

Merton Voluntary Service Council

Reference: Site mo3 imperial sports ground (Tooting and Mitcham hub)

I am writing to confirm my support for 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.
-) 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.

Best Wishes

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