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To: Planning Strategy
Subject: Brent Local Plan - Proposed Modifications.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the Proposed Modifications to the Draft Brent Local Plan.

As you are aware Sport England has an established role within the planning system which includes providing advice and guidance on all relevant areas of national and local policy as well as supporting Local Authorities in developing their evidence base for sport. Sport England aims to ensure positive planning for sport by enabling the right facilities to be provided in the right places based on robust and up-to-date assessments of need for all levels of sport and for all sectors of the community. Further detail on Sport England's role and objectives within the planning system can be found via the following link:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/aims-and-objectives/>

Sport England has reviewed the proposed modifications and has the following comments:

- MM2 – The reference to the Council's Indoor Sports and Leisure Needs Assessment and the Playing Pitch Strategy is welcomed.
- MM3 – Sport England support that the Council will ensure that there is a sufficient supply of indoor and outdoor sports provision to meet demand as this aligns with Sport England's Planning Policy.
- MM8 – The specific inclusion of outdoor sports provision and Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA's) in the anticipated infrastructure, which is separate from local and park requirements, is welcomed as this provides clarity of what would be expected. The new provision should be informed by the Council's up-to-date sport facility strategies.
- MM40 – Sport England supports the modification from playing 'pitch' to 'field' since the a site is more than merely the playing pitch and using the term '*playing field*' aligns with wording in National and Sport England Policy. Sport England also welcomes that the Council are seeking to protect and enhance John Billam Playing Fields.
- MM42 – Sport England welcomes the clarity and potential requirements relation to ball strike.
- MM56 – Similar to MM40 above, the amendment to playing field provides greater clarity.
- MM69 – Sport England support the reprovision of the existing MUGA and the requirement of a Community Use Agreement to cover the MUGA and other spaces within the school. School facilities are important for local communities to be active. Sport England's 'Use our School' tools could be of assistance which can be found at <https://www.sportengland.org/campaigns-and-our-work/use-our-school>
- MM119 – Sport England welcome that open space, which often contains sports facilities and are areas for informal play, would be provided based on current and future needs rather than a standards approach that Sport England do not support.

Sport England trusts the above is of assistance. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your Faithfully,

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