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**To:** Dean Titchener

**Cc:** Stuart Houlet

**Subject:** [OFFICIAL] - 17/21/00033 Pump Track Sharpham Road

Good Morning Dean,

I would like to register my **objection** to this application from Mr Grant Garge for a pump track to be located on Sharpham Road playing field leased by Cheddar Parish Council from Sedgemoor District Council. The terms of the lease prevent the building of any structures other than a Pavilion in the interests of retaining green open playing fields.

It further breaches local policies contained within the Local Plan as the aspirations of the plan are to enhance and extend the amount of playing field space available to the parish.

Should the application be permitted, it would lead to the urbanisation of green open spaces by the building of tarmac roadways on the site.

Its situation between two live Rugby pitches is also likely to lead to potential accidents with balls hitting users of the track (the very reason that the previous track at 'Cheddar Woods' was closed, due to their inability to adequately insure the use of the site)

Other locations for this track have been suggested, I am sure that this facility could be located in a more suitable location.

My apologies for not responding sooner, but I would have predetermined myself as a Parish Councillor with Cheddar Parish Council had I responded before last evening's meeting.

Kind Regards

Paul.

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