[Your Name]

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[**Name of your pitch]**

Dear [**Name of Pitch Manager or organisation]** ,

As a member of the local community and user of our local sports facilities, I am writing to ask you to take action to reduce the risk of microplastic loss from our local 3G pitch.

The performance infill used on our 3G artificial pitch is a type of microplastic. This can easily escape the pitch, trodden off by players, through maintenance or by migrating off pitch edges and can end up in nearby grass, rivers and ponds. It can even find its way to sea, harming wildlife and the environment. According to European Chemicals Agency, around 16 000 tonnes of microplastic are estimated to be lost to the environment from pitches each year across Europe.

Simple steps can reduce the risk of loss. The **Pitch In** project, co-ordinated by Fidra and KIMO International, has been set up to tackle microplastic pollution from pitches (www.team-pitch.in). Guidelines available on the Pitch In website recommend practical steps that can be taken by pitch designers, owners and users to reduce microplastic loss. Many of these are simple and low cost.

[Add details here to personalise the letter, e.g.:

* We have investigated the area surrounding the pitch and found many microplastic granules on the nearby verge / grass / streets (see photos attached).
* We have been learning about microplastic and want to make sure our local pitch isn’t adding to this pollution problem.
* Enter name of community group, club has already signed up to the **Pitch In** project and we’re raising awareness with users to stop microplastic escaping into the local environment or down drains.]

We need your help to make further improvements to make the biggest impact. From considering microplastic alternatives and physical barriers in the next refurbishment cycle, to working with maintenance staff to align their practices with mitigation measures, you have the power to make changes to reduce microplastic loss at little extra cost.

A short briefing for pitch owners can be found here: <https://bit.ly/37r4Cbg> including examples of the actions you can take to stop microplastic pollution. **We would be delighted if you could commit to action, taking those steps that are feasible within your management scope and budget.** We’d be happy to discuss this further with you and further details on tackling microplastic loss from pitches can be found at [www.team-pitch.in](http://www.team-pitch.in).

We appreciate the opportunities for outdoor play and training our local 3G pitch offers and look forward to working together to reduce any potential unforeseen impacts on our local environment.

Kind regards,

[Your Name Here]

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