

Appendix A

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Dear Mr Smith

Sports facility at Pavilion Way, Edgware HA8

I am writing as a resident of Pavilion Way and the Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden.

This land was given to the Council as part of a deal to develop Pavilion Way flats. Attached was a football pitch and sports pavilion with a covenant attached. The covenant stated that the pitch and pavilion be used for sports for local people. Barnet Council has stated its intention to appropriate the land to build a free school and flats.

The notice you issued dated 19.3.15 called this the 'Former Sports Pavilion'. It is not 'former' but still in use. The local children cleared the land to play football themselves after the Council had let the land become neglected.

The local community worked with sports funding bodies to develop an outline plan to bring the facility back into use. They needed a sufficiently long lease to be able to secure investment, but the Council refused to grant this lease, thereby denying them access to funding.

These sports facilities are badly needed. This is the only full sized football pitch in an area of significant deprivation. Therefore, I object to this land being appropriated. It should be restored as a sports facility for the local community, as per the covenant. Grants for its restoration will be available if the longer lease is granted.

I trust this will go to committee where I will want to make representations.

Yours sincerely



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AM for Barnet and Camden

cc. Sports England
Playing Fields Association

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