

Dear Friends,

The Masterplan has been long in the making, and the final version is sadly not what we'd hoped, despite our considerable contribution to all the discussions.

The first letter is our explanation of this, and our request to you to take action quickly to support this view.

The second letter is what we are writing to the OPDC; the third letter is what we are writing to the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust. These two are also in the attachments.

**Firstly**, here is our formal response to the planning application made by Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust (WSCT) to Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC), who are the planning authority for the Scrubs excluding Linford Christie Stadium, for those works requiring planning approval in connection with the Masterplan. You will see that we are objecting to:

- The location of the pond and the resulting need for a borehole
- The provision of excessive hard standing adjacent to the pond
- The provision of excessive paths, and the risks of cycles etc., on all the proposed paths
- The design and location of swales blocking the pedestrian route from LCS to the playing fields.
- The total lack of consultation on this plan, which is different from those previously consulted on, though ignoring the many comments made by FOWWS and individual Friends.

**Please write to OPDC** in support of any of these points, or any others you wish to make.

All the documents say responses should be sent by April 19<sup>th</sup>, but if you cannot achieve this, it doesn't really matter, **so please do send your views anyway**, as they have to be considered if they arrive before the application comes to the planning committee, which will not be until well into May at the earliest.

It's most effective if you use your own words, even if you copy some of ours, rather than us providing a standard letter. You can also just write and say you support the whole of what we have written. PLEASE WRITE

Your comments should go to

[planningap...@opdc.london.gov.uk](mailto:planningap...@opdc.london.gov.uk)

You can send copies to any Councillors or MPs or others you wish to inform.

To see and study the full application, you can go to

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/opdc/application-details/10329>

You may have to register first, but then click on Documents to see the plans and details – the Design and Access Statements, parts 1 to 4 give a summary of all the proposals, including plans and other drawings.

Scroll down and click on RESPONSES to make any comments.

**Secondly**, we have written to Cllr Alex Sanderson, WSCT Manager Osama El-Amin, and WSCT Development Manager Vicky Abel with our comments on the rest of the Masterplan which does NOT need formal planning consent, but is planned for implementation.

You will see that we\* think there are too many hedges, cutting the meadow area into unsatisfactory small sections and taking risks with safety issues, particularly for women walking alone; too many 'biodiversity features' scattered like confetti; and some signs seem to have become extremely large. We make some other points too, as you can see.

Here also, we'd very much like you to add your voices; **one email to them all would work well**, to these email addresses (see below): you can also write to other Councillors you may know.

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I am very grateful to Trustees Smita Dave and Sarah Abraham and to Henry Peterson and Tilly Collins for their work and help in preparing these two letters, which have now been approved by all your Trustees.

Best wishes

Stephen Waley-Cohen

\*the majority of Trustees agree with this, with one suggesting much shorter lengths of more carefully located new hedging to avoid blocking walkers, one suggesting new hedging should only be round the edge of the meadow area, one supporting all the new hedging.