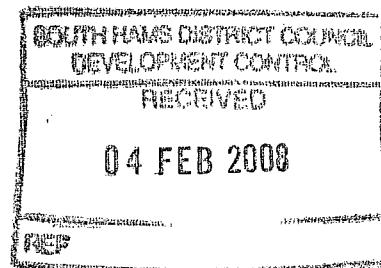




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Dear Mr. Swiss

**South Hams Local Development Framework – Affordable Housing DPD (Submission Stage)**

Thank you for your letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008, inviting Sport England to comment on the above planning document.

Sport England sees the emergence of the spatial planning system as an opportunity to deliver both its own aspirations for sport and active recreation, whilst contributing to the aspirations of its partners in public, private and voluntary sectors. Here there is the prospect of delivering a planned approach to the provision of facilities, and in doing so adding value to the work of others and helping to deliver sustainable development goals.

With regard to the development of an Affordable Housing DPD for South Hams District Council we encourage consideration towards the legitimate use of planning obligations to secure the provision of public open space and sporting, social, educational or other community facilities. Whilst recognizing that sport has benefited from the use of planning obligations in the past, evidence suggests that the level of provision secured has not always been adequate. This is again supported in our Planning Policy Objective 8 which states our aim;

*To promote the use of planning obligations as a way of securing the provision of new or enhanced places for sport and a contribution towards their future maintenance, to meet the needs arising from new development*

These and other documents are located on our website at [http://www.sportengland.org/planning\\_information](http://www.sportengland.org/planning_information)





We would therefore suggest affordable housing should provide for open space, sport and recreation at the same levels as open market housing.

For further information on Sport England's approach to planning, please use the link that is already on this correspondence.

I trust that the above information is of assistance and that you will not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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