

HANDSWORTH WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION STATEMENT FOR PLANNING

WARD: Handsworth Ward	DATE: 4 th December 2023
VENUE/ VIRTUAL: Handsworth	START/FINISH TIMES: 11.00 to 12.45
COUNCILLOR/S: Cllr Quinnen	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 17
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister, Carla Belle and Panikos Panayiotou	VISITING SPEAKER(S):

Summary Statement for Planning Committee on 22nd December 2023

Presentation by Panikos Panayiotou Sports Development manager -Panikos outlined the current planning proposal for a football foundation funded Play zone in Handsworth Park, which was proposed to be sited on the existing M.U.G.A (Multi Use Games Area).The £150,000 funding would enable the MUGA to be refurbished with the installation of gated access and fee paying on line booking system.

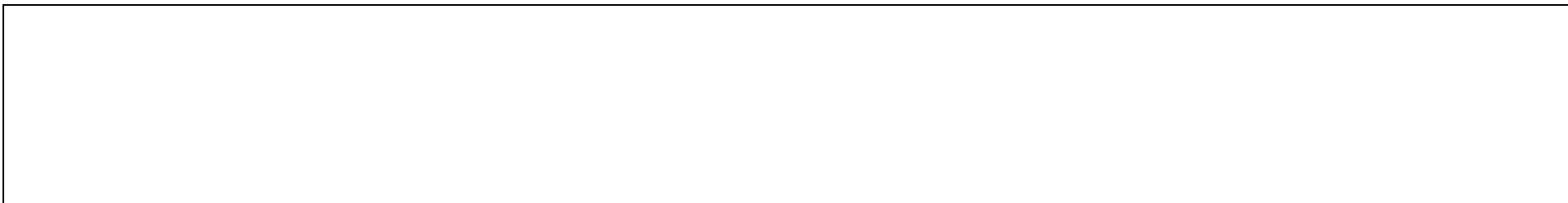
The residents at the meeting wished their opposition to the current proposal to be recorded .

Objected to

- Locking gates, the changes of access to the space was not mentioned in the planning application.
- Revenue stream booking system will therefore exclude local children from a public park and access to play .
- Loss of a Play Park for a competitive sports zone, with male gender bias sports.

Residents were not against the investment of additional facilities within Handsworth park or at the nearby Jubilee Gardens, they objected to the change of use and the effect that would have on play provision for local children .

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