

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Tara,

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

In light of the forthcoming Examination of the Merton Sites and Policies and Policy Maps document, I would like to provide further clarification with regards to the GLA's position on the proposed site allocations for the Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium site to aid the Inspector in making a judgement on whether the local plan is 'sound' and legally compliant.

Based on further discussions with the Council, the landowners and further information regarding the aspirations for the site, the Mayor is of the view that while the retention of a greyhound stadium use at the site would be ideal, the intensification of a sporting use at the site in the form of other financially viable stadia uses, where feasible, would ultimately be acceptable in strategic planning terms. The delivery of a sports-led mixed-use redevelopment, which has regard to London Plan policy on retail and town centre development (Policy 4.7) and that supports London's cultural, sport and entertainment provision (Policy 4.6) would be considered to be in accordance with London Plan policy.

Yours sincerely



**Sir Edward Lister**  
Chief of Staff & Deputy Mayor, Policy & Planning

cc Richard Tracey, Merton London Assembly Constituency Member  
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