

Sent: 23 December 2018 14:49
To: Future Merton
Subject: Reference: SITE Mo3 IMPERIAL SPORTS GROUND (TOOTING AND MITCHAM HUB)
Attachments: TMUHub Planning.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing in support of Tooting & Mitcham United's planning application to release an area of Imperial Sports Grounds from its designation as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL).

This would allow a number of much needed affordable homes to be built and provided for local people – and would deliver the vision set out in the Mayor's Affordable Homes Programme. Equally as important, the re-designation would help to ensure the long-term viability of TM United's community facility, enabling it to continue and grow the services it offer to its partners, users and neighbours. The resulting income is planned to be reinvested into TM United, enabling the building of a new entrance block and a changing facility with education suite at the rear of the site as shown in their Strategic Plan.

We the undersigned (see attached file), as members and users of the facility, fully support the proposals outlined.

Many thanks,

We fully support the inclusion of Site Mo3 Imperial Field Sports Ground (Tooting & Mitcham Hub) for residential redevelopment within the new Local Plan because we believe...

- It will provide much needed affordable housing for local people in a deprived ward contributing to the delivery of broader regeneration objectives.
- It is an unused piece of scrub land with no landscape or ecological value.
- It should not be classed as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) since it serves no useful purpose.
- It is a logical piece of land to release from MOL for development, with good road frontage and next to other houses.
- It has very good accessibility for public transport including local bus routes and the nearby Tram Link.
- As an 'enabling development' this is an innovative way of delivering community benefits.
- Monies raised will be re-invested into the existing public/private partnership helping to secure the long-term future Tooting and Mitcham Hub.
- It will bring forward the development of two further valuable community-based buildings (ie. new entrance block and a new changing block with educational suite).
- It will provide the financial stability required to deliver the Strategic Plan including the significant community benefits and facilitating social enterprise.
- The TM United Strategic Plan responds to both the local and national agenda for improving sport; health and wellbeing; education and enterprise.
- It is a unique opportunity to deliver a truly sustainable development that benefits the community with the borough of Merton.
- The proposed scheme has an attractive design that will improve the street and incorporates sustainable features.

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