

Written Representation: Matters 3 and 9 - MOL 20 and Site 21EA (Barclays Sports Ground)

Matter 3 - Question 11 (MOL20 De-designation)

No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated to justify removing MOL status from part of Barclays Sports Ground (MOL20), as required by the NPPF 2023. The significantly revised cost estimates (£3m - £3.5m from £55m, see S21, Response to Representation ID 441) show that alternative funding methods are feasible and have not been explored. The Council's categorisation of this project as a "Desirable" (low priority) project (see EB84 - Section 5 table - entry: New outdoor and indoor sports facilities at the former Barclays Bank Sports Ground) further undermines the justification for MOL de-designation.

Required Change: Maintain full MOL status for MOL20 / Site 21EA.

Matter 9 - Questions 10c, 10j, 10g, 10o, 40, and 41 (Site 21EA Residential Development)

The proposed enabling residential development, and MOL de-designation, is unjustified. Critical issues such as local infrastructure strain, oversubscribed local schools, and existing severe traffic congestion have not been adequately addressed. No exceptional circumstances to MOL de-designation were demonstrated, as required by the NPPF 2023. No funding alternatives to enabling development are explored, but are feasible given the reduced project cost (£3m - £3.5m, see S21, Response to Representation ID 441).

Required Change: Disallow residential development. If development is permitted, strictly limit it to the original Clubhouse footprint and height. Alternatively, development could be moved to the north-east corner of Barclays Sports Ground.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours sincerely,

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