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Dear Sir / Madam

**Wandsworth Draft Local Plan
Representations made on behalf of All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC)**

We write on behalf of All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) to make representations to the London Borough of Wandsworth's Draft Local Plan which is currently out for Regulation 19 consultation (February 2022). These representations are written with specific reference to the Wimbledon Park Golf Club, which partially falls within the administrative boundary of the London Borough of Wandsworth.

The AELTC submitted representations on the Draft Local Plan in March 2021 as part of the Regulation 18 consultation. This response should be read in combination with the previous representations submitted in March 2021. Following the Regulation 18 consultation, as part of the regulation 19 consultation the Council have provided the following response to the representations submitted.

"Wimbledon Park Golf Club is located immediately to the east of the main All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) site along Church Road. The northern element of the site is within the administrative boundary of the London Borough of Wandsworth (LBW), with the remaining within the London Borough of Merton (LBM). The current existing use of the site is for a golf course.

The LBM has allocated the Wimbledon Park Golf Club, in combination with the main AELTC site, to support it as a sporting venue of national and international significance. Site allocations in LBW are not intended for the promotion of sporting venues. Consequently, it would be inappropriate to designate the site as such. However, proposals for the area within LBW will be assessed against the development plan. Wimbledon Park Golf Club, Church Road does not require site allocation."

We are concerned with the comment that "Site allocations in LBW are not intended for the promotion of sporting venues. Consequently, it would be inappropriate to designate the site as such". In accordance with the para 17 of the NPPF the Development Plan must include strategic policies to address the local planning authorities priorities for the development and use of land in its area. This includes leisure facilities (NPPF para 20), for which the proposals as part of the AELTC would fall under. We therefore do not understand why leisure facilities are unable to be allocated.

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Despite this, it is understood that it may not be necessary to include Wimbledon Park as a site allocation within the draft Local Plan. However, given the cross boundary nature of the site with the London Borough of Merton, it is important that both Local Plans are consistent in their treatment of the site.

In accordance with paragraph 24 of the NPPF Local planning authorities are under a duty to cooperate with each other on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries. As drafted, the Local Plan fails to recognise the AELTC site and its allocation within the London Borough of Merton's adopted and draft Local Plan.

Further, emerging policies should refer to the London Plan. Policy S5 of the London Plan outlines the Mayor's approach to sports and recreation, including the provision of new facilities and the enhancement, replacement, and/or loss of existing facilities. Development proposals are expected to increase or enhance the provision of facilities.

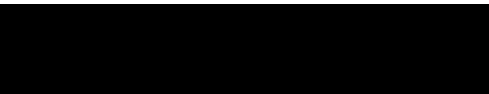
In light of the above, it is again requested that the draft Local Plan for Wandsworth recognises the future aspirations for Wimbledon Park Golf Club site and there is a consistency in approach to the site between the London Borough of Wandsworth and Merton. The Local Plan remaining silent on this point fails to demonstrate effective cooperation on a site that crosses administrative boundaries. Further, The Championships are of national and international importance and provide as significant contribution to the economy, including locally. It is therefore important that the future aspirations of the AELTC on the Wimbledon Park Golf Club site are recognised within the new Local Plan.

Conclusion

The AELTC welcome the opportunity to comment on the draft New Local Plan. Whilst the AELTC are generally supportive of the draft Local Plan and the proposed policies, we again request that there is a consistency in approach to the Wimbledon Park Golf Club site due to the cross Borough nature of the site. It is important that the future aspirations of the site are recognised, particularly due to the national and international importance of The Championships.

The AELTC trust that their comments will be fully considered as part of the consultation and we would be happy to discuss the matter further on their behalf.

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of
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