

NORTHAMPTON EXILES CRICKET CLUB

(AFFILIATED TO THE CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE & THE ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLESEX CRICKET CLUBS)

Private Ground:

NORTHAMPTON EXILES CRICKET CLUB RESPONSE TO ENFIELD DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

13 September 2021

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to convey comments on the Draft Enfield Local Plan on behalf of Northampton Exiles Cricket Club.

Firstly, we support the comments submitted on 4 September 2021 by Simon Parkinson on behalf of Enfield Sport.

What we would like to particularly stress is our disappointment at the apparent low priority given to the protection of playing fields used for recreational sport in the Borough and the total absence of any recognition of the vital role that sports clubs play in providing sporting opportunities. With particular reference to cricket, with very few schools now providing an opportunity to play this sport, cricket clubs are filling this vacuum. The overall impression given in the Draft Local Plan is that recreational sport is a low priority for the Council.

Rather than being relegated to a few woolly pages in one of the last sections of the Plan, strong commitment to retaining playing fields used for recreational sport and recognition of the vital role played by sports clubs in the Borough in promoting health and well-being should be included within Section 6 – Blue and Green Enfield.

Yours faithfully