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Subject: FW: Re. Mansfield Bowling Club NW5 Appeal- APP/X5210/W/16/3153454
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Dear Mariachiara,

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: Mariachiaracorazza [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 August 2016 12:31
To: Walsh, Jennifer
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Dear Ms Walsh,

In view of the appeal of the Mansfield Bowling Club development, I wish to renew here, once again, my strongest objection to the housing development proposed on the site known as Mansfield Bowling Club.

This appeal should not succeed lest justice, legislation and democracy be mere concepts that can be disregarded when greed and money come into play.

The site was originally donated to the Bowling Association by Angela Burdett-Coutts for community leisure- it was a non profit making exercise. It should remain so. No one should be allowed to profit from it at the expense and the loss of a community asset.

Whilst in the past a Bowling Club, the community could still use the facility. Ditto in the future as a sports/leisure centre. Once a housing development (yet another one to grace the cityscape of London- the city of cranes....) the site and the potential facilities (amongst which, open space, green space, nature reserve etc) that come with it will be lost to the community.

The community, in the shape of residents associations and neighbours groups, have been working hard to put in a bid and try to acquire the site to allow the legacy of Angela Burdett- Coutts to continue for the benefit of all. So far unsuccessfully, as the directors of the MBC are clearly not interested in selling to us and are hoping to make considerably more money with a housing development. We are fighting an unfair battle if, by allowing this appeal to succeed, it is allowed to change the designation of the site from leisure use to residential use, as you will appreciate that no one can compete with property developers in the present London housing market!

As neighbours we have done a lot of research to put together solutions and alternative proposals for the site- there is overwhelming evidence that the site can be retained for sport and leisure. A lot of interest has been generated- various sporting groups and associations have come forward adding themselves to the long list of neighbours who have come together to buy the site. A business plan is being worked on as I write but nothing can be finalised until the sacrosanct designation of "Leisure use - not residential" can be upheld.

This appeal must fail.

For the benefit of residents, local schools and young people who could one day carry on the Olympic torch for Britain.

Kind regards

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