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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Sites and Policies DPD: Site Proposal 30: land adjacent to 10 Home Park Road (Locally known as Kenilworth Green)

I am concerned to see that the above referenced site is on your list of potential sites for redevelopment. Kenilworth Green, as it is known to local residents, has been looked after by the Wimbledon Park Residents' Association in conjunction with the Council for over twenty years. Over the years the WPRA and other local residents have carried out many clear up projects and also planted much of what you see in the form of trees, shrubs and other plants.

This is the only green space available between Wimbledon Park and Durnsford Recreation Ground and is widely appreciated and used by particularly the local residents in Home Park Road, Kenilworth Avenue (Conservation Area) Dora Road and other nearby streets. It is popular with young and old for dog walking and simply sitting and peacefully enjoying the pleasant environment. It is especially appreciated by young people and allows them a local space to congregate in the evenings.

Within the last year the adjacent property at 10 Home Park Road was extended and during the works carried out there the builder was allowed to use the green area for access to the rear of the property and for dumping building materials. Also most of the planting of shrub roses and other plants that were specifically planted by the WPRA to protect the then existing boundary wall from constant graffiti, were virtually all destroyed by the builder and the Council has done nothing, it would seem, to force the builder to make good the planting or the grass area that was destroyed. This is something the WPRA intend to remedy shortly.

Recently we responded to the new Council initiative 'adopt a green space'. We made clear our interest as the 'friends of' group that we were supporting both Durnsford Rec and Kenilworth Green. Durnsford Rec has recently been the scene of an extensive Fruit hedge planting and, this weekend, a Wildflower planting. We plan to extend some of this activity to Kenilworth Green shortly.

Kenilworth Green might be described in your terms as 'vacant'. But I assure you the local community does not consider it so.

I would appreciate your taking into consideration these comments and deleting this green space from your list in future.

Yours sincerely

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