

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hybrid pitch visit/Draft London Plan
Date: Monday, November 5, 2018 10:15:21 AM

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your email of 23rd October and for providing us with all these useful contacts, which we will share with our relevant colleagues.

Hybrid pitch at Regent's Park

With regard to the Hybrid pitch visit, I have spoken to my colleague [REDACTED] and he is happy to set a date for showing you and your colleagues the Regent's Park pitch and providing an update on how the pitch is performing (the pitch is part of a wider programme of testing for these pitches). I will be in touch shortly with some suggested dates and [REDACTED] suggested that the GLA sports unit may also wish to attend so I can email our contacts there the details also.

Draft London Plan

Since we met, colleagues and I have been through the draft Plan and the changes that have been made to the plan following our representations. Sport England has agreed to appear at the EIP on those issues we were invited to by the Planning Inspectors but if we can resolve our comments with you through written representations (or similar) we would much prefer that. Our statement is due by the 3rd December so it would be good to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss our submission at least a week before hand, which brings us to a meeting before 26th November.

We are available to meet at your offices (or ours) on the following dates; **7th November, 14th**

November, 19th November.

It would also greatly help with the preparation of our statement if you could answer these questions for us which relate to how the GLA intends the policies to be read;

Policy S5

- Sport England welcomes the recent additional text for Policy S5B (4). The beginning of Policy S5 B states; 'development for sports and recreation facilities should....' Is it intended that this policy should apply only to sport and recreation facilities?
- If, for example, a new school or a housing development is proposed on an existing artificial pitch or sports hall would policy S5 apply?
- Would you be prepared to amend the text of Policy S5 B to be separated into 2 parts with S5 B (4) separated from Policy S5 B (1-3) to form a new part (D) of Policy S5 to read;
'Development affecting sports and recreation facilities should...' 'ensure that there is no net loss of facilities, unless it can be demonstrated that there is no ongoing or future demand. Where published, a borough's assessment of the need for sports and recreation facilities should be used to identify ongoing or future demand.' S5(B) 1-3 would remain as they are in the draft Plan.

Protection for built sports facilities. e.g. artificial pitches, tennis courts and ancillary buildings

The London Plan defines open space as; *'All land in London that is predominantly undeveloped other than by buildings or structures that are ancillary to the open space use. The definition covers the broad range of types of open space within London, whether in public or private ownership and whether public access is unrestricted, limited or restricted.'*

Does the GLA consider that artificial pitches, tennis courts, skate parks and sports pavilions are

included in this definition of open space?

London Plan indicators

We have spoken to our Insight team about a potential indicator for Active Travel. They have suggested two angles that can be taken;

1) A metric on the proportion of Londoner's taking part in Active Travel (walking or cycling) - the generic metric we provide is 'at least twice in the last 28 days', however given their objective is 2x 10 mins per person per day then perhaps something like 20+ /28+ times in the last 28 days, depending on whether they are including weekends or just week days in that aspiration. We cannot detect number of times a day.

The alternative for Active Travel which would be worth exploring is linking into what DfT already publish nationally both from Active Lives and their annual travel survey. The DfT information is here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/walking-and-cycling-statistics>

2) A more generic sport and physical activity metric, utilising the 150+ minutes a week headline 'active' metric we use as that aligns with the CMO guidelines.

The latter is available in our published reports the former is more bespoke and we would need to go back to our Insight team if you wished to use this, unless you can link into something DfT is already producing (which would be preferable).

Insight has suggested that if you are interested in using either of these indicators, you should speak further with London Sport as they already have a target to get 1 million Londoners more active. This was slightly different to just getting more to meet 150+ minutes a week as they were looking to show progression along the spectrum of minutes, however we are not sure what they eventually settled on for that definition. Let me know if you require their contact details.

I will give you a call shortly to discuss the above,

Kind regards

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Planning Manager

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 October 2018 10:09

To: [REDACTED] >

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] >

Subject: RE: Greater London Authority

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for coming to meet with us, it was useful to understand more about the issues you are facing and to discuss the new London Plan policies.

Do keep us in the loop on how you get on with your request to appear at the EIP and your review of the documents.

Thank you for sending through your list of guidance. We would appreciate being updated on the testing of the hybrid pitch at regents park and I would be happy to come to the site visit you are arranging.

I've also copied in [REDACTED] who manages our Growth Strategies team, leading on Opportunity Area Planning Frameworks; as discussed it may be useful to have conversations about planning for sports in opportunity areas.

My colleague [REDACTED] (see CC'd) is the Principal Strategic Planner in the London Plan team leading on transport and he is happy to have a discussion and help link you with TfL and GLA transport policy colleagues.

[REDACTED] (see CC'd) is a Public Health Specialist at the GLA and would be best placed to discuss links with active lifestyles and health policy.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Senior Strategic Planner

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 October 2018 12:32

To: [REDACTED] >

Subject: Greater London Authority

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for meeting with us last Friday, we found our discussion helpful. As discussed we will provide you with more information regarding the request to appear at the EIP as we review the GLA and the Planning Inspectorate's documents over the coming weeks.

I've asked to contact our Insight team this week regarding indicators/Annual Monitoring Report and we will get back to you on that shortly.

We'd be grateful for [REDACTED]' details so that we can approach him about assistance with the opportunity areas/growth strategies.

We would like to share more of our tools and guidance and we are happy to provide training or workshops for you (and the Boroughs) on any of these. Here are links for some of the things we spoke about;

Artificial Grass Pitches - Acoustics - Planning Implications

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/artificial-grass-pitch-acoustics-planning-implications/>

Guidance on Sports Lighting (indoor and outdoor);

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-sports-facilities/>

Sport England's guidance on Playing Pitch Strategies;

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/playing-pitch-strategy-guidance/>

Information about Sport England's Facilities Planning Model

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/facilities-planning-model/>

We will also keep you updated on the outcome of our testing of the hybrid pitch at Regent's Park and we can arrange a visit with colleagues if that would be of interest? One of the Boroughs has recently expressed an interest in visiting it so I could try to organise for you to join that visit if you wished to.

If you have contact details for someone we could speak to in TFL about our Active Travel/Active Environments projects that would be useful also,

We will be in touch again shortly,

Kind regards

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Planning Manager

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