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LOUGHBOROUGH PARK Amenity Open Space, Moorland Road SW9 – Proposed changes to One O’Clock Club and Adventure Playground:

Dear Miss Shallcross,

Thank you for your recent letter about the above application.
The Society’s comments are as follows:

Need for Greenspace:

Public Open Space is a scarce resource on this side of Brixton. During months of lockdown and social isolation, residents have begun to rediscover and value smaller parks and open spaces like this one. This site has been neglected and under-used for too long, and we welcome recent efforts to improve it and make it more attractive to local residents.

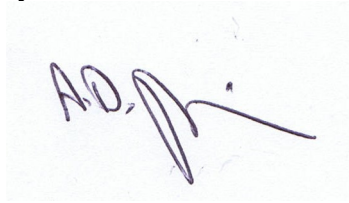
Disused Assets:

The central part of the park was originally separated off as an adventure playground, with a one o’clock club for accompanied under-fives, sharing an amenity building. Both amenities ceased to operate several years ago, leaving a substantial part of the park area out of use. We understand there are proposals for bringing the amenity building back into use, but the likelihood of reopening a supervised playground here seems very remote. The proposal returns about half the enclosed area to public access, but still leaves generous space around the amenity building so that its future use will not be constrained.

External Features:

The proposed new sections of fencing are acceptable in this context. No objection is seen to removing the lighting column, which was originally provided to enable after-school use of the adventure playground in winter.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon. Secretary