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Dear Pauline,

Merton Council Local Development Framework: Sites and Policies Plan and Policy Maps – EIP Matters and Issues

The Greater London Authority's response to Main Matters 5 and 7 of the hearings programme is set out below:

Main Matter 5: Affordable Housing

The Council proposes to delete that part of paragraph 2.42 of the justification to Policy DM H3 which sets rent caps on affordable rents. What are the planning reasons for this proposed deletion?

The GLA supports the changes to paragraph 2.42 of Policy DM H3 with regards to the removal of the suggested rent caps on affordable rents (please refer to GLA's representation submitted on 28 August 2013 (LDF24LDD04JF04 and 05)). However, in order to be in general conformity with the London Plan, paragraph 2.42 will need to make clear that Merton's Tenancy Strategy (January 2013) and Housing Strategy 2012-2015 do not constitute planning policy.

Main Matter 7: Site Selection Process

Site 37, Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium

As stated on the letter sent to Merton Council on 27 September 2013, the Mayor would support the retention of Site 37 Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium as a greyhound stadium use and other compatible stadia uses where feasible. The letter, reference LDF24LDD04JF06, is in Appendix 1.

If you would like to discuss our comments in more detail, please contact Jonathan Finch on 020 7983 4799.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stewart Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Stewart Murray
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cc Richard Tracey, Merton London Assembly Constituency Member
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Our ref: PDU/LDF24/LDD04/
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Date: 27 September 2013


Dear Tara Butler,

Merton Council Local Development Framework: Proposed submission of Sites and Policies Plan and Policy Maps – Site 37 Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium

Thank you for your letter of 15 July 2013 responding to the Deputy Mayor's formal representations to the proposed submission consultation, reference PDU/LDF24/LDD04/04 and the Council's on-going engagement with regards to the conformity issues raised by the Mayor.

Whilst it is considered that the broad thrust of the draft proposed submission version of Sites and Policies Plan and Policy Maps DPD are now in conformity with the London Plan (2011), the Mayor maintains the particular concerns raised regarding the proposed allocated use for site 37 Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium and the potential wording that could be interpreted as a diminution or loss of the greyhound stadium use in the future, despite the generic "stadium" designation proposals. The Mayor recommends that the wording is more explicit in seeking to retain a greyhound stadium use and other compatible stadia uses which do not prejudice its current functioning as a cultural and leisure offer as supported by London Plan policies on culture, sport and entertainment provision (Policy 4.6).

Yours sincerely



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