

## The Planning Inspectorate

### COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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### Appeal Reference: APP/X5210/W/16/3153454

#### DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By GENERATOR GROUP

Site Address  
Mansfield Bowling Club, Croftdown Road  
Dartmouth Park  
LONDON  
NW5 1EP

#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am against the appeal proposals for the following reasons: as a mother of 2 small children, we have to walk for 40mins to go to a gym class at Talacre as there is nothing of a high standard in the area. There is a huge need for more sporting facilities in the area, as the local schools have little if any facilities. There are very few swimming pools we can use with in a half hour walk. There are lots of children and teenagers milling around the streets who need some kind of physical outlet to encourage them to succeed, get focus, play as a team and do something constructive with there time. I find the insinuation that there is no need for alternative leisure facilities both short sighted and a complete disregard for the local needs. I think it is shameful that the bowling club has allowed this space to get into such a state of disrepair and will not let local people get involved to make it better. As an individual you are no longer allowed to join the club, or do anything to use the space for the community to help to make it better. Children are not even allowed onto the grass to play football. The current owner and generator seem to be just in this deal for the money, with no consideration for the community. I have spoken to karate group (Dojo Van Rel) who currently meet in a church hall and are desperate for a larger space and would love to be able to do something in the space. I know that local schools tried to give feedback to Generate and have been completely ignored. The space could also be used by local artists, as I have numerous friends who are looking for studio space and I have even spoken to Acava, who lease spaces for artists as well as organising projects for the community, through education projects.

I find it very strategic and quite rude that Generate have made there appeal when they hope most local residence will be on the holidays, as so many locals have school age children. It is another example of how disinterested they are on the views of local people. I am concerned that if Generate try to get this area changed to residential dwelling that they will then push forward and make the whole area residential. This land is allocated as an area of asset of community value, but Generators plans will just make a few people a lot of money and will have completely disregarded the reason this area was set aside in the first place. My house backs onto the site and the proposed plans for development would be completely out of context with the area. This appeal should be rejected to send a message loud and clear to the developers, that they cannot just take this potentially precious gift to our children away, with the growth in childhood obesity, do they have no regard for the children in the area? Don't they care? That's certainly how it feels. For Generate it's just about the Money.

Yours sincerely,  
Nicola Kay