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Site address: Mansfield Bowling Club, Croftdown Road, Camden, London NW5 1EP

Dear Mr James Bunten

## I am against the appeal proposals because all of the original reasons for Camden's decision still stand

The existing space is needed in the area for community use and many clubs and schools have expressed an interest and could use the site. There are 4 secondary schools within 500 metres all of whom could anchor any facility and as a local community member I know that this space could be very well exploited.

Very plainly, the removal of this land can only undermine the ability of the community to develop services that support locals and the idea that London has enough of these facilities is absurd.

At its very simplest just having the space available for the locals kids via schools or a clubs to grow vegetables and plants would be a fantastic leisure and education resource and cost near nothing but the real opportunity comes in maintaining and developing the indoor assets that the site already has in an area with limited indoor community space.

No amount of financial compensation to the community has mitigate against the permanent loss of space (and the fact they are offering compensation proves that they feel compensation is needed because they have not mitigated the communities loss otherwise)

As part of the local community, I am very concerned that the developers are using this application as a first step to change the planning use of the land so that in the future they (or another developer) can carry out a bigger residential development;

While the site has been managed into disrepair, the site does not need to be developed for residential property. This appeal should be rejected to make it clear that residential development will not be allowed and then other developers and operators, who can focus on community and leisure uses, will be more interested.

Yours

Matthew Pearce

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