



Future Merton

By email:

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AFC Wimbledon supports the inclusion of Site Mo3 Imperial Field Sports Ground (Tooting & Mitcham Hub) for residential redevelopment within the new Local Plan. We believe that the plan will make a substantial contribution to the provision of affordable housing in the borough and specifically in this ward which is relatively deprived.

The proposed site has few of the characteristics that we would expect from MOL and so it should, in our view, be released from that categorisation. The site has excellent accessibility and is well-suited for the proposed purpose. The development will provide a range of community benefits including the development of two further community-based buildings (i.e. the new entrance block and a new changing block with an educational facility).

The plan appears to be financially stable and sustainable and is consistent with the local agenda for improving sport, health and well-being – all matters that are close to our heart and that of our charity, the AFC Wimbledon Foundation.

In summary we think it will provide a valuable addition to the overall affordable housing stock, improve community facilities and make good use of a relatively neglected piece of land.

Yours faithfully

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