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Dear Sirs

POTENTIAL SITE & DRAFT POLICIES MAPS – FEEDBACK – SITE 36

I am writing as Chair of the Trustees of Merton Music Foundation and in response to your request for feedback in relation to the above proposals, I now submit the representation on behalf of the Trustees, where our following observations (in blue typeface) relate to Site 36 – Chaucer Centre.

1. Site description The Chaucer Centre is a two storey building. It is a venue for **training, meetings and conferences, mainly for council staff and the registered charity Merton Music Foundation. The charity also has its offices on the site and provides borough-wide music activities from the building.**

2. Current use Training, meeting and conference centre. **Add ...”and music centre (tuition and rehearsals) for the London Borough of Merton area”.**

3. Council’s preferred use Mixed use residential and community (D1 Use Class) or solely residential use (C3 Use Class) **The drafting of this paragraph is considered potentially ambiguous and might better be redrafted to read “Mixed use residential (C3 Use Class) and community (D1 Use Class) or solely residential use (C3 Use Class)”. Furthermore, it is the Trustees’ opinion that the statement of preferred use be extended to include “...or solely community (D1 Use Class)”.**

4. Delivery timetable 2017 – 2023

Issues In a mixed use development residential uses should be on upper floors. **MMF would require occupancy of the upper floor for security reasons.**

5. Summary of consultation responses

Clarification that the registered charity Merton Music Foundation ~~school~~ operates from within the site not adjacent to it. Inline with national government expectations it is expected that Merton Music Foundation as a community organisation will require a greater use of the building from 2015-2020+

I would be grateful if you would please acknowledge receipt of the above representation.

Yours sincerely



David Merriman Chair of Trustees Merton Music Foundation