

London Borough of Harrow Local Plan (2021 – 2041) EIP

Week 1 Matter 4

Hearing Statement
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.0.1 CarneySweeney act on behalf of Barwood Land, who own land in the London Borough of Harrow. They are concerned that the use of the Leisure Facilities Map in the support text of Policy IC3: Sport and Recreation is unjustified on the evidence base.
- 1.0.2 This Statement sets out Barwood Land's position on Matter 4, Issue 5, as defined by the Inspector, namely: *"Are the Plans policies which address the Environment, Green Infrastructure and Social and Community Infrastructure justified, positively prepared, consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the London Plan"*, and particularly responds to the Inspector's question 5.7.
- 1.0.3 A further Statement has been submitted in relation to Matters 3 and 5.



2.0 Matter 4, Issue 5: Environment, Green Infrastructure and Social and Community Infrastructure

5.7: Is part A of the policy justified by the evidence base and does it accord with national policy?

- 2.1.1 Our response is 'No', the policy is not justified by the evidence base.
- 2.1.2 The wording of the policy is not contested itself, however, the inclusion of the 'Leisure Facilities' map which is sourced from the Harrow Characterisation and Tall Buildings Study (2021) reflects an out-of-date policy position.
- 2.1.3 The supporting text of the draft policy, para. 6.3.2. refers to the Harrow Indoor and Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy (2023 – 2037), adopted by the Council in March 2024. This document clearly identifies the current sports pitch provision in the Borough and includes maps identifying the locations of the facilities in the Borough. The 'Leisure Facilities' map does not directly reflect the provision set out in the Strategy and is therefore misleading. The inclusion of the Map is not justified by the policy text or the supporting paragraphs.
- 2.1.4 If the Map remains within the Local Plan, it is our view that it holds no weight in identifying or allocating sports provision in the Borough.
- 2.1.5 In conclusion, the plan would not meet the definition of 'sound' as outlined in the NPPF, as the inclusion of the Map is not justified by the evidence base.

