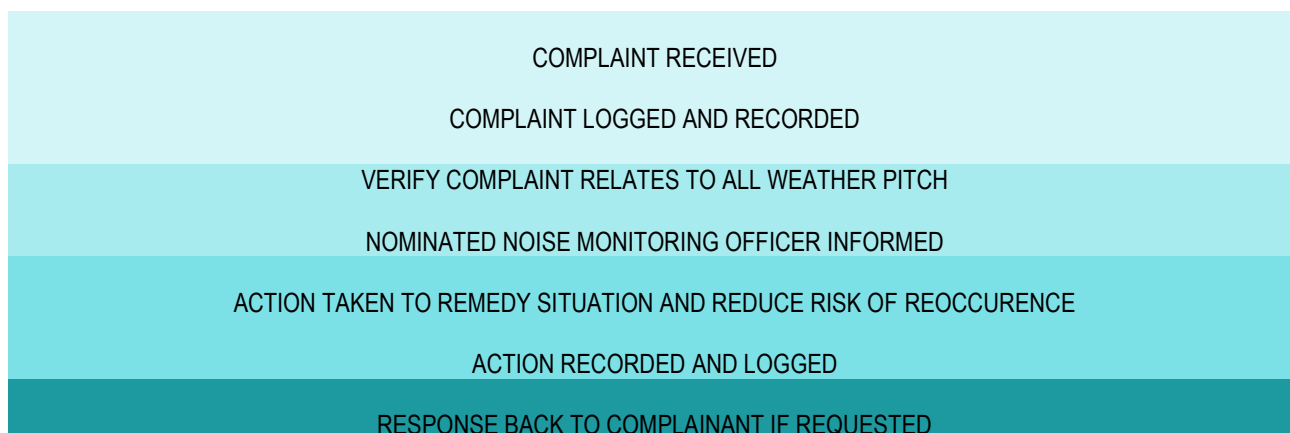
The above usage hours are as approved as part of the planning decision 21/00710/FUL.

4. Ensure the maximum user capacity of the synthetic pitch is not exceeded which is as follows:

The maximum pitch player capacity is 80 players, which allows for weekend matches when four 5 v 5 matches may be played simultaneously; with five players and three substitutes and two coaches per team (10 players per team x 8 teams across four 5 v 5 pitches = 80 persons).

5. Only pre-booked lettings under a signed lettings agreement will be permitted to use the facilities.
6. Whistles shall only be allowed during recognised competitive matches and shall only be used by authorised persons i.e. referee / coach.
7. Booking shall only be accepted for structured sessions and not for ad-hoc lettings.
8. To reduce the noise from the impact of the ball, fences are rigid and neoprene isolators will be installed to all support posts. All structural elements will be inspected regularly to ensure they are performing as intended. Nets will be in use during football games, training and activities and suitably maintained to ensure they contain any ball strikes.
9. Whilst the pitches are in use, supervision will be provided on site which will be able to monitor behaviour.
10. PA systems / any form of amplified music / musical instruments will not be permitted on the AGP, unless required for safety information during school events and festivals. Local residents will be informed of this prior to the event.
11. Youth hire shall only be allowed with consent from an adult, and with the Facility Supervisor present.
12. Hirers will only be given access to the site for the period of their hire.
13. Measures will be implemented such as locks to gated entrances to prevent unauthorised use outside of hours.
14. All clients as part of the lettings agreement will sign up to the Code of Conduct which includes expected conduct when arriving and leaving the site plus expectations whilst on site.
15. Liaise with facility users to ensure noise management policies and the Code of Conduct are adhered to.
16. Provide a clear and reliable mechanism whereby noise complaints can be made and logged. Neighbours are given a facility to report excessive noise or anti-social behaviour directly to the school. This will allow any complaints to be investigated and addressed within a reasonable time period.
17. Follow the complaints procedure set out below.
18. When requested, provide the Local Authority with details of logged complaints and any actions taken.
19. Liaise with the Local Authority to ensure the noise management plan remains effective and revise the noise management plan accordingly.
20. Carry out maintenance work to a regular schedule as agreed and avoid conflict with the time of school and community use.

Noise Complaints Procedure



A copy of this policy can be found at the following links on the school website:

<https://www.rastrick.calderdale.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Noise-Management-Plan-Rastrick-High-School.pdf>

<https://www.rastrick.calderdale.sch.uk/rastrick-high-school-proposes-a-community-3g-astroturf-pitch/>

Complaints Reporting/ Action Plan

Complaint made by		
Date of complaint		
Amount of occurrence/s		
Time of occurrence/s		
Complaint received by		
Date complaint received		
Action/s taken		
Action authorised by		
Review of action details		
Review of action date		
Date complainant informed of progress if requested		
Adjustment to noise management plan required?	Yes	No
Adjustment date		

Code of Conduct

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is for the benefit of all site users, school pupils and staff, sports teams, spectators and residents.

- Aggressive and violent behaviour towards pupils, staff, officials, residents or players will not be tolerated.
- Swearing or foul language and anti-social behaviour on or off the pitch is unacceptable. The school reserves the right to dismiss users from the pitch and may lead to the cancellation of pitch hire agreements. Any decision taken by the School in this respect will be final.
- All pitch users should behave in a responsible and considerate manner so that disturbance to local residents is kept to an absolute minimum.
- Smoking is not permitted on the school site including the synthetic turf pitch and MUGA and surrounds or changing facilities. Any team found smoking will be suspended from using these facilities.
- Football boots of any kind i.e. studs, blades, must be removed at all times before entering any buildings on the school site, including the sports centre.
- Abuse of the facilities will not be tolerated and will result that club being suspended from use of the facilities.
- Any damage caused to facilities will be charged to the team and club responsible.
- Teams who do not pay fees by the required date will not be allowed to play matches.
- Players and supporters will be expected to dispose of their litter responsibly. Any litter found on and around the facilities following community usage is the responsibility of the home teams to collect. A charge will be made should they fail to do so.
- Any regulated activity which involves working directly with children and young people under the age of 18 - such as managers and coaches and volunteers - must be aware of the safeguarding policy and procedure. Staff and volunteers must also undertake safeguarding training appropriate to their role and level of responsibility. The organisation is also responsible for ensuring that appropriate disclosure and barring service checks are carried out for staff and volunteers.
- Consideration must be given to residents when parking vehicles outside the designated school car parking areas:
 - Do not obstruct driveways
 - Do not park on pavements
 - Refrain from parking vehicles in such a manner that would cause obstruction to Residents or emergency vehicles.

Failure to observe these guidelines may result in enforcement action.