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| 2021/6108/P | MAITLAND PARK TRA | 31/01/2022 23:05:29 | OBJ | <p>Maitland Park TRA were informed for many years (by various council reps) that the demolished Aspen House MUGA would be replaced with another MUGA on the estate. The new MUGA would serve to provide youth play provision especially aimed at children of 11+years. The TRA have suggested locations for the new MUGA which have been dismissed by the construction teams as being unsuitable due to reasons which have not been made clear. One suggested location has been on the site where there are several empty garages and a second possible location would be to attach a muga to the existing junior playground located by Whitebeam House. Play equipment on the green is not a suitable replacement for the MUGA as this does not provide a safe place for children to engage in ball games. Currently the children are forced to create goals by painting walls with white paint. The football matches being played on the lawns, which damages the grass and rose bushes. In addition ball games anger estate residents who fear their windows will be smashed, this has led to angry confrontations between residents and children (local police records can show). The consultations have not been well attended and have not accurately captured the wishes of the children living on the Maitland Park estate. The TRA have spoken to the children and parents who tell us they would like a MUGA on the estate. ASB is an issue boroughwide on every Camden estate and a replacement MUGA would not necessary exacerbate this. In fact youth play provisions will encourage teens to play sport safely, close to home under the watchful eye of their parents and neighbours. Children on the Maitland Park Villas section of this estate currently have a playground which was installed over 30 years ago, the council have not considered the needs of the children who play here. They deserve to have the old playground equipment replaced with modern pieces and there is no mention of this already highlighted need within the planning permission. The installation of new play equipment will no doubt damage the green areas on the Maitland PARK estate. Scattered installations will damage the beautiful lawn as well as encourage people to walk on non designated walkways. The trees are a important and valued feature on the estate and residents have not been informed as to how these are to be protected from any damage now that a drastic change to the landscape is being proposed.</p> <p>The Aspen House demolition included the loss of a gym and youth centre, this in addition to the loss of the Muga has and will leave a massive void in the lives of local children. Local children have already been through great hardship due to the various lockdowns and not providing a muga on the estate would be devastating. A muga would prove less costly long term in terms of maintenance, the council have not made it clear to residents of the TRA as to how it will afford the upkeep of the various pieces of equipment. The TRA is especially disadvantaged since the DMC meetings have been on hold. The TRA does not have a hall or meeting place on the estate as this was demolished with the gym hall, this has not helped when it comes to engaging residents in coming forward to give their views with respect to this planning permission. The TRA has experienced a loss of income due to the loss of the TRA hall which has been demolished, this has meant that the estate being able to come together as a community to express what they wish to see happen with regard to the proposed developments.</p> |