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Chairman's Report

As I write this report, the AELTC have submitted their planning application proposals and we are waiting for the plans to be accepted/validated by Merton. The sheer volume of documents is quite extraordinary; one hundred and one in total. The Design and Access statement is 600 pages and the Planning Statement well over 100 pages.

Over the period March – July the AELTC conducted 'Consultations' with local resident groups and stakeholders. The consultations gradually revealed, in drip feed fashion, the extent of their ambitious plans for development of the Golf Course.

Unfortunately, we are having to face this significant and unwanted building intrusion on the protected land of the Golf Course due to the continuing competition between the main Grand Slam tournaments around the world. They vie with each other to be the best and of course the Wimbledon Championship is the only grass court championship. The AELTC claims that they need to expand their facilities to keep up with the others and maintain their claimed reputation as being the best. Apparently the other tournaments have 'qualifying' facilities on the main site and more show courts. At the heart of this is the fact that the AELTC is an exclusive, members-only, club whose main facilities are only used effectively for two weeks every year but generate huge cash flow particularly in the areas of attendance and broadcasting rights.

The overall effect of the proposed plans will be to increase their attendance figures and their overall income. To do this, they intend to effectively rip up a greater part of the Golf Course and build 38 new grass courts, each surrounded by concrete ring beams a metre deep, with extensive meandering roads and hard surface pathways, two substantial maintenance buildings and five other buildings, two player buildings and a new Show Court, 100 feet high to seat 8,000. This amounts to very significant development.

However, an important point is the fact that this is a 'hybrid' application which means that a substantial part of the application seeks permission in principle/outline only and with no accompanying detail. The following is quoted from the Planning Statement:

"Detailed planning permission sought for the provision of 38 grass tennis courts and associated infrastructure, comprising of the re-profiling of the landscape and the removal, retention and replanting of trees; provision of 7 no. satellite maintenance buildings; the provision of a boardwalk around the perimeter of and across Wimbledon Park Lake; improvements to the water quality and amenity value of Wimbledon Park Lake through de-silting and enhancements to the biodiversity of the lake edge; deculverting of Wimbledon Park Lake to better reveal its historic form and alignments; highway works to Church Road; the consolidation of new pedestrian access points at the northern and southern ends of the site; and the creation of a new area of parkland with permissive public access.

"Outline planning permission is sought for the erection of new buildings and

structures, including an 8,000-seat parkland show court incorporating a qualifying player hub, guest facilities and associated event operational facilities; a central grounds maintenance hub and 2 no. players hubs. All detailed matters relating to these buildings are reserved for future consideration, although their general location, footprint, height, and massing is defined by a set of detailed parameter plans."

This would count as a massive development by any standards but in this case we are talking about heavily protected land. You will probably be aware that the Golf Course is part of the Heritage Wimbledon Park and is Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) (Green Belt) and a Grade II* listed park. The park was landscaped by Lancelot Capability Brown in the late 1700's, and survives as his closest to Central London.

There are three landowners: The AELTC, The Wimbledon Club and the London Borough of Merton. The (Heritage) park has been considered 'at risk' for several years by Historic England by reason of the total lack of a coordinated management plan. Nothing in these proposals seeks to address that. We regard that as a major missed opportunity.

We would have also preferred to see a plan that gave serious consideration to the needs and future ambitions of all three landowners; in particular The Wimbledon Club, whose land sits in the middle of the Golf Course, between the AELTC main site and Wimbledon Park Lake.

We are very concerned about these proposals which will completely transform the majority of the Golf Course into what can only be described as an industrial tennis complex.

We can understand the wish of the AELTC to bring the qualifying tournament onto their recently acquired adjoining property and the reasons. However, the scale of their further ambition and the surprising introduction of a new major Show Court to seat 8,000, would appear to be singularly inappropriate under the planning rules that apply to a property of MOL and Heritage status.

There is another major concern. The parkland was acquired by the London Borough of Merton in 1915. They hold the whole of the Park as a trustee for the public. In 1993 the freehold of the Golf Course was sold to the AELTC. Some of you may remember that this was a very controversial sale and the local community tried very hard to stop it. The Wimbledon Park Residents' Association, Chaired at that time by John Uden, led the movement to discourage the sale but was ultimately unsuccessful. However, as a result of their efforts, various undertakings were made in public and in the press by both the Leader of the Council at that time and the Chairman of the AELTC that they recognised that the land should remain open land and free of any future building. As a result, the Council formally minuted a number of steps to protect it for the future, including extending the Conservation Area, changing their UDP, and emphatically imposing a covenant on the AELTC in the Transfer Deed to that effect.

The following statements were published (presumably to reassure residents) in September 1993 when the freehold of the Golf Course was controversially sold to

the All England by Merton Council.

John Currie, All England Chairman: "We completely understand and support everyone's determination to keep the land open and we purchased the land on that basis."

Tony Colman, Merton Council Leader: "Respecting the wishes of local people, this Council is resolute that the land will be retained as open space. All England has bought the land knowing this is our policy and is aware that we would not allow development of the site."

I recently wrote a letter to the current Chairman of the AELTC, Ian Hewitt, on several matters and pointed out the assurances made in 1993. This was the relevant part of his reply:

"As to the assurances made in 1993, I am sure you can appreciate that the requirements of the club and the community have developed in the resulting 28 years and that the AELTC has needed to work to ensure that The Championships remain a preeminent tennis tournament and continue delivering significant and improved socioeconomic benefits to the local area. It has been our stated aim for many years that purchasing the golf course and especially the freehold was done with the intention of moving our Qualifying event onsite, but our proposals also mean that Wimbledon Park will be as open as it is now in terms of verified views and will in fact, through the creation and opening up of parkland previously occupied solely by a private golf course, be substantially more openly accessible to the public in the future."

You may also remember the incident in 2014 when Ben Ellery of the Mail on Sunday wrote an article about an interview with the then Chairman Philip Brook about massive AELTC plans for the future of the Golf Course. The article was accompanied by a detailed plan showing the myriad of buildings that would occupy the site. This was quickly refuted by the AELTC in the following statement:

"The All England Lawn Tennis Club would like to make it clear that the story in the Mail on Sunday (23.6.14) which made claims about a "massive expansion" of the Club on to Wimbledon Park Golf Club was wholly inaccurate and a complete fabrication.

"The Club's vision for the future is published in the Wimbledon Master Plan and we will continue to be open and transparent about our intentions in liaison with the relevant authorities and our neighbours."

Clearly the existence of a Covenant in the Transfer Deed, willingly entered into by the AELTC in 1993, seems to have presented no obstacle to their ambitions either then or now.

Fortunately, due to care taken by our predecessors, we do have an excellent archive of relevant documents including a copy of the sale Transfer document, press comments and Council minutes from 1993.

We are also concerned that Merton are seeking to introduce into the latest draft Local Plan a broad acceptance of whatever the AELTC want to do on the Golf

Course. This appears to overlook the MOL, Heritage and Conservation status of the Golf Course, Merton's obligations as trustee of parks and all the advice in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), so we are making final submissions this month to the Inspector charged with reviewing it.

Subsequent to the sale of the Golf Course in 1993, the Wimbledon Park Golf Club continued with a lease until 2018 when the balance of the lease was bought by the AELTC for circa £65m.

It is clear that the AELTC intends to argue that their proposals are compatible with the NPPF and other planning rules on MOL and that any harm is outweighed by the benefits, despite the Grade II* listing being protected by the "wholly exceptional" rule in the NPPF. So far they have made rather vague statements about 'Community benefits' and access to the new grass courts. Clearly they consider that the offer of part of the Golf Course as new parkland with 'permissive access' will swing the argument for them. However, unless this parkland is enshrined in a way which makes it permanent public park, it is unlikely this will suffice.

They also appear bent on ignoring the obligation they accepted in the covenant in the original sale deed. Maybe this has already been discussed between LBM and themselves. We do not know, but the public for whom Merton are trustees, expect and require Merton to enforce the covenant against building?

But LBM are trustees of the Park for the public, and also the planning authority.

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This seems to us to put them in a very conflicted position. AELTC business rates to Merton are around £5m and the AELTC have recently offered to assist LBM with the de-silting of the park lake which is likely to be several million pounds. As LBM do not appear to have that sort of money we assume that the AELTC will be picking up the major part of the cost.

We will be doing our best to highlight the position as we see it both in regard to the planning rules that apply to MOL and also the undertakings given at the time of the sale and the covenant in the Transfer deed.

We are not underestimating the task of taking on the reputation and power of the AELTC but think our case is very strong. We have strong local support from and are working in cooperation with The Wimbledon Society and all the other local Residents' Associations; these are an umbrella group of RAs covering Wimbledon Park and Southfields, The Wimbledon Union of RAs, Parkside RA and Belvedere Estate RA. We have also been in discussions with The Capability Brown Society and Friends of Wimbledon Park. We are aware that we might be seen to the outside world as simply a typically well-heeled, local 'nimby' group. In fact, our aim is to uphold the Open Space and Heritage designation of the Park, and achieve a balanced and fair community use of the public parts. In addition to approaching Historic England, who appear to be one of the major formal Consultees, who will express their views to Merton, we have approached other well-known national organisations who we feel might offer guidance and support.

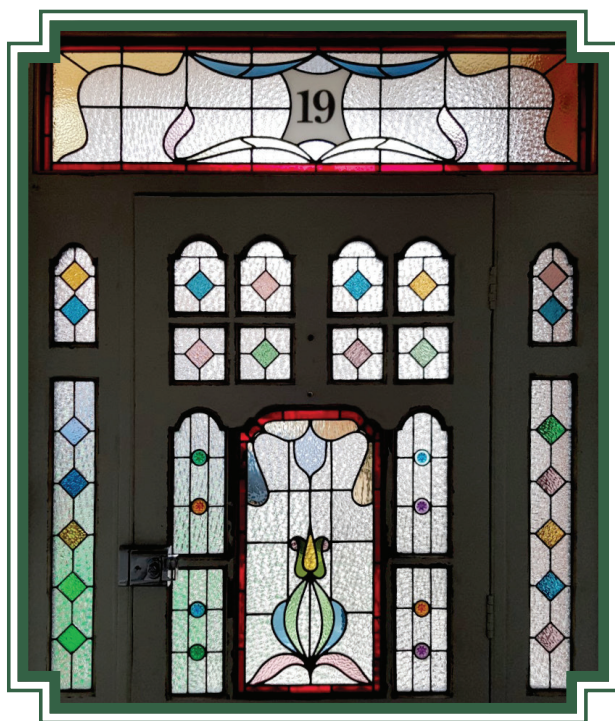
We hope to at least match the energy and tenacity of our predecessors back in 1993 who campaigned to stop the sale of the Golf Course at that time. They knew the real value of the land to our community for the future. Sadly, the Council at the time were more interested in money.

We believe that most local residents will support us in opposing these plans. We will keep you posted on progress and advise what you personally can do to help.

Iain Simpson



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Update from Stephen Hammond MP

I am once again grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the Wimbledon Park Residents' Association newsletter. Since my last contribution to this newsletter, life has returned to a relative degree of normality for many of us, though, of course, we must still take sensible precautions such as mask wearing on public transport.

I hope the relaxation of restrictions means that our fantastic collection of small businesses we have here in Wimbledon Park can prosper after an incredibly difficult 18 months.

As I have said before, we must be clear as to how society will learn to live with Covid going forward, especially over winter with the additional pressures the NHS typically faces at this time of year. We know all viruses mutate and no vaccine is 100% effective, and so a zero Covid policy and future extended lockdowns are likely to do more harm than benefit. I am therefore pleased to see serious consideration being put into how quickly Covid booster vaccines will be given, and the flu vaccine rollout being extended to more people. This is something I have asked the Secretary of State about in the House of Commons.

I also want to take this opportunity to urge everybody to book their vaccination. The vaccine rollout has been incredible, both locally and nationally. The vaccine is clearly working and is saving lives and preventing hospitalisations every single day. It is quick and easy to book online here: <http://nhs.uk/CovidVaccine> or on the phone by calling 119. If you are vaccinated, please encourage all your friends and family to book in their jab – it is the key to returning to normality, and more importantly the key to saving lives.

Finally, if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to email me on stephen.hammond.mp@parliament.uk – you can also follow my work on Facebook ([facebook.com/stephenhammond.net](https://www.facebook.com/stephenhammond.net)) and on Twitter (twitter.com/s_hammond).

Local Flooding

Your local Councillors and I have been shocked to see the extent of the recent flooding in the Wimbledon Park ward this year.

Water levels have risen extremely rapidly, in some cases flooding homes, drives and gardens in the Home Park Road area, causing damage to basements, sheds, as well as damage to front walls displacing brickwork. The road surface has also been affected.

We have raised this issue multiple times with both Merton Council and Thames

Water. We understand there are substantial maintenance issues with water drainage pipes in the area and we are doing all we can to ensure this is resolved as quickly as possible. It is vital that Thames Water undertake the necessary works so that local people do not have their lives disturbed in future.

All England Lawn Tennis Club and Wimbledon Park

The All England Lawn Tennis Club bought out the remaining years of the lease from Wimbledon Park Golf Club in 2018. They have developed a masterplan which will have proposals to build an 8,000-seat show court and 38 smaller courts, and a public park.

A number of local residents have raised serious concerns about the impact this will have on the area, particularly developing on Metropolitan Open Land. There is also a concern that the landscape created by Capability Brown will change, although clearly a golf course would not classify as a heritage landscape either.

The AELTC have now published all the planning documents, and the responses to previous consultations, which can be found here: wimbledon.com/wpp

I urge you to have a look at the plans and make your views known.

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See Councillors report on page 30

The South London Waste Plan 2021-36 and the HGV problem

The Wimbledon Park Residents' Association has been invited by government inspectors to a hearing to decide how waste in Merton will be processed in future. As we will explain, this could lead to a significant reduction in the number of lorries (HGVs) on our local roads.

Residents of Wimbledon Park will have noticed large numbers of waste carrying lorries creating traffic congestion and increased air pollution on our local roads. Most of these HGVs are carrying waste to sites on Weir Road in the Durnsford Industrial Estate. The South London Waste Plan 2012 specified how waste could be processed in Merton, Croydon, Kingston and Sutton and in particular it gave the green light for such sites in Weir Road. Unfortunately the traffic congestion and air pollution that would result from these sites was not assessed when planning permission was given and the sites have been allowed to develop without any restrictions on the traffic they generate.

It is known that the local roads along which these HGVs travel have very high levels of air pollution, which exceeds EU limits, and significant traffic congestion, but it was only recently that the number of waste carrying HGVs was quantified. Indeed, we recently surveyed the number of waste carrying HGVs using the Weir Road sites. We found that there were more than 600 such lorries going to and from these sites between 8am and 5pm on a weekday. That is about one a minute! We also found that four-fifths of these lorries were carrying their waste through Wimbledon from where it is generated further to the south. About ten thousand people die prematurely each year in London due to air pollution or, put another way, one in eight people in Merton will die prematurely. Those who live along the local roads with high levels of air pollution will most likely suffer serious health consequences.

There is now a new waste plan, the South London Waste Plan 2021-36, which determines where the waste of the same four boroughs will be processed until 2036. This document aspires to process waste in such a way as to not lead to poor air quality. However, the method the South London Waste Plan 2021-36 used to assess the consequences of waste management on air quality was deeply flawed. Rather than assess the air pollution in the vicinity of where the waste is being processed, it considers the effects on often distant places called air focus areas which are not all subject to excessive air pollution and are often not significantly affected by the waste sites being assessed.

These problems are well illustrated by the waste being processed on Weir Road in the Durnsford Industrial Estate. The South London Waste Plan 2021-36 gives a favourable grade to the air pollution created from these sites, as the effects will



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not be felt in the nearest air focus area, which is essentially the Broadway in Wimbledon! As a result, the South London Waste Plan 2021-36 concludes that the waste processing in Weir Road poses no problems, and it can even be increased in future years. Local residents, who experience the excessive levels of air pollution and the traffic congestion, will disagree with this conclusion. Furthermore, according to the South London Waste Plan 2021-36, any future planning application does not need to consider the increased air pollution as an important factor.

The Wimbledon Park Residents' Association have objected to the South London Waste Plan 2021-36. We have proposed that the air pollution and traffic generated by waste disposal should be properly assessed and, where this is found to lead to unacceptable levels of air pollution and traffic congestion, sites should be moved or restrictions should be placed on the amount of waste being processed on the corresponding sites. In particular we propose that the waste processing sites in Weir Road are moved to a site which is closer to where the waste is generated.

In order for the South London Waste Plan 2021-36 to take effect, it must be passed by two government inspectors who have asked the four boroughs a number of questions which indicate the areas of the plan with which they have reservations. In particular, they have asked quite a number of questions that relate to the objections we have made. The government inspectors, the planning officers of the four Boroughs, the waste operators and the Wimbledon Park Residents will meet in Merton on the 1st and 2nd of September to discuss their differences. We can hope that the plan will be modified so as to take account of our objections.

The documents submitted by the Wimbledon Park Residents' Association can be found at the website <http://www.wimbledonpark.com/>

If you would like to write and support the objections raised by the WPRA, it would be greatly appreciated. You can write to any and all of the following.

Council leader : Cllr Mark Allison: mark.allison@merton.gov.uk

Cabinet member with responsibility for the environment: Cllr Natasha Irons: Natasha.iron@merton.gov.uk

Merton Council Chief Executive: Ms Hannah Doody : Hannah.doody@merton.gov.uk

Merton Council Director of Environment and Regeneration: Mr Chris Lee: Chris.lee@merton.gov.uk

Head of Future Merton (Merton's planning dept): Mr Paul McGarry : Paul.mcgarry@merton.gov.uk

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Why not come along for coffee and tea (plus a few cakes too).

We are looking to welcome existing members back with a face to face event and encourage new people to come along and see what the group has to offer.

We're excited to be using this new venue, so come and check it out with us!

Please contact Valerie on 07801737916 or email her on skeamcfundraising@gmail.com if you would like to join.

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Update from FOWP August 2021

The summer has come and nearly gone. Here's hoping you have some happy memories of summer 2021.

Much has been happening in the park, as always! Let's start with some good news.

Table tennis

The success of the current table tennis table was instrumental in us being given money, from the Wimbledon Park Community Trust (WPCT), for another table! A big thankyou to the WPCT for their generosity. Both tables will be in a new location – the ungrassed area by the path running alongside the railway line by the tennis courts. The new table has been ordered and both will be in situ, hopefully, in approximately twelve weeks' time. This is a fantastic and free activity (unlike most of the sports' activities in the park) and we hope it will encourage more children, young people and adults to play this exciting sport as and when they wish.



Lake works

Work on the proposed Wimbledon Park Reservoir Safety Project will now start in October (it was initially August), with completion due in March 2022. Access to the works should be via Wimbledon Park Road and Stadium Lane and not Revelstoke Road. The opening up (deculverting) of Wimbledon Park Brook is very welcome but we are seeking the opening up of more streams, wherever possible.

Toilet refurbishments

Good news on this front too! A refurbishment and improvement programme for the main toilet block has now been agreed. The work will start in early September. We have, on many occasions, received complaints about the state of toilets in the park, so a refurbishment is very welcome. Many thanks to the Wimbledon Park Ward Councillors for all their hard work in bringing this about - well done!

Water play area

The water play area is now working! We have been told it will be open until 3 September but no other details have been provided. Good to see the children having so much fun! We missed the children's delighted shrieks last year.

An earlier opening time for the park

Following requests from our members/followers we asked if Merton Council would consider opening the park earlier, i.e. at 7 am rather than 8 am in order to make it more accessible to more people. We have been petitioning for this via Change to see how much support such a move would have. This is still ongoing at the time of going to press.

Music in the park

A big thank-you to the Capability Brown Society (one of our sister organisations) for organising the recent fun musical events in the park. Many park visitors, of all ages gathered outside Mario's Cafe in all weathers enjoying both the music and ambience. More music sessions are planned with local schools such as Southfields Academy and St. Cecilia's performing – dates will be advertised locally.



On the more negative side! Car parking during the Championships
The AELTC car parking in the public park caused much concern and upset this year, as the car parking allocation was increased.

We wrote to Merton Council expressing our concerns at the lack of any consultation or prior notification. Merton Council's response was that they, apparently, have an existing contract with AELTC which provides an allowance for the parking of '500 cars max. in the park.' The lack of consultation was not addressed. FOWP subsequently put in a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to see a signed copy of the existing contract between AELTC and Merton Council re the use of Wimbledon Park as a car park during the Championships.

AELTC, we have since discovered, give Merton Council a yearly donation; in addition to the fees they pay for the hire of car parking space in the park. What this sum is we do not know, but it is 'to spend at the Council's discretion where it sees it making a difference in Wimbledon Park'.



Car parking repairs

We voiced our disquiet to AELTC about the state and the progress of the grounds damaged by the car parking during this year's Championships. There are areas where the ground was compacted by a metal ramp and the re-seeding done after the Championships had not resulted in any new grass. AELTC responded and

said that further remedial work had now taken place and covered by a fleece to protect the area from birds. Unfortunately, there are large areas in the Big Field that keep being damaged, repaired, damaged etc – it is cyclical and most disheartening for park users and visitors alike.

And finally, a reminder of the lovely summer flower displays in the park. A big thankyou to all the park gardeners who tend the flowerbeds offering visitors both colour and joy.



Would you like to be more involved in helping to improve our local park? If so, the FOWP would very much welcome your input and support. For more information on how you can become a member and help to protect and enhance our wonderful green space, please email Membership.FOWP@gmail.com for details.

Our website is being rebuilt at the moment so it will be down for a while. Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter
(FriendsWP@FoWimbledonPark)

Amelia Obertelli– Moriarty

DURNSFORD RECREATION GROUND

If you are looking for a workout in the fresh air, the Rec offers a good place to jog and exercise, and now that the gym equipment has been installed you can also add upper body work-outs using the dips and leg raise, lateral pull down/shoulder press and hand bike. There is also a recumbent bike and hopefully by the time you read this the cross-walker will have been installed.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Last year, we were unable to prune the fruit hedge and, as a result, a lot of the fruit is high up and out of reach. If you would like to help prune the hedge this year, we will be in the Rec from

10:00am on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October.

We have some equipment but if you have secateurs, long handled loppers or pruning saws, please bring them with you and don't forget your gardening gloves. If we get sufficient volunteers, we will also carry out some work on the flower beds. Please put the dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you.

Fruit

The fruit hedge is bursting with plums, apples and pears. There are also blackberries and sloes near the wood, so get down to the Rec and pick some fresh fruit. With a lot of fruit out of reach, I have asked Abundance to pick this fruit. So far they have picked 20 kgs of plums and 10kgs of damsons, all of which will be used for jam making. The jams will be on sale at Abundance Fruit Day on 14th September – see page 25.

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The wildflower seeds that were sown in one of the flowerbeds have added a splash of colour to the Rec.

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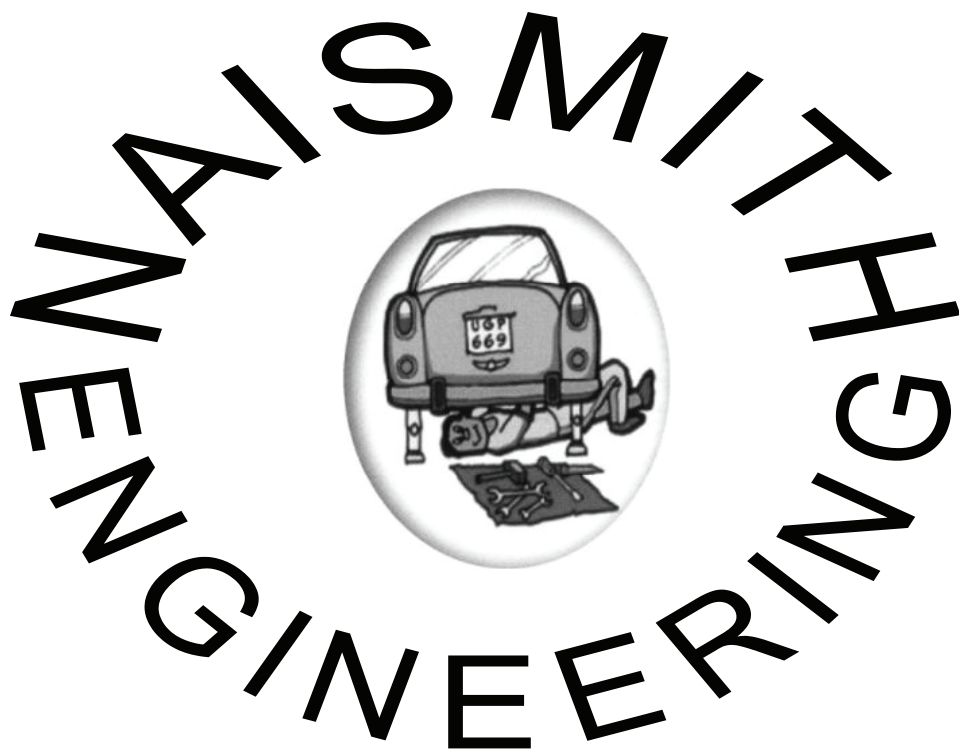
In the Spring 2021 edition of the Newsletter, various articles alerted us of the AELTC emerging proposals for extending their facilities into the adjacent land across Church Road occupied by the Wimbledon Park Golf Club.

Given the importance and sensitivity of the site, a designated Metropolitan Open Land, a registered Grade II* listed Park, a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, and within a Conservation Area, AELTC engaged in a programme of consultation with local resident association groups and others seeking support for their proposals.

The Application Site, edged in red shown in the Plan below extends to an area of 39.7 hectares. The areas edged in blue, denote the adjacent land also under the control of AELTC. All the images in this article are taken from the documentation submitted by AELTC as part of the application.



Application Site



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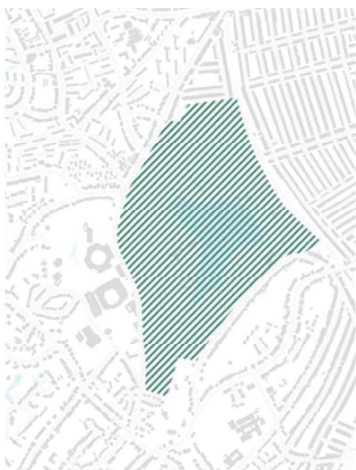
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The pre-application submission public consultation process was organised by AELTC mainly based on a well-orchestrated, on-line gradual release of information during March, April and June of this year, leading to the submission of a hybrid planning application submitted to both the L B Merton and the L B Wandsworth at the end of July 2021.

Preliminary review of the extensive planning application documentation confirms that the AELTC Wimbledon Park Project (WPP) proposals remain unchanged and centred in the delivering of the complete remodelling of the landscape heritage of the site to provide 38 new tennis courts with 7 no. associated maintenance hubs, a new 8,000 seat covered Show Court building, 2 no. Player Hubs, and a Central Grounds Maintenance Hub. For hubs, please read buildings.

Further details of the proposals are published in the Design & Access Statement included in the application. We copy below images that help visually understanding the relevant policy designations that apply to the Site subject of the application.

NATIONAL DESIGNATIONS



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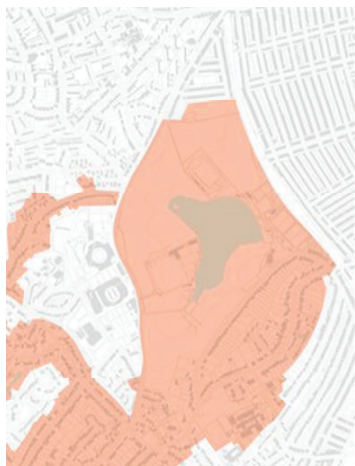
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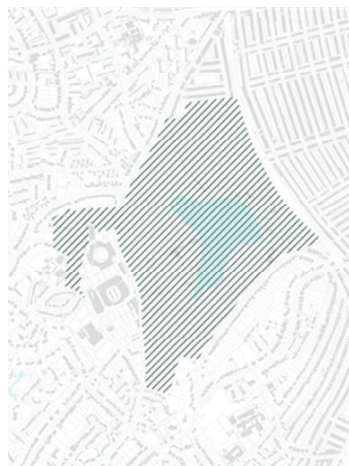
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LOCAL DESIGNATIONS



**Wimbledon North and Bathgate
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Archaeological Priority Zones



SINC and LBM Green Corridor

The image on the opposite page illustrates a rather unimaginative elevational view from Church Road of the proposed new Show Court building, a structure of a height, bulk and size wholly inappropriate for a designated MOL – Green Belt land, and for which the application seeks outline permission as part of the hybrid planning application.



The proposed new built forms, coupled with the necessary pedestrian/vehicular circulation hardscape linking the north and south main entrances into the complex, make the proposals as they stand unacceptable for the designation of the site set in the National Planning Policy Framework, the London Plan, and the extant Local Plan.

The AELTC proposes to off-set the irreversible harm that the implementation of the WPP would bring to the Site and the Wimbledon Park area by offering in return improvements to the Lake and controlled accessibility to the 9.4 ha Southern Parkland.

The AELTC WPP offers welcome benefits in other fronts, ecology, tree management, etc., but at the same time choosing to ignore valid pre-submission public consultation feed-back from residents' associations and societies.

For example, would the masterplan benefit from a holistic approach involving all main stakeholders on the site (LBM, TWC, AELTC)? Why must Wimbledon Park remain as the service area for AELTC including retaining the Queue?

The public post-submission consultation process is still to take place. Once the planning applications are registered by LBM & LBW, a formal timescale for this process will be set.

We would highly encourage you, the reader, to formulate your comments, observations, representations on any aspect of the planning application to convey these directly to the Planning Authority.

As soon as it is known, we will publish the proper contact and dates at LBM for this purpose.

Mario L Avendano, RIBA

Why should I support the Residents' Association?

There has been a form of Residents' Association in Wimbledon Park since 1906. It provides a forum for discussing important local issues and a platform for action.

Since its inception, the Residents' Association has helped hundreds, probably thousands of local residents, irrespective of religion, race or creed who have turned to the committee for guidance and support.

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Iain Simpson
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An update from your Wimbledon Park Councillors

Step free access to Wimbledon Park Tube Station

As we go to press, the new lift has finally been completed and is being commissioned – it should be in working order by now at our tube station – great news for everyone! Ward councillors campaigned for this for some 20 years, and a very big thank you to Stephen Hammond MP and our former ward councillors Linda Taylor OBE, Lord Tariq Ahmad and Beth Mitchell for all their work and support over the years to deliver the new lift (even if it took TFL several years to actually build it).

We are also now asking GTR Thameslink to arrange step free access on the south side of Haydons Road Station, so watch this space!

New Toilet Block – Wimbledon Park

As you may have seen on Nextdoor, our project to fund and rebuild the toilet block in Wimbledon Park has been a success! Work should have already happened by the time you read this. There will be smart new cubicles and a new kids' WC in the baby change room. Do let us know if you like the new design.

New Pocket Park – Gap Road Gardens

Our new pocket park on the Plough Lane crossroads – Gap Road Gardens – is pretty much complete. Having put the funding in place with central government (with a kind donation from the Wimbledon Park Community Trust), ward councillors managed to complete the new park through the pandemic working directly with the Council's own contractors.

Thank you to Galliard Homes for the new bat boxes. And a big thank you to the Co-op for funding the new grasses à la RHS Wisley!

Haydons Road Shopping Parade

Our project to do up the brick work and shopfronts on the parade of shops at the top of Haydon Road is now fully funded and works are expected to commence through to year end, with greening and street trees in the new year – so watch this space! There is a new juice bar and even a sushi restaurant so we hope this parade will very much improve through 2022.

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Wimbledon Park	Theft/Taking of Pedal Cycles	GORDONDALE ROAD	By suspect unknown has gained access by unknown means and then taken item of property as listed from venue and made off	01/07/2021 00:01:00	04/07/2021 15:00:00
Wimbledon Park	Burglary - Residential	DURNSFORD ROAD	Burglary residential	20/06/2021 00:01:00	05/07/2021 13:20:00
Wimbledon Park	Burglary - Residential	DURNSFORD ROAD	Someone has stolen a delivery from a secure post room in a residential building which is accessed by fob	05/07/2021 13:30:00	05/07/2021 13:30:00
Wimbledon Park	Theft From MV	ALVERSTONE AVE-NU	The victim left the vehicle parked at venue when unknown person(s) broke into the vehicle and removed the listed items	12/07/2021 19:00:00	13/07/2021 05:00:00
Wimbledon Park	Theft/Taking of Pedal Cycles	DURNSFORD ROAD	Pedal cycle stolen from bike rack in the street	13/07/2021 19:35:00	13/07/2021 20:30:00
Wimbledon Park	Theft/Taking of MV	KENILWORTH AVE-NU	Car stolen from the location, the victim has both sets of keys.	13/07/2021 21:15:00	14/07/2021 09:00:00
Wimbledon Park	Burglary - Residential	MOUNT ROAD	Theft of cycle from shed	17/07/2021 04:45:00	17/07/2021 05:15:00
Wimbledon Park	Theft/Taking of MV	CROMWELL ROAD	By person unknown taking vehicle without consent.	24/07/2021 04:00:00	24/07/2021 05:00:00
Wimbledon Park	Theft From MV	CROMWELL ROAD	The victim is reporting that his vehicle's number plates have been removed both front and back and have been stolen. This has happened between 23/07/2021 1900 and 25/07/2021 1400.	23/07/2021 19:00:00	25/07/2021 14:00:00
Wimbledon Park	Theft From MV	STUART ROAD	Unknown suspect has stolen item from victim's motor vehicle.	26/07/2021 00:01:00	26/07/2021 06:00:00
Wimbledon Park	Theft From MV	CRESCENT GAR-DENS	Unknown suspect gained entry to victim's motor vehicle by means unknown and has stolen a set of golf clubs.	29/07/2021 20:00:00	30/07/2021 18:27:00

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May 2021		2020						2021						12 Month Total	Ave per Month	% of Total
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun			
Anti-Social Behaviour		35	19	20	30	24	15	22	35	28	26	24	21	299	25	29
Violence and Sexual Offences		27	13	19	18	18	12	9	7	10	13	26	14	186	16	18
Vehicle Crime		13	12	13	11	8	11	11	12	15	7	6	8	127	11	12
Shoplifting		2	4	4	3	6	6	23	7	10	5	14	4	88	7	8
Burglary		11	3	7	4	6	5	5	8	7	10	6	3	75	6	7
Other Theft		11	9	9	3	7	5	7	4	5	4	2	6	72	6	7
Criminal Damage and Arson		5	4	4	2	4	6	2	1	8	3	8	12	59	5	6
Public Order		3	1	3	5	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	2	39	3	4
Bicycle Theft		11	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2	2	6	4	37	3	4
Drugs		0	1	3	5	2	1	3	3	2	1	2	0	23	2	2
Robbery		1	0	6	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	17	1	2
Other Crime		1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	4	17	1	2
Theft from the Person		0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Possession of Weapons		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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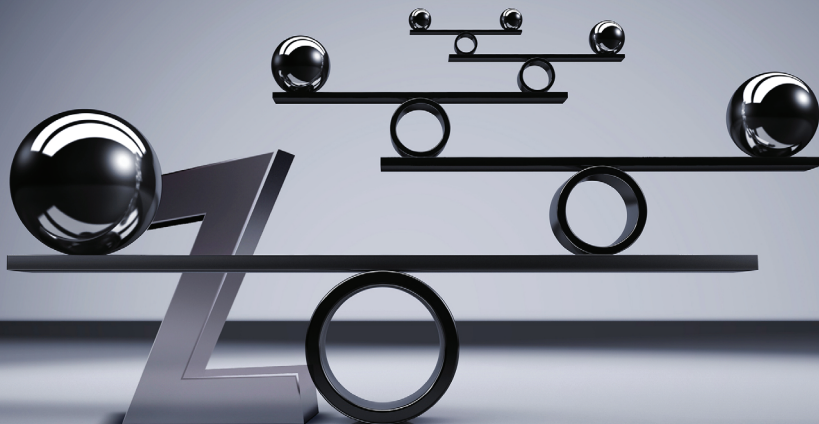
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The Trust has a lease (99 years from 2013) from The London Borough of Merton, on the space known as Wimbledon Park Hall including the adjoining Arthur’s Café at 170 Arthur Road.

The main income of the Trust is derived from renting the hall and café.

We would like to encourage local residents to contact us if they feel they can identify a person, organisation or project that would benefit from our support. It can either be a project that would benefit the local area or an organisation that is involved in work that would be of benefit to residents in the local area. We are particularly interested in supporting an apprentice who lives in the local area.

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