



A Quod project sheet

Millwall FC Training Ground Sevenoaks, Kent

Role

Quod is instructed by Millwall Football Club to provide planning advice in relation to the Club's new training ground facilities in West Kingsdown, Kent. The consented facility is located on the outskirts of West Kingsdown within the Green Belt and in close proximity to an area of Ancient Woodland.

Acting on behalf of Millwall FC, Quod secured planning permission for new training ground facilities on land within the Green Belt extending to almost 22.5 hectares within the jurisdiction of Sevenoaks District Council. The consented development comprises approximately 13,000 sqm of floorspace, including the main Academy building, an indoor pitch, groundskeeper facilities and a security gatehouse. An extensive landscaping scheme was also proposed which supported the built floorspace, and included 15 outdoor pitches as well as car and cycle parking.

The Proposed Development represents a significant opportunity to meet the Club's needs for a new long-term home for a consolidated training ground and academy facilities as well as a base for enhanced community activity throughout Kent through the work of the Millwall Community Trust.

Quod and the client team led a collaborative pre-application process including extensive consultation with the local community and local residents, Ward Councillors and Officers from Sevenoaks District Council and Kent County Council. The consultation process ensured that the proposals were genuinely informed by the community and key stakeholders.

By working closely and collaboratively with Sevenoaks District Council and the wider community, Quod demonstrated that very special circumstances based on significant community benefits existed in favour of the development and would outweigh any potential impact on the Green Belt. As a result, Millwall FC obtained planning consent.

Description

Planning advice on the new training ground facilities for Millwall FC

Client

Millwall Football Club

Planning Authority

Sevenoaks District Council

Expertise

Planning	✓
CIL	
Environmental Planning	✓
Development Economics	
Socio-economic	✓
Infrastructure	
Strategic Land Promotion	
Regeneration	
CPO	

Project Type

Infrastructure	
Major Mixed Use	
Residential	
Retail & Commercial	
Industry and Logistics	✓