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Dear Mr. Bunten,

APP/X5210/W/16/3153454 – RESPONSE TO COUNCIL’S EVIDENCE

We write further to the receipt of the Council Hearing Statement and third party representations on the above appeal. We note that both the Council and various interested parties have sought to adduce further evidence on the matter of sport and leisure provision. This includes a report from newly appointed external consultants, Nortoft, at Appendix 6 of the Council’s Hearing Statement (the consultants previously appointed by the Council in relation to the Appellant’s application, and also appointed in relation to the Council’s emerging Local Plan, having concluded that the Appellant’s application complied with the relevant policy tests in relation to sport and leisure.

As a matter of fairness, the Appellant is entitled to respond to this new evidence. In the interests of clarity and expediency (and also to avoid any procedural prejudice to the Appellant from this new evidence), a Rebuttal Statement has been prepared by the Appellant’s consultants SLC, which we enclose with this letter. The Rebuttal Statement has two appendices, to which reference will be made at the hearing:

- Appendix 1: Extracts from the officer’s report to committee for the redevelopment of Belsize Fire Station (LPA Ref: 2016/0745/P); and
- Appendix 2: Extracts from the officer’s report to committee in relation to the Kings College London planning application (LPA Ref: 2015/3936/P).

In order to avoid unnecessary overload of papers, only the relevant extracts of these reports have been provided. However, full copies of the reports and the associated Decision Notices will be available at the hearing should the Inspector and/or any other parties wish to have a copy.

This letter and its enclosures are being provided to the Council and to the authors of those third-party representations that the SLC Rebuttal Statement rebuts, at the same time as it is being provided to the Planning Inspectorate.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt and that this letter and its enclosures will be forwarded to the Inspector.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Hutchison
SENIOR PLANNER