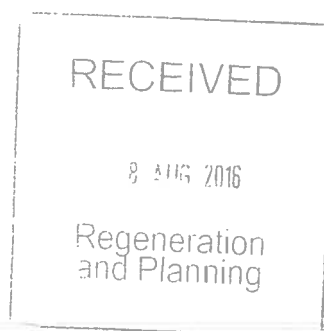


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Dear Mr Butler,

**00843/FUL - Sully Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully.**

### Support on behalf of the Rugby Section

I write to stress to you the importance of the continuation of the rugby section of the club.

The Sports and Social Club has been in existence since the 1960's and rugby has been played at the club ever since the start of the club. We have two main rugby teams for adults that play at the club and would be extremely disappointing to lose the history of the club and especially rugby being played in this area should the club close.

The facilities at the moment are in a very poor state, which applies to the club house as well as the pitches. The new proposals submitted as part of the planning application (reference above) would not only improve the facilities in terms of the new club house but would provide rugby pitches, a separate training ground and an all-weather pitch, which has a special surface using crash pad technology, that would enable rugby to be played on this should the grassed ones be unplayable due to poor weather conditions. The new proposals would safeguard the existing membership but would most likely improve membership. There would also be

capacity to improve the scope and allow mini rugby to be played, opening the sport up to other age groups.

Rugby is considered to be our national sport and as such we should provide the right facilities to encourage the youth of the Country to participate in it so that hopefully they will continue with the game in later years. Sport should be promoted at every opportunity for fitness and health, with existing facilities being enhanced for their survival and provision for future generations.

The club is in real danger of closing within a very short period unless the new facilities are approved and with the cost of providing these facilities being by way of the residential development, these modern community facilities can be provided at no financial cost to the public or the Council. As such, I request on behalf of the rugby section of the club that you approve the submitted application to ensure the future survival of the facilities.

Please consider this application favourably and allow this application to be approved to ensure the future survival of the club for the community.

Yours sincerely

Richard Gully  
Chairman – Rugby section

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