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Dear Sirs/Madam

LB Merton Draft Sites And Policies Development Plan Document

We refer to the above consultation. We are instructed by our client, the London Fire And Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) to respond on their behalf in connection with their property at Mitcham Fire Station, 30 Lower Green West, Mitcham (site proposal 35).

We made representations on behalf of LFEPA in response to the earlier Call for Sites strategy, in the Summer of 2011. At that time, we informed LB Merton of the planned relocation of Mitcham fire station to a new site, secured under Private Finance Initiative (PFI) project. We proposed that the existing fire station should be designated for mixed use and/or residential redevelopment, once it is declared surplus to the operational requirements of LFEPA.

We note that the Council's preferred use is "community uses" under D1 User Class, subject to delivery; residential C3 Use Class may be appropriate. We consider that it is inappropriate to designate the property for community use in view of the fact that LFEPA are committed to re-providing a new fire station facility at 421/445 London Road, Mitcham CR4. In view of this there will be no loss of community facilities in the immediate area. We repeat our previous representation that the property should be allocated for mixed and/or residential use.

We trust that these representations will be considered carefully throughout the consultation exercise.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this letter to Andrew Haigh of this firm.

Yours faithfully

Dron & Wright

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