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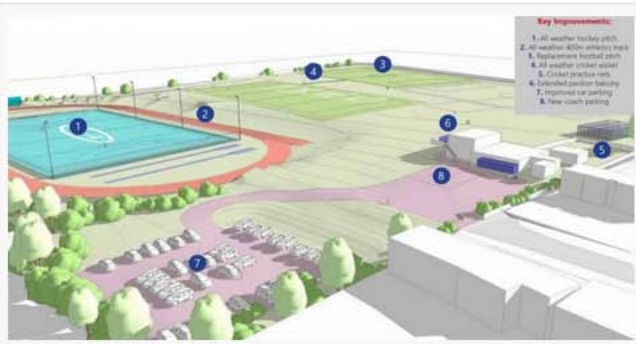
## Reactions to Urnfield Sports Field Planning Permission Granted On Appeal

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The decision to allow on appeal the planning application for development of the school sportsfield at Urnfield on the brow of the downs to the south of the Epsom Road was bound to be controversial.

*The Dragon* sought reactions to the appeal decision which will allow a floodlit, all-weather hockey pitch and a six-lane running track on the edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Schematic view of the Urnfield Sports Ground proposals (image from the Tormead school website).

The application was unanimously rejected by the GBC planning committee in December 2021 because of concerns over its location and its AONB and green belt designation, but an inspector now says these are outweighed by the benefits to the schools and the community.

Reactions to the contentious appeal decision came down on both sides of the



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