

Charlton Athletic Football Club

Dear Merton Council

I am writing to you today to support the inclusion of Site Mo3 Imperial Field Sports Ground (Tooting & Mitcham Hub) for residential redevelopment within the new Local Plan, because I believe it will provide much needed affordable housing for local people in a deprived ward contributing to the delivery of broader regeneration objectives. I also believe it should be classed as Metropolitan Open Land since it serves no useful purpose.

The money raised from this will be reinvested into existing public/private partnership helping to secure the long-term future of Tooting and Mitcham Hub, who give back to their community through multiple avenues. This will also provide the financial stability required to deliver the Strategic Plan, including the significant community benefits and facilitating social enterprise.

The Strategic Plan response to both the local and national agenda for improving sport, the health of young people and their education, alongside members of the community. This development brings forward the expansion of two further valuable community based building, which will give them a new entrance block, and a new changing room block with a much needed educational suite.

The part of land is unused with no landscape or ecological value, which makes it a logical piece of land to release from MOL for development, with good road frontage and next to other houses. This creates a very good accessibility for public transport, including local bus routes and the nearby Tram Link.

It is a unique opportunity to deliver a truly maintainable development, which benefits the community within the borough of Merton. The proposed scheme has an attractive design that will improve the street, and incorporates sustainable features.

I hope you consider what I have written in support of Site Mo3 Imperial Field Sports Ground (Tooting & Mitcham Hub).