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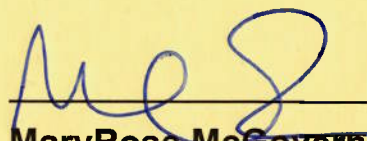
**Commission Direction**  
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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a meeting held on 23 June 2026.

The Commission decided to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, subject to the amendments shown in manuscript on the attached copy of the draft order, for the reasons and considerations set out below, and subject to the conditions below.

**Planning Commissioner:**

  
MaryRose McGovern

**Date:**

**23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2026**

### **Reasons and Considerations**

Having regard to the Policies and Objectives of the Kerry County Development Plan 2022-2028, including Objective KCDP 6-32, which seeks to facilitate the sustainable provision of sports facilities whilst having regard to local recreational needs, and Section 1.7.5 of Volume 6 (Schools) which seeks to consider, *inter alia*, impact on local amenities and out of school hours use, and having regard

to the nature of the site, the nature and extent of the proposed development to upgrade an existing hard play area with new basketball and tennis court surfacing and construction of a new padel court with dedicated floodlighting, and to the existing pattern of development in the area, including the distance to neighbouring dwellings, it is considered that subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the proposed development would not be incompatible with residential development in the vicinity, and would not unduly impact on the amenities of the area. The proposed development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Commission noted that the documentation which accompanied the application, confirmed the proposal by the school to limit the use of the padel court to 8pm (20:00 hrs). The Commission considered it reasonable to permit floodlighting for an additional 15 minute period, to facilitate cessation of play and vacation of the court.

### **Conditions**

1. The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, as further amended by the plans and particulars received by the Planning Authority on the 19th day of December 2025, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority prior to commencement of development and the development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

**Reason:** in the interest of clarity.

2. (a) Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority, the sports facilities shall only be used between 08:00 hours and 20:00 hours, on Mondays to Sundays inclusive, and the floodlights shall not be used or otherwise left switched on between the hours of 20:15pm and 08.00am daily.

(b) All floodlights shall be directed/cowled onto the playing surface, so as to minimise any light overspill upwards, sideways or in the direction of neighbouring dwellings, and so as to divert light away from the public road and prevent glare to public road users.

**Reason:** To protect residential amenities, in the interest of traffic safety and proper planning and sustainable development

3. During the operational phase of the proposed development the noise level shall not exceed (a) 55 dB(A) rated sound level. Procedures for the purpose of determining compliance with this limit shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to commencement of development.

**Reason:** To protect the residential amenities of property in the vicinity of the site

4. Prior to commencement of works, the developer shall submit to, and agree in writing with the planning authority, a Construction Management Plan, which shall be adhered to during construction. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development, including hours of working, noise, traffic management, and dust management measures and off-site disposal of construction/demolition waste.

**Reason:** In the interest of public safety and amenity.