



## STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

between

**LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

and

**SPORT ENGLAND**

**October 2024**

1. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared jointly between London Borough of Enfield Council (LBE) and Sport England (SE). This updates the position set out within the previously signed SoCG (dated July 2024) [SUB14a].

2. Within the Inspector's Preliminary Matters and Questions [IN1], (paragraph 34) the Inspector queries the following:

*The SoCG with Sport England refers to the production of a new Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS). It goes on to state that this would be used to interpret any future policy changes where required. It is not clear from this whether or not a revised PPS has been commissioned and/or whether it is intended to influence this Plan or not. I would appreciate some clarity on this, including an explanation as to why this is considered necessary, the timetable for its completion and what, if any, effect this would have on the Plan's policies.*

3. A new PPS has been commissioned to review the existing sports provision across the Borough and identify any future need arising over the plan period. The review of the assessment is being produced by Max Associates Consultants and prepared in accordance with guidance from Sport England and National Planning Policy.
4. The review of the PPS assessment is underway and initial feedback on winter provision is likely early 2025 and summer provision June/July 2025. The final assessment will be completed by July 2025.
5. It is not fully understood what, if any, shortfall there will be in terms of play pitches until (May 2025) at the earliest. However, it is not considered that the new PPS will impact on the strategic policies within the Enfield Local Plan itself.
6. Sport England and LBE continue to engage on the matter on a regular basis and have a strong working relationship. It is the view of both Sport England

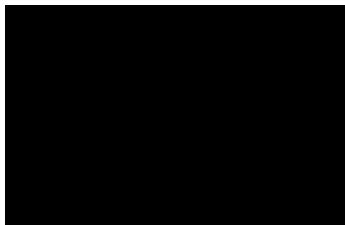
and LBE that if a shortfall does arise, this will be addressed and delivered within the placemaking areas; Crews Hill and / or Chase Park.

7. The policies in the Plan provide a suitable and proportionate basis for the delivery of sufficient play pitch provision across the plan period. The allocation policies as written provide existing hooks for provision; Policy PL10 under criteria 13g, and Policy PL11 under criteria 20 which are considered to be appropriate. To further ensure that any potential under supply is addressed, the need for pitch provision will be included within the forthcoming Crews Hill SPD and Chase Park Masterplanning work, both of which are in the early stages of production.
8. Sport England are confident that given Enfield is a metropolitan area, there are a multitude of options available which should not delay the examination of the Local Plan going forward.
9. The other areas of Common Ground remain as per the former Statement of Common Ground as part of [SUB14a].

#### AGREEMENT

Signed on behalf of London Borough of Enfield

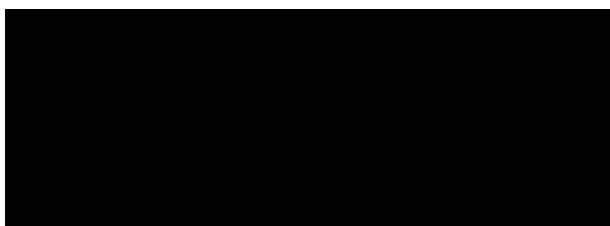
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