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Sent: 16 December 2015 16:22
To: Planning
Subject: 2012/6593/P Mansfield Bowling Club site development

I am writing to object to the developer Generator's proposal for 21 homes to be built on the Mansfield Bowling Club (MBC) open space site.

Camden Council previously said that they would 'protect existing leisure facilities by resisting their loss' and supported the retention of the Open Space.

Sport England supported the objectors to the development. If we lose the specially built sports hall at HNCC, then local school children will need somewhere nearby to play football etc. Giving £600,000 to a Kings Cross sports facility will not facilitate this. They will need somewhere safe and local to play.

This tightly packed expensive development would not enhance the local Conservation Area. The CoHo housing group plan is more sympathetic to the Conservation Area in that it would provide fewer homes. Also they would be for older residents, whose specialist housing needs are poorly provided for in Dartmouth Park. There would also be more land for sport and leisure activities.

Local traffic will be severely disrupted by the building works over a 2-year period. Lorry access to the site is not easy.

Finally, I have recently been involved in the Camden Flood Risk Assessment for Highgate. The retention of the Open Space at MBC would help to reduce flooding by retaining rainwater and could alleviate the local flooding hotspots, which follow the original course of the River Fleet.

Thank you,

Eileen Willmott

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