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To: Kate Henry

Subject: RE: Application ref 2021/6108/P - Play equipment at Maitland Park

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Hi Kate,

I have been working on a response. It does echo my colleagues observations. There are clear benefits of having fitness equipment and it can when done correctly increase legitimate activity within an area. In its current form I would not support the application. This is in part due to the design and access statement stating that the site suffers with antisocial behaviour at certain points within the estate but fails to mention how and if it will be addressed. Visibility will be key and there are numerous mature trees in the area which could hamper natural surveillance. There was also mention of concrete benches that can be used for sit-ups and other exercises but also act as a seating area. I think it needs clear definition of what is seating and what is for exercise. Persons will be less likely to want to approach the fitness trail if there is a group just sitting and loitering. Separation of these areas will avoid any possible conflict.

I am happy to provide a more official response if required or discuss further on the phone or teams

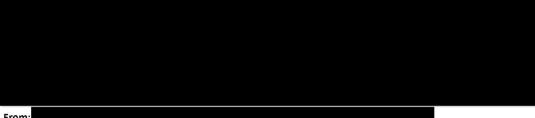
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Good afternoon Kate,

Thank you for sending over the detail for the play equipment at Maitland Park.

I am very familiar with the location and crime types for the area having covered Camden on response team for 8

There is a fine line between encouraging legitimate users with new play equipment/seating arrangements and also trying not to attract misuse.

Whilst I understand residents' fears that it may attract more antisocial behaviour, there is also an opportunity to provide a defined use to the area instead of it being an ambiguous space. By providing facilities for local residents, it encourages ownership of the area and a chance for the space to be filled with people using it for the right reasons (which will deter those looking to cause trouble). This shared space for residents also provides an opportunity to build a sense of community, an opportunity to get to know neighbours and meet for social interactions. A strong community reduces not only the opportunity for crime, but also the fear of it.

There are a number of options which can be implemented to deter ASB and illegitimate use.

There should be good surveillance on to the area from the properties in order for any incidents to be seen and

This would include cutting back trees to improve sight lines and also ensuring they do not covering any lighting present. The same can be said for shrubs and planting which should be no higher than one meter to encourage good sight lines.

Any seating opportunity should be set apart so groups can not congregate in large numbers.

Clear rule setting for the equipment and space, including signage and, if necessary, a hard border.

The area should be well maintained in order to ensure it is well respected and does not fall into disrepair. When equipment is broken or tired, legitimate users stop making use of the facilities and misuse creeps in.

I am more than happy to discuss the project by email or phone to clarify any points.

Kind regards,

Ellen

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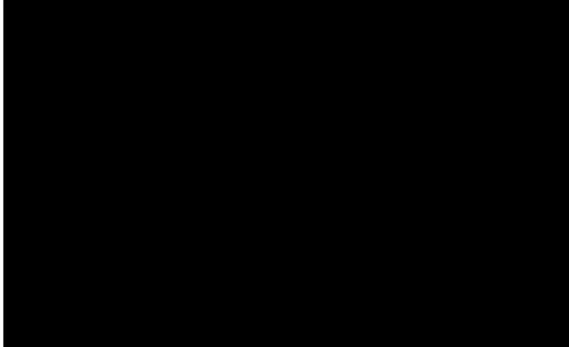
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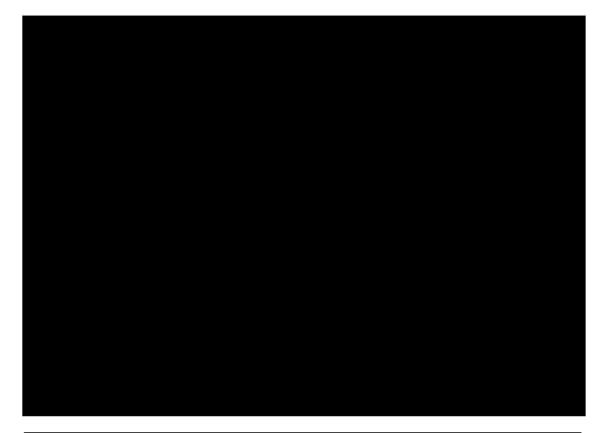
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