From: Walsh, Jennifer

To: TeampNI

Subject: FW: Mansfield Bowling Club Appeal— APP/X5210/W/16/3153454

Date: 25 August 2016 12:08:22

## Dear Chris.

Thank you for your comments on this appeal. I am forwarding your email to the Planning Inspectorate as all comments on this appeal must be sent directly to the Planning Inspector rather than the Council at this stage.

Kind regards,

Jennifer

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From: Chris Baron [mailto Sent: 24 August 2016 10:00

To: Walsh, Jennifer

Subject: Mansfield Bowling Club Appeal

Ref: Mansfield Bowling Club NW5 – 2015/1444/ P case officer <u>Jennifer.walsh@camden.gov.uk</u>

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## My objections are:

- site is designated for leisure use: we call on Camden to protect sport/leisure sites, once lost, they are lost forever
- MBC have not done enough research into viable sporting alternatives for the site. Our own
  research shows that there is huge demand for indoor leisure facilities, Camden's own Olympic
  run fencing school needs a new home, trampoline parks are a rising phenomenon, and anyone
  who has had to queue at dawn to get their child a place on the Talacre gym class will know
  how oversubscribed they are.
- MBC have not made a good case for crowding the site with a dense development of luxury housing, this is not an enabling development, it is a 'get rich quick' scheme.
- MBC have designed the site so that once the houses are built the 'open space' they claim to be offering, can be closed off from the local community
- MBC claim to offer to develop the Kenlyn tennis club as part of their plan, but they have made
  no binding commitments to stand by this, it is deeply suspicious that they have not put any
  structure in place to manage the tennis club after development. Could it be that they plan to
  change the planning use to residential, then sell the site onto the next developer, who will carry
  no responsibility to uphold Generator's/MBCs promises?
- MBC have failed to ensure that the open space is sustainably managed and maintained for the future for the benefit of the public - which means that in a few years time they could come back with a demand to build more houses on whatever open space is left.

This site should be protected for leisure use, which is in increasing demand. It is open space to benefit the local community, so it was gifted to the area by Burdett-Coutts, so it should remain.

Once lost it is lost forever!

Yours

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