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To: planning policy
Subject: Former catford geyhound stadium

Dear Sirs

I would like to register my concerns regarding the proposed housing development at the dog track in Catford. I have serious concerns regarding the infrastructure needed to support the proposals.

In particular the provision of education and healthcare for the proposed residents in the area.

We have a crisis in the provision of primary education in the borough, which is currently at a head. There are proposals to expand Holbeach school to three form entry to meet the existing demand for school places. I envisage that the building of so many new dwellings in this part of the borough will add to the demand for school places and that it is short sighted of the Mayor and Council not to consider that a new primary school be built in this area. The dog track redevelopment is not the only residential development proposal included in the Rushey Green redevelopment and if all of the housing in the proposals are approved there would be over 1,000 new dwellings in the ward at the completion of all the works. If a new school were built it could be a nursery/infant school with Holbeach as a junior school or a stand alone primary school. The plans for the stadium site should be amended to include a school.

It is all very well to argue that people need a place to live and I agree so it follows that those people need access to the necessary infrastructure including healthcare and education provision.

I am disappointed by the apparent lack of future proofing of the plans for Holbeach school and in my opinion the proposed residents of the Catford Centre redevelopment are being let down by the Council's planners.

Yours sincerely

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