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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 17 May 2018 08:04  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** RE: GLA

Thanks for doing this [REDACTED]

Regards

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**Sent:** 17 May 2018 09:01  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
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Thanks both, I will add that in [REDACTED] and I'll copy you both in on the response. I'll give them a call again middle of next week and see how we get on.

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 16 May 2018 16:20

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** GLA

Hi [REDACTED]

Spoke to the GLA strategic planner responsible for sport, got agreement to a meeting in July. But this will be after they have sent their proposed changes to the Planning Inspectorate which is not ideal if they haven't accepted our changes. Unfortunately they still haven't looked at our representations yet.

I've put together the email below with some key messages. Could you have a quick look at this and feedback as soon as you are able to, I'm thinking this would also form a basis for a discussion with them.

I would like to get this sent back to them asap and I will follow it up again with a call early next week to see if I can get any further with them,

Many thanks

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Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

It was good to speak to you about Sport England's comments on the London Plan.

As discussed, Sport England meets quarterly with the following national governing bodies; England & Wales Cricket Board, Football Association (represented by the Football Foundation), Rugby Football Union, England Hockey, Lawn Tennis Association, Baseball Softball UK

Some may have also made their own representations to the plan but some did not comment directly as they are relying on us to make the case on their behalf, as they all provided comment on our draft response. I should explain that we also seek to represent a much wider range of sports than the above and also have reflected upon the role of physical activity in preparing our responses.

A copy of our representations are attached. These are set against the individual policies and supporting text in line with the consultation process. As discussed, I said I would summarise some of the key issues for us that I mentioned over the phone and that we would like to discuss further with you;

- **Meeting current and future needs for sport (Policy S5)** – The supporting text underlines that in London that there is unmet demand for all types of sports facilities. Sport England would like the plan to go further in its encouragement for local authorities to plan strategically for new facilities. Given this significant amount of need other policies in the plan should seek to protect existing facilities and also be more encouraging towards applications that include sports facilities that will directly contribute to health and wellbeing of new communities.
- **Provision of built sports facilities on existing playing fields** – Paragraph 74 (and the emerging NPPF) make provision for built sports facilities to be located on existing playing fields. If a local authority or community group is looking to provide a new artificial pitch, a tennis court, a multi-use games area, a new leisure centre or similar it will often be on the site of an existing sports facility. Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and the NPPF makes provision for this. We are concerned that some of the policies in the emerging London Plan do not allow for this and we have highlighted these.
- **Protection for playing fields and built sports facilities** – Sport England has made a number of objections to the policies and supporting text in the Social Infrastructure section. Playing fields and built sports facilities require special protection and are given that by the NPPF and Sport England are also a statutory consultee on applications affecting playing field. We are concerned that as currently worded the policies have the potential to encourage Boroughs to locate new schools and health care facilities on playing fields and other built sports facilities.
- **Securing planning permission for sports lighting** - Sport England is concerned that some of the policies and supporting text (D12/D13/S5) may make it difficult to secure permission for sports lighting on artificial pitches and courts in some locations. Securing planning permission of sports lighting is already difficult in some Boroughs (the LTA has some evidence of this) but floodlighting is essential to provide local communities with evening use of sports facilities, thus contributing to the community's health and well being. The London Plan should encourage Boroughs to permit sports lighting whilst giving consideration to neighbours and biodiversity in a balanced way and this could be helped with guidance on this.
- **Playing Pitch Strategies** – Sport England welcomes the references to Playing Pitch Strategies in the plan but we are concerned about how these will sit alongside the other Green Infrastructure strategies promoted in Chapter 8 and we would welcome a further conversation about how the GLA considers this will work.
- **Active Design** – Sport England would like to better incorporate our Active Design guidance in the London Plan and our emerging thinking on how to create more active environments. We'd like to see a reference to this document in the London Plan and work with you to further promote the principles in the guidance (some of which are already included in the TFL Health Streets for London document. We would also like to discuss further our emerging work in this area as it applies to London.

I am grateful to you agreeing to meet with us in early July to discuss issues relevant to sport and recreation. These are the dates that we are available; 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 18<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Notwithstanding, I am also concerned that if we don't seek to resolve some of the above with you before any proposed modifications are published then will it be too late to amend these policies and

address these issues?

I will give you another call next week to see if you have had the opportunity to look over our representations and we can discuss further,

Kind regards

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