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Dear Sirs

Merton Strategic Plan

With reference to the consultation regarding Merton's Strategic Plan I personally and on behalf of my members fully support the inclusion of Site Mo3 Imperial Field Sports Ground (Tooting & Mitcham Hub) for residential redevelopment within the new Local Plan because I believe...

1. It will provide much needed affordable housing for local people in a deprived ward contributing to the delivery of broader regeneration objectives.
2. It is an unused piece of scrub land with no landscape or ecological value.
3. It should not be classed as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) since it serves no useful purpose.
4. It is a logical piece of land to release from MOL for development, with good road frontage and next to other houses.
5. It has very good accessibility for public transport including local bus routes and the nearby Tram Link.
6. As an 'enabling development' this is an innovative way of delivering community benefits.
7. Monies raised will be re-invested into the existing public/private partnership helping to secure the long-term future Tooting and Mitcham Hub.
8. 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).
9. It will provide the financial stability required to deliver the Strategic Plan including the significant community benefits and facilitating social enterprise.

10. The TM United Strategic Plan responds to both the local and national agenda for improving sport; health and wellbeing; education and enterprise.

11. It is a unique opportunity to deliver a truly sustainable development that benefits the community with the borough of Merton.

12. The proposed scheme has an attractive design that will improve the street and incorporates sustainable features.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Woolley

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