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South Worcestershire – Modifications to the Development Plan

The changes identified under modification ref. MM15, 17A are welcomed although we maintain our concern that the use of turnover has distorted the requirement for pitch provision.

The changes under modification ref MM15, 17B are supported with the following reservations.

We object to new paragraph 15 in that it refers to applications being considered “in the context of locally set targets.” Applications should be considered on merit against the criteria set out in policy SWP17. Unmet need may be a material consideration but a lack of need should not be.

In paragraph 18 (previously paragraph 7) we note there remains a reference to sites not being appropriate in areas subject to “local designations.” This restriction has correctly been deleted from policy SWP17 and it should similarly be deleted from the reasoned justification.

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