

Preliminary account of the representation of the Wimbledon Park Residents Association

We do not believe that the allocated use for site 37, the Greyhound Stadium, put forward by Merton council is sound. Some of the types of enabling development that has been proposed are not consistent with National and Merton's own planning guidelines. Furthermore sporting developments that require the presence of very large numbers of spectators travelling to and from the site are also not compatible with planning guidelines and we believe this will blight the local area. The proposal for a new Greyhound stadium has the merit that it is a continued use and that this activity has posed few problems for local residents in the past. We also think that the allocated use for site 37 should be extended to include light industrial.

We have given some detailed arguments in our responses to the consultations of Merton council to support these points of view. However, the proposal of AFC Wimbledon and Galliard Homes was not submitted at the beginning of stage four, nor was it submitted by the end of August 2013 when all submissions were to be presented. As a result the representations we submitted to the stage four consultation were unable to comment on this proposal.

We are still considering the proposal of AFC Wimbledon and Galliard Homes and are in the process of taking advice, studying the relevant documents and further examining National and Merton's planning guidelines. As a result we are unable at this stage to specify in detail what we will say but we expect that it will be an extension of the arguments given in our previous considerations. We do not believe that Merton has properly consulted local residents and we hope to present a survey of the views of local residents.