



PLANNING COMMITTEE LIST

**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION

Cllr. Nadia Barton Ahmad, Cllr Birgit Miller & Cllr Trevor Muten
BH2025/02901 – Brighton Hove And Sussex Sixth Form College, 205 Dyke Road

27th August 2026:

The Goldsmid Ward Councillors wish to object to the planning application for the Installation of an Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) with associated works including lighting, access ramps, hard surfacing and a storage container. We believe that this is an unnecessary development and inappropriate for the area. We are also concerned that this will have significant detrimental impacts, including impacting residents in our ward.

We object on the basis that:

1. **Negative impacts on BOAT:** It will have significant impacts on Brighton Open Air Theatre (BOAT), a much-loved independent venue, which does not have an equivalent in the southeast.
2. **Incremental development:** This application is a part of incremental development into the field by BHASVIC, despite the number of college age students in the city rapidly falling. This has been to the detriment of both the precious green space and local infrastructure. The community has accommodated much of this development, including the building of temporary portacabins while student numbers were high. The portacabins have still not been replaced with suitable classrooms or removed from the field. It is important to note that the college has paved and built over previously existing sports facilities, and the location of this proposal would make permanent temporary development.
3. **Unnecessary development:** There is already an underutilised pitch at Cardinal Newman School which can be booked, and tennis courts already in the park. The field is, or should be, to the benefit of all the community, free of charge. The college does not offer PE lessons to all its students, and the number of students which will benefit from its building is minimised to the elite teams. Questions should be asked about the enclosure of this land for commercial purposes.
4. **Loss of green infrastructure:** The proposal will have visual impacts on the local green area, as well as significant environmental impacts, from lighting, loss of green space and harmful impacts of the materials. This application should consider the incremental creep of development onto this precious field, as this is one of many applications proposed by the school.

