

## Appendix A: Question 1a Reasons for not supporting the proposal

Concern about privatisation	
Don't like the idea of a commercial venture in a public space	Private use of public area is not desirable. If council wants to reinvest existing facilities then save up or cut other services.
Privatising public space, and limiting the use of a currently multi-purpose space, is a bad idea.	Leave as it is-so anyone can use the area
Should safeguard park amenities as they are for free access by local residents	I object strongly to the Council selling off public land to private companies, thus diminishing our use of this space.
Only if accessible to all - tarmac area by tennis courts made good for other users and games	2. Who will benefit from this? Predominantly men in their 20s and 30s, who can afford the steep prices. I thought the park was for everybody, not a minority. At present, all kinds of people use that space for free.
It will take over a section of the park that is free and can be used by families.	In any case, the enormous £5 per person per session will exclude a lot of the people you presumably want to attract, so I do question the motives.
I Don't want third party money making company involved in running this venture it should be owned and run by the local authority for the local community who use FP.	Private space where previously we had a public space? We hope you will not take this public space/free to use space away in the interest of improvement
Do not want public space privatised.	I am concerned by the privatisation of public space that is currently well used. Could simple facilities be installed (goals) so that the space remains free to use and can still be used for other purposes
Facility should open access not just for pre booked groups	Should be for open use by public. Free use by those who cannot afford insanely stupid high cost.
Also there should be no more privatisation of our public park.	Prefer free space for unstructured activities, can be used by anyone.
The proposed site is already well-used by volleyball, basketball, impromptu family gatherings, children learning to cycle in safety and many other activities that require a flat, safe and traffic-free area. Having a private company take over part of our public space is the thin	The park should be there for everyone, and using a large section of it for a commercial concern takes a big chunk of it away from those who use it for free. This is especially important in a city where few people have outside space of their own.

end of the wedge to privatisation of council tax payer's facilities. Please don't go down this route.	
Public Park should not have private money making venture in it.	I hate the idea of precious public park space being limited to one activity only and then for access being charged for
Too big loss of free space e.g. used by skaters basketball etc	We do not want the Natural Park to be another place to make money for greedy private company
Don't like the idea of privatising public space.	Don't agree with it being run by a for profit organization, the extra car spaces, or charging residents to play.
Leasing part of the park to a private company is against the ethos under which the park was established.	fee charging is not inclusive
I am totally opposed to the selling off of public amenities to a private operator	It is not clear where free provision for sports activities will be placed, casual basketball, football or other team sports need a flat space.
I've been playing basketball on the courts for a year or two. I don't want to pay to use the park I pay council tax already!	Removes free access to a large and prominent area of the park from the community.
Enjoy using this free space for kids biking, roller blading & basketball	I disagree with handing over public space to a private contractor and I think the site will cause a noise nuisance and be out of character and will distract from views from the park across the skyline of Islington
The current space can be used for free by anyone this development will restrict its use to those who can pay only	Keep the park a public space, open for all activities, without commercialisation
The parks space should be free to use for all.	Charges will displace current users of basketball and tennis area.
Currently free for all to use - keep it that way rather than specifying a particular activity.	To release the space to a commercial entity would take away the innocence and character of the whole park... Who of the youth and poor communities living around the park could afford to pay 5£ per person?
This area of the park should be available at any time the park is open to all residents.	Charging to use park facs. Loss of free amenity. Tips balance too much in favour of creating an area amenity rather than a neighbourhood one.

Over commercialisation of public space, and that space is already heavily used for a range of activities hard to accommodate elsewhere	Selling off part of our historical parkland is short-term money raising exercise, but one which has the legacy of eating away at yet more of our precious public spaces.
1) I don't think public park land should be handed over to a commercial organisation to manage.	This should not be possible in a public park which is designed to preserve the natural environment for future generations. It would be a crime to place income and private enterprise as more important priorities.
1/privatising public land	The park is a free community resource, the space should not be used for a private company to make commercial gain
No commercial partners! Public parks should provide free and open to the public services only, on the model of the (excellent) tennis courts.	This is privatisation of public land.
Object to commercialisation of public space	5) Putting a large commercial operation in the park is not in keeping with how the rest of the park has been used to date
<b>Concerns to preserving the Parks character</b>	
Finsbury Park is an incredibly great park, its offer is rich and the community has many possibilities to do something in the park. It is a highly frequented park and what is so great about is its character as a free public space, welcoming each and every member of the community to do many different things in it. Its beauty is that it is a non-commercial space.	Our park is taken over enough with fairground and ticket only functions, the grounds themselves have not been improved regarding the leaking water everywhere. We need that space for relaxing; there are plenty of sports facilities already in the park and the area and more to life than football! Will ruin overall feeling of the park and increase traffic is never a good idea for a park! We need green space, park already having problems with amount of space footballers are taking up in there. Already have sports track and area for American football tennis etc what about just relaxing!!!
The park is a rare space in the city of peace, quiet and green. This proposal will detract from all of those benefits, the park should not be	1) This proposal will change the atmosphere in the park which is currently communal and community based

developed any further.	
Think the Park is perfect as is; keep public space for public use.	Taking up green space; noise
What about maintaining the park as a peaceful place NOT dominated by competitive sports?	DISRUPTS THE TRANQUILITY TO THE PARK
The lights and noise so near the lake in the evening will disturb wildlife.	This should be a peaceful park, any additional centre would disturb the peace
The park is one of the few places remaining in a busy city for peaceful reflection and contemplation, with nature. This proposal goes completely against this need for our community.	
<b>Concern about increased traffic and parking</b>	
Also adding a car park to a green space in 2010? That's not very progressive thinking. Shame.	Car park will make park busy and ugly
My main objection though is the increased traffic in the park the development would bring. People drive very badly in the park with very few keeping within the speed limit. I fear this would become worse especially with the added danger of drink driving. It would also increase general levels of pollution in the park.	it's absolutely outrageous to suggest putting more parking spaces for cars in the park for environmental and noise reasons. In fact, all cars should be excluded from the park
I object to MORE car parking spaces being provided.	The parking spaces are a TERRIBLE idea, why are you seeking to increase traffic.
The surrounding residential area will be overwhelmed by cars trying to park	Takes up too much space especially car parking
3) It would create a lot of noise and traffic, spoiling the "family park" atmosphere	Parking and additional building inappropriate in a listed park Amount of car parking. Should be car free apart from disabled parking

3/ more cars in park and surrounding are more parking in the park!	Car parking - no!
. Transport and access	There are perfectly good parking facilities in the park already with income coming direct to the Local Authority
Disagree with car parking spaces too.	
The increase of traffic through this gate will increase the possibility of accidents	I am against the building of new parking spaces and any reduction in the 'green' areas of the park. The park is so precious.
The development also monopolises a lot of the space for parking- the council should not be investing in parking spaces as these only encourage people to remain reliant on their cars instead of taking public transport or using healthier ways of getting there like walking and cycling. By driving the individuals who do not drive or cannot drive have their environment polluted and made much less pleasant because of noise, dirt, and traffic danger which is caused by a minority of the community, as well as by people who are not from within the community. If this is a community facility then everyone using it should be from close enough NOT to have to drive there. Also this development and the associated density of increased car parking will seriously damage the whole nature of the north side of the park.	3. The number of car parking spaces is ludicrous, given that eight pitches with 10 players apiece equals 80 users at any given time. Should the council not be encouraging public transport or walking? If somebody is fit enough to play 5-a-side, then surely they're capable of walking 400 yards from the tube station.
And NO MORE car parking in the park! Not needed except by the terminally thick or lazy, Finsbury Park is served by excellent public transport options.	Increased risk to life and limb of the proposed new vehicular access.
I don't condone the travelling arrangements. This is a park, not a car park. People should find other routes to the area rather than rely on the car. Disabled people withstanding.	There are 83 parking spaces for local people, why - this is not the policy of a 'green' borough? There are far too many people parking in and around FP as it is.

Increase traffic in the vicinity.	Noise, extra traffic
I think the increased level of parking is unacceptable. Please don't add 83 extra parking bays! This would really put me off visiting Finsbury Park.	This is a well used, free space and privatisation of it is unnecessary and should be resisted. And 83 parking spaces???
Really don't want 83 car parking spaces, too much traffic in the park already.	It is a waste of valuable green space to put 83 parking places in there! Plus, using it as a commercial area, when it should be a free park for the local boroughs
The car parking spaces are unnecessary. Finsbury Park has fantastic transport links, the council should be encouraging people to be more green not encouraging more driving in the area.	We absolutely do not need to take space from the park for cars! That would be against all health living policies.
Also, no more cars parking in the park, please. Some of us go there for fresh air and there are already way too many cars in the park.	Concerned about more cars using the Park, especially with small children.
<b>Concern about more football provision</b>	
All you need for football is a ball and a couple of jumpers. Why take over more of our park for predominately male sports?	2) The whole length of the grass along Seven Sisters Road is frequently used for football - why do we need more provision?
There is already plenty of football in the park. Football is not something which the majority of the population participates in. There are also lots of other places in London to play football. Also,	3) I am concerned about how this consultation is being run: to do it during the World Cup will obviously encourage bias in the results
The area can currently be used for a wide range of activities. It is a bad idea to restrict to 5 a side football.	As a footballer myself, who has played on pitches all over the borough and beyond, I know for a fact that football is extremely well catered for already.
I use the park for many different purposes on a regularly basis, and always see many people on the concrete area, using the area for all kinds of things - but football! People play football in nearly all the rest of the green space, and I really don't see why that important and much	There are so many football pitches and spaces; the concrete area is used by many people for many other purposes

used space, which is used by disability groups, families, youth playing basketball and volleyball or skating, should be changed to offer just another area for football. There is no need!	
Increased anti social behaviour from football teams ( mainly older and all male) and will impact on the community	Also, football caters to a segment of the community.
Feel that this development monopolises the entire area and is essentially provided for one section of the community- blokes. There are acres of open space in which people can play football already in existence within the park	Use other similar facilities
<b>Concern for other users and activities</b>	
We're a cycle club for people with learning difficulties and/or are physically handicapped	It would be at the expense of an excellent facility for people with learning disabilities.
It's really important to have a space for all that isn't designated for just one sport. the space is open and used at the moment	I feel this area is used very well already by a variety of groups. Including disabled cycling, and volleyball.
Prefer other activities	1) Closes it to disability cycle club Pedal Power for which I volunteer.
Also we do not need more facilities which will mostly be used by young males. What about girls/women, older people, people with disabilities? Of course girls and women play 5 a side, but the great majority of users will be young males.	Contrary to what this consultation suggests, this tarmac area is very heavily used especially at weekends and when the weather is good, for informal leisure especially basketball and bike/ scooter riding.
Not part of a team or club	2/area already used informally

What are the current users of that space to do? I see no provision to replace the basketball hoops at another location.	2) I think an open playing space should be preserved on this site for activities such as bike riding, volleyball, exercise etc
And it takes the community away a space used for other things that cannot be done in the rest of the park, like Volleyball and Basketball.	Space is currently used for informal play as an important part of the park, this needs to remain
The area is used well and creatively as it is.	Cycling for disabled people
Because I would like to see seven a side football	Pedal Power, the learning disabled cycling club, meets on the tarmac area.
Pedal Power should definitely stay - it's extremely beneficial to the community... When I go past there are usually people doing lots of different things, basketball, kids learning to ride bikes, interval training and people just doing workouts on them. I think the space is used quite well already.	They could just encourage more people to get different sports being played on the courts. I know My neighbour is scouring the area to find somewhere to play lacrosse and I would love to play Netball if a league was up and running there.
Not necessary - already facilities nr Islington,; this space should be kept open and free for anyone to use for a variety of sports - training, football, basketball, volleyball, disabled cycling, etc - all free without formality - just how a park should be used	The space is currently used for myriad minority sports, and many casual, and importantly for the council, free sporting activities. I myself am currently regularly using the area as a safe place to teach my children to ride their bikes, teach them tennis and football, to play basketball, to roller skate, and teach my kids to roller skate.
Would displace a very much needed facility used by disabled people	This area is the only of its kind and is used by many people for various activities.
lost of different people already use the proposed site for lots of different activities	The impact this will have on the cycling circuit for the disabled
space is currently well used for basketball space is currently well used for basketball	It would be a real shame to limit some of the other good work that goes on at the site, such as the disabled cycling club.
There is a fantastic club called Pedal Power meeting every Saturday afternoon for people with learning disabilities.	There is also a reduction in the space made available to other sports and activities, including cycling. The space provided further down

<p>My daughter, Ellie, has been going there for a long time. She has complex needs and loves movement but never has the opportunity to enjoy riding specially adapted tricycles and bikes where we live.</p> <p>The position in Finsbury Park is perfect because we can park easily alongside the Pedal Power area and we all love going to the big cafe afterwards. The food there is delicious and everyone is so friendly. Plus you have the duck pond which our daughter adores.</p> <p>We don't know where else such a facility exists. It would be a pity if it were to be shoved somewhere else.</p>	<p>the park is much too small to accommodate the all ability cycling club and any other families and people wanting to learn to cycle. The space is much smaller than that recommended by national standard cycling instructors; it is also on a gradient. Beginner and special needs Cyclists cannot, unlike football players, do their activity on any other area of the park and are therefore being discriminated against with this development of football pitches</p>
<p>The Pedal Power group that use the area must be able to continue! We have supported people with learning difficulties from Cambridge to come!</p>	<p>4) The tarmac area is already well used, and I don't believe your proposal of shifting those groups to the already over-used tennis/skate board areas will work</p>
<p>I do not feel that this would be in the spirit of Finsbury park. In addition, I cannot see how adequate provision could be made for other activities on the relatively small area of tarmac adjacent to the tennis courts.</p>	<p>I like that it can be used for many different purposes: cycling for disabled, volley ball, skating, football, kids learning to ride bikes etc. The surface could be improved</p>
<p>Provision for the existing users of the area has not been considered fully.</p>	
<p><b>Alternative solutions</b></p>	
<p>There is a huge area on the corner of Green Lanes and I don't see why the centre can't be built here where it wont impact on the family park life</p>	<p>I think allotments are a great idea but I think a cheap re vamp by the council would be perfectly fine if they don't have a big budget.</p>
<p>1. Redevelop a brown field site rather than using the park for profit.</p>	<p>Seems that the Sobell centre could be refurbished to provide these facilities and at a higher level local professional clubs. The hard standing is a valuable overflow area in the park</p>

I feel this is the wrong location for such a facility it would be much more use when attached to a school where it could be used by pupils during the day and adult groups in the evening.	If you want to encourage more people to get active, why not increase the size of the outdoor gym that was recently installed in the park? That is proving very popular, and is inclusive
The proposed area is located near all the main family areas and is the main gate entered by families and older children who can come and go on their own. My son has played basket ball, learned to ride his bike and held birthday's on this tarmac - and I have been able to leave him whilst I sit in the cafe having coffee or feed the ducks with my niece...Also the proposed tarmac area near the skate park is much further away from the other family facilities and not near the gate which we all use. I am away for the consultation meeting but I really would like to speak to someone about this and put my case forward because I think it will be disastrous for the families who use the park and have done for years.	
<b>Concerns with indicative plans</b>	
I believe that the money would be best spent on upgrading the current facilities in the park i.e. the track and gym	TAKING UP LAND SPACE OF PARK NOT DISERABLE noise nuisance effect on residents and wildlife
It has not been made clear when the new facility might be open. At present the park closes at dusk. It will not be possible to prevent the general public from using the park if it is open to the 5 a side centre with the increased problems of general safety. There is no mention of floodlighting. I imagine that if the facility is agreed upon then there will be an application for floodlighting.	While I can see that such a centre could be of benefit to Haringey residents, I do not think the proposed site is the right one. Rather than building such a centre in the park, thus depriving the community of shared, common land (it's currently free to use; my understanding is that it will cost in the future, so you're taking from the many to give to the few), why not build it elsewhere on disused land in the borough. Surely there must be plenty.
Should not have licensed premises.	A licensed bar is a TERRIBLE idea.
Proposal too big	Too narrow. too expensive, too inappropriate to play football

2) Huge car park, in a park, where there is excellent public transport (and cycle) links.	Scheme includes too much car parking in an area where there is already too much traffic. You should be encouraging people to use public transport or cycle.
Not suitable in close proximity to Children's play area.	Licensed bar
I am against the provision of a social bar, neither the cafe nor the sports centre has licensed premises for good reason and such a bar is not necessary in a sports facility which is concerned with health. A juice bar with light meals is another matter.	The more I read about it the more I'm against it. I just don't believe that it's in residents' best interests no matter how they talk it up its still handing over much needed public space which is well used at the moment.
additional parking in the park, extremely poor design, undemocratic	Only if basket ball and tennis was not compromised
Can't they just paint the different lines and put some extra nets as needed for different sports up??!	It takes up too much space! this place would be ideal for new cyclists to learn how to ride a bike
Adding car parking, a bar, floodlighting, charging people for amenities, displacement of existing users	LEAVE THE BASKETBALL COURTS AS THEY ARE REFURBED BUT DO NOT RELOCATE
IT WILL REMOVE BASKETBALL FACILITIES	Should use other sites
TAKES AWAY SPACE WITHOUT REPLACING IT LIKE FOR LIKE. TOO EXPENSIVE UGLY DESTROYS CHARACTER of the park money grabbing exercise rather than public service	Also, the proposed extra access for vehicles is unnecessary, dangerous, and a waste of space.
Cost	Ancillary facilities parking and bar displacing existing users
There are enough buildings in Finsbury park and it certainly does not need a bar! Right now there is a need to conserve the green! And so no more tarmac or bricks and mortar. Too much lighting is also bad and affects the thriving nature in the park and of the surrounding area particularly bats. There is enough space to play football and no social centre please it will disrupt the tranquillity of the park. I love walking in from the Endymion road entrance and there is this lovely vista of green I feel tarmac and another building will destroy this.	

Other comments	
Health and disability	

**Appendix B: Question 2A Please tell us would you and/or your family use the proposed facilities? If no, please state the reason why?**

Don't Play Football or Play other sports	
"we don't play football or any of the other proposal facilities"	I do not have kids and do not play football"
"On the rare occasions when I play an impromptu game of football, I don't want to pay for the privilege. The park has plenty of space for that already."	"None of our family (2 adults, 3 children) play much football, and prefer fun kick around with our children on the grass"
"the members of our club wouldn't be able to play football"	I don't play 5-a-side football."
"don't play football"	Don't play football"
"Don't play 5-a-side football"	We do not play football or rugby."
Don't play football."	Not of interest."
I don't play football"	I don't play football."
Don't need it."	Don't play football"
Don't play football and don't have kids	I don't play football"
No interest in this sport"	Not interested in football at all."
I don't play football in a team"	I don't play football"
Don't play football but would use the changing/ toilet facilities"	Don't like football, don't like to play sports indoors"
Don't play 5 a side football but do play tennis and sometimes knock a ball around on the existing space if the tennis courts are full."	Don't play football, cricket. rugby- might use social facilities. basketball would be better"
we don't play football and if we did were not in a club so wouldn't look at	don't play football"

into it"	
None of us play football"	Don't play football."
Don't play football"	We don't do five a side"
Don't play football! But that is not the reason for my objections."	my knee ligaments do not like twisting"
I do not play football"	
<b>Concern about Cost/Charge</b>	
Cost/Presence of bar"	Cost."
Cost"	It is expensive"
prefer informal and ad hoc sports, prohibitive cost, need to pre book, don't like indoor activities"	but most probably not esp. not at additional cost, and we will definitely present more cars in the park/ we don't own one, by the way"
too expensive"	We would not afford it"
It would cost money same as the running track and prefer to keep park available for all"	
<b>Concern about anti-social behaviour</b>	
this facility will bring only football fanatics"	
<b>Concern about losing Free Space</b>	
I wouldn't pay to use land that was previously free to use. My wife and children are unlikely to use it either, through lack of interest."	There are plenty free places to play football already. I would rather you developed the tennis courts, which frequently have waiting times of over an hour for a court"
There are plenty of places to play football, including of course, Finsbury Park itself. On any given day you can walk through Finsbury Park and see plenty of football matches being played, from tiny kick-around to full scale matches involving people	Don't want anything to be added which has a cost attached for users. We can use informal areas for football and can use sobell centre so better to refurb here. need to keep area available for users as it stands"
We already play football on the grass in summer, and in this space in winter, and don't have to pay, or book up"	There is plenty of free space to play football. Why would I pay?"
My children play football already for free after school, without having to book or register."	My son would, but he doesn't need a special centre to play"
we already play football in other areas without having to pay for it"	We would not be willing to pay for facilities when we can play football for free in the park."
There is plenty of free space to play football. Why would I pay?"	I prefer to use the free facilities already available."

There is plenty of free space to play football. Why would I pay?"	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
I don't know 9 other people that want to play football there."	Because I would to upset too."
<b>No interest or need for football</b>	
Not interested in 5-a-side"	no interest in 5 a side football"
I don't play football and am not interested in it - that is not to say that I don't think other people should have provision"	We use the park for running, walking, leisure. Also use the tennis courts. Not interested in football."
I'm a woman in my fifties and my family live elsewhere"	not interested in football, prefer to relax in local park, with friends"
we do not have a young family"	no need"
Old age pensioner"	not of interest - have small children"
<b>Plans/design</b>	
109,"Not as the plans stand no, see previous question."	
<b>Privatisation</b>	
My understanding is that this 5-a-side football centre is to be privately operated I am opposed to privatising our parks additionally I am opposed to the proposed new car parking spaces proposed"	For the reasons already explained. I am fundamentally opposed to this development"
We would not pay to play football"	My children and grandchildren only visit. No use to them if a private club"
<b>Shared Space</b>	
Do not play football, but do use the area for basketball and cycling clubs"	If any building was shared between football and athletics I would."
Feel there is enough football facilities and the focus should be on other sport / multi-sport use without football being the dominant one"	Have no personal interest in football but will be interested in tennis and hockey facilitates. There are no hockey teams in north London"
5-a side football only appeals to a very small sector of the community"	maybe for netball"
NO BASKETBALL/ NETBALL COUNTS not free"	207,"Because there are no sand pitches for beach football"
<b>Concern about losing the park as it is</b>	
We like to use the area as it is."	It should remain as public park"
None of our family (2 adults, 3 children) play much football, and prefer fun kick around with our children on the grass"	Do not have any need in 5-a-side football and prefer to play football on the grass space."
because if I wanted to play 5 a side I can do so already in other areas in haringey as can my son - and football has been played in the park for years without any problem"	The park is wonderful, and small children enjoy it very much. The peace of a park would be broken for ever"

Prefer to keep the park as it is"	Not what I come to the park for"
I use the existing basketball courts and enjoy the quiet space that is in the park"	
<b>Qualified support to use facilities</b>	
This is difficult question to answer as I am opposed to the provision in the first place. However, if it does go ahead I cannot anticipate whether I would use it."	I don't really play football but my boyfriend does and I am sure if his friends or work colleagues got together they would"
I don't play football, but giving the kids in the area something to do is excellent"	Not sure if my son aged 16 would use these facilities but he might do so."
Husband currently plays 5 a-side in N7 and would probably try to get the team to move here."	have 2 kids one boy who doesn't like football but if there was a local facility then I might encourage him to go"
maybe"	family- grandchildren would use it"
<b>Concern about loss of cycling</b>	
I can't play football, I can use a tricycle, provided by pedal power"	
<b>Concern about access and availability</b>	
Not appropriate for disabled people"	Unless there is provision for proper special needs access"
Not suitable for a disabled child"	Possibly yes. Depends on access and availability."
this must be open to everyone all the time, there are already too many unused closed areas in this park"	
<b>Concern about being gender specific</b>	
wrong age & gender"	Only males of a certain age will use."
Family with two young girls"	

**Appendix C: Question 3A Within Finsbury Park there is a large tarmac area where the basketball posts are situated If yes, please tell us what activity you use this area for?**

<b>Other Sport Activities Required</b>	
we play basketball	Cycling, basketball, fitness training.
cycling and cycle training	Flat area to train on
Exercise, children's bike riding, socialising, running, admiring the view across Islington.	Many others do, for volleyball, basketball, etc., and all on terms that are non-commercial, not for profit.

I coach a local sports team on Sundays in the park. during winter if weather is bad and training fields are waterlogged, then we use the tarmac area to train.	Playing basket ball, football and it is a nice to let the children ride bicycles at it is one of the only areas around where you don't have to worry about car traffic.
Basketball and the British Military Fitness classes use it in winter.	the whole of the tarmac area is used by pedal power
Basketball!	Sprint training.
cycling for disabled people and their families	ball games, learning roller blade, kid learning to use bike
Cycling practice	Cycling with my young children.
disabled cycle club	Cycle Training
Cycling with disabled friends who regularly ride there.	Cycling for special needs and nervous cyclist training. Basketball,
Pedal power	Pedal Power Group
Pedal power cycling club	Cycle training.
to play basketball	cycle training for Islington Council
Cycling for special needs. It would need another designated area of equal or larger size	I run there, and my two-year-old son likes using the space for aimlessly running around.
I have used it for basketball. I walk past that every day and it is used by many people for many reasons: basketball, volleyball, model car racing, cycle training (council funded!), wheelchair users, personal fitness training, social get-togethers, filming	Cycling- playing bike Polo, practising cycling skills with children and adults from the local community who are unable to ride bikes. Also practise cycling skill with individuals who wish to ride their bikes on the local roads but need to praise their ski
my son and husband play football there	Basketball/Football
Teaching children to ride bikes, basketball, roller blading	Roller-skating. Volley-ball. General exercising.
Football, basket ball, cycling (young kids), scootering (again, young kids), playing with remote-control cars (kids again, not the big noisy ones)	open ball practice with toddlers, helping them to ride bicycles in large space that isn't on the road, chalking hopscotch game
kicking footballs, my daughter learning to cycle, yoga, basketball	Personal Trainer training using matt for sit ups etc.
basketball, cycling, fitness training	Bicycle training for children
Learning to cycle, ad-hoc, FREE football, Basketball.	Grandsons playing basketball+ my little dog chasing a ball which is good for his nails
Family and community games.	Volunteer at Pedal Power disability cycling club, also bring my learning-disabled niece to the club.
Learnt to roller-skate there. It's the only flat tarmac!	Ball games

playing with grandchildren on bikes and scooters	Play solo football, basketball, sit and watch teams play, picnic there, catch the sun there in winter
teaching children to ride bikes, running, ball throwing, basketball, games	Grandchildren skateboarding/cycling
Not much but have done i.e. kids learn to ride bikes etc	I walk and run across it, and watch the kids riding their bikes there.
But I am aware that Pedal Power does, and it is very important local cycling project.	Practising riding bikes with our young children
Teaching my kids to cycle.	Running; I'd like to teach my children to ride their bikes there when they're slightly older.
Sometimes use it with Pedal Power, a cycling group for people with physical and learning disabilities	Only when there's festivals and that area is a handy stall/stage area. But lots of kids use it for basketball and remote control cars etc.
Children's bike riding	BMF, Running, shooting hoops
See above.	rollerblading
Teaching my son to ride his bike. Basketball.	informal games, teaching kids to ride a bicycle
But others do, such as Pedal Power, a charity for people with learning disabilities	Exercise classes, running about with 8-year-old son
it is mostly used for basketball - I do not play	running around it and playing basketball
basketball, football and volleyball	with bike projects basketball football
basketball place for kids to learn to ride bikes volleyball	basketball tennis volleyball
to play basketball on the weekend	basketball tennis
basketball	jogging and watching other play volleyball , basketball and flying kites
football	basketball and bike riding
basketball	Football! goal practise children's cycling basketball children playing with it
basketball	walking
for British military fitness	Casual, family basketball and bike-riding
children's cycling training as play area	we play basketball were and exercise here its a nice free space in which to nun around
teach our kids to cycle and play ball	basketball jogging walking cycling
I use it as an area to teach cycling it is excellent! with minimal storage it	I used this area to teach my son to roller skate and to ride a bike

could be perfect	and to play football and other games when rest of the park sudden due to heavy rainfall
BASKETBALL/ CIRCUIT TRAINING	basketball netball
ball games, child bike riding	my child learnt to bike on it
I use it for exercise.	I use it for exercise.
I use it for exercise.	volleyball
Cycling with kids, kids play football/basketball	basket ball, using children's small electronic cars
No, but it's the kind of place I'd like to teach my kid to ride a bike once he's old enough	Play tennis if courts are full (which they usual are), children's bike riding, watching LOTS of other people use the space
I run adjacent to it, from the old railway line walk I gather it is used for much needed cycle training NOT AS A CAR PARK	Children use it to learn to ride their bikes. My little girl also likes to bounce her ball on it.
basketball	
Could be used differently	
No, but that doesn't mean you should build on it. It could be turned into a sanctuary.	I certainly would use it if it were grassed over like a normal park. Why not make it a picnic area?
I go up there for the wonderful view West, especially near twilight.	I walk my dog in Finsbury Pk at least once a day, that area is very rarely used and this would be a good use of the space
Bird watching/ photography	Waling with pushchair
I have used the area to photograph some of my quilt work - I could do this else where however	people do use them so that facility should not be lost
everything- young children	Socialising, football
However, I enjoy seeing young people being able to use the space for exercise and their controlled models. It provides a free space for family activity as well as informal sports provision	I train here, I have held my son's birthday parties here and played ball games, I have done British military training here, I taught my son how to ride his bike here, I have visited various events here and more importantly I have left children on this area
but I visit every Sunday areas well used	
Safe Place for activities	
I myself am currently regularly using the area as a safe place to teach my children to ride their bikes, teach them tennis and football, to play basketball, to roller-skate, and teach my kids to roller-skate.	

**Appendix D: Question 4H What improvements would you like to see within Finsbury Park from the proposed development of the 5-a-side football centre? (Please choose THREE and list in order of priority, with 1 being the most important to 3 being the least important to you) Other:**

Other activities/sport/improvements	
making sure that there is a balance between sports and relaxing	swimming pool
Cricket facilities	outdoor table tennis and another skate board park
one 7 a side pitch	table tennis
Keep large area for various activities.	activities for small children
Table tennis tables	Improvement to the toilets next to the cafe. Very poor construction
Improvements to the over used tennis courts!	Indoor Roller Skating area - covered area
track refurbished	Arts activities
(improve the area next to the skate park for the activities that have been happening in this space	Refurbishment of the cricket nets or provision of similar facilities elsewhere in park.
fine community garden projects	Table tennis tables - permanent outdoor tables fun for all ages and sexes
Football pitches. no American football pitches or basketball courts or basketball fields	making sure that there is a balance between sports and relaxing
fence around pitch needs replacing	Cricket facilities
Environmental/improvements/open space	
Deal with the rat problem by stopping the sales of bird food at the pond.	more peaceful and safe space
replace old wooden fence around perimeter with iron railings 3.another skate board park for young	Green grass and plants preferable to tarmac!
I don'tt want to be fobbed of with section 106 agreement for a loss of open space	- better landscaping

Litter collection, 2. increase skate park (very well used),	litter pick up
no cost to the council	Deal with the rat problem by stopping the sales of bird food at the pond.
drainage of wet areas	replace old wooden fence around perimeter with iron railings
more open space for Frisbee or yoga	3.another skate board park for young
	Litter collection, 2. increase skate park (very well used),
<b>Community garden/allotments</b>	
turn space into allotments or community garden area	provision of allotments
<b>Cycling/storage</b>	
more cycle storage	Safe cycle storage for bikes for new cyclists to use!
storage for specialist bicycles	more free bicycle parking
retention/accommodation of pedal power's activities	Storage for sports equipment for sports teams who use the park
Provision of storage for Pedal Power and other cycling users	more cycle storage
Keep Pedal Power	more cycle storage
provision of large space in which cycling is allowed exclusively	storage for specialist bicycles
Improved road surface for cycling	retention/accommodation of pedal power's activities
. Cycle parking and continued provision for cycling groups	Provision of storage for Pedal Power and other cycling users
Improved road surface for cycling	Keep Pedal Power
Cycle parking and continued provision for cycling groups	provision of large space in which cycling is allowed exclusively
<b>Other amenities</b>	
(cafe / sports cafe)	open air BBQs as they have in Australia
Better toilets provision	(cafe / sports cafe)
<b>Don't agree/want/understand development</b>	
These can be provided for all users without a 5-a-side centre.	None I am totally opposed to the development
None of the above	Don't want the development!
I don't understand the syntax of your question; what do you mean by 'from the proposed development'?	I don't agree with the proposal so this is a loaded question
This question is loaded to pre-suppose I want the facility and as such is inappropriate.	the park has been refurbished to a high standard generally
Don't want the proposed centre!	none required please leave as it is

All of the others sound detrimental to the park's appeal	
<b>Free/free use/cost</b>	
None of these are as important as keeping the space for free use	more free sports facilities
<b>Traffic/car parking/access</b>	
an entrance at the corner of endymion/green lane is essential for people to access the park safely	removed of all car parking more cycle parking
I don't want the development to go ahead. It is a bad idea. However, slowing cars down would help.	No car parking make people walk there is far too much obesity and pollution
Free access to the football centre, not just at 'off peak' times but some access every day.	Rigid and enforced speed restrictions 99% of vehicles exceed speed limit
Improved access from Harringay - zebra at end of Alroy with new Harringay gate.	The amount of car parking is ludicrous.
<b>Special needs</b>	
special needs adult services	
<b>Safety</b>	
safety for younger children small outdoor swimming pool	fewer drunks hanging around

**Appendix E: Question 5A** Do you think the proposed site is appropriate and accessible for a 5-a-side football centre? If no, please state the reason why?

<b>Concern about being appropriate as it is currently used</b>	
Already heavily used for many activities. Why discriminate in favour of football in this way?	It is already used by groups including Pedal Power, and is a shared space for use for local people.
it is already ideal as a facility for people learning to cycle - which is as I'm sure you'll agree is a much more worthwhile activity	the tarmac area is well used ALREADY
No, as it is already well used for a variety of activities	not appropriate because area already well used and free

Would prefer some other site in the borough to be used rather than taking away an existing one that is used for basketball, children learning to ride bicycles etc.	It is a well used space. and I do not agree with the increase in traffic this development would cause.
Currently the space proposed is used by several disabled charities for whom you have not proposed an alternative home	This area already well used
<b>Free/Privatisation</b>	
I don't think it is appropriate for the Council to take away an area that is free for all residents to use and turn it into a privately run area which costs money and is exclusionary.	I believe it is inappropriate to annex such a large part of the park for private, paid-for activities. I think it is wrong to introduce a licensed clubhouse and wrong to encourage increased car use.
There must be other brown field sites where a commercial operator could build a 5 a side centre without encroaching on public land.	This is public land. You should not be allowing a private company to enclose it for their own use.
The entire park should be free access. This would take valuable space from local residents.	It is an excellent space, but should be used only for free and public activities (including 5-a-side football)
its a free park not profit making organisation	don't want anymore development of the park- its free as it is
its currently free to use for all you don't need to make it chargeable	You can play football already in many place in the park
This park is for everyone, not for private concern. Many disabled people regularly use this area.	because the space is currently a democratic, open space, which is important
It is a public park used for years by locals in this way. It does not need to be 'sold' off to a private concern.	the current informal and no cost option is more inclusive, those space are important for a dense urban city
Please keep the area free and multi-use.	
<b>Concern about loss of Green space/open space/atmosphere</b>	
Because it's in the heart of a family area. There are other areas in the park near - on the green lanes side which can be accessed by the manor house gate - where it would be more appropriate to build a centre like this - away from all of the family facility	The sell off of part of our historical parkland is a short-term money raising exercise, but one which has the legacy of eating away at yet more of our precious public spaces. The park also doesn't need the extra traffic that the complex will generate.
It would stop current users from using it.	It is an unnecessary further development
This is a park not a stadium. there is already informal football at the southern side. may be this could be improved	See my earlier answer. I think the council should find other land for this venture, rather than taking space from the park. (Private/free argument)
Building a five a side centre will ruin the atmosphere of the rest of the park	Keep some green space
The more I read about it the more I'm against it. I just don't believe that	I think the asphalted area itself is too small for 5-1-side

it's in resident's best interests, no matter how they talk it up its still handing over much needed public space which is well used at the moment. The car parking spaces are unnecessary.	development, and any grassy areas should remain grassy and not be asphalted or built over. I hope that the park will remain a park and not become more like the city around us!
The quiet space in the park are getting smaller.	this is a park not a shopping mall
not appropriate redevelop a Brownfield site instead of destroying the park	Because there isn't the space and it is a park
The existing space is unique and will be lost. There are already too many cars in the park, making it dangerous for children, and this will only increase the problem.	Don't want the football centre anyway, so I guess I would say no, wouldn't I? There is already too much traffic congestion in this area of the park.
A lot of pitches planned, don't like the idea of groups of lads drinking in the park esp. at night, seems like a loss of community/green space, increased parking is not v. environmentally friendly	The site is already used by council tax payers - taking that access away for the benefit of private organisation of one sport is restrictive. Endymion Road is jammed solid most weekends; this is only going to increase traffic.
increased traffic/car parking/congestion	This is going to lead to a huge increase in traffic.
I think the actual site is perfect but access will not be. People will want to drive and access via Hornsey Gate will lead to increased traffic levels on that road which is already busy in peak time. An alternative access point should be created also.	I object to the provision of the car parking spaces. If this is a local facility aimed at local people and with the ambition of improving health, why on earth encourage people to drive? Finsbury Park has fantastic transport links - buses, trains and tubes
Inappropriate, the park is a park, and should remain a place of nature and peace, not flood lights, noise pollution, car pollution and licensed bar.	already have many sports facilities in park, need space for relaxing and family activities
<b>Concern about Traffic/car parking/congestion/Lighting</b>	
Please see my previous comment. I forgot to mention that obviously this will hugely increase traffic in the park further detracting from its green benefits (Private/free argument)	It will cause an increase in traffic levels both in and around the park. Haringey council should be actively discouraging this.
I worry that this will generate a lot more car traffic to the park, and turn a community hub into another 5-a-side centre attracting people from across London who are not based locally and would only use the park for this specific facility.	I think there would be an increase in motor traffic in that section of the park which would be detrimental. I also think that it would deny other users, beyond 5-a-side footballers, who have pay-to-play pitches at other sites in the area
Increased congestion on already congested route, area already in heavy community use	The surrounding residents will see and increase in traffic jam (already serious) and pollution
Will generate parking problems, light pollution at night, and be a magnet	Increase in traffic, and young men drinking after the matches, does

for petty crime.	not fit well with family park use.
There are already too many cars in the park and this would bring more. It is privatisation of a public park. It pushes out everyday users who make good informal use of the area.	Increased parking will create extra traffic around already congested Endymion Rd end of park, and will take away well-used basketball courts for no benefit to users of park. There is plenty of space in the park to play football (for free)
Traffic is a potential problem, given the frequent congestion at the Hornsey gates already and on Endymion Rd.	Endymion road carries a lot of traffic. you should not provide 70 new parking places which will generate more congestion
some 5-a-side-football would be fine but club house and extra parking unacceptable	The site is currently scruffy but well used. Traffic would be a problem, Endymion Rd is congested at peak hours as it is.
terrible road access yet they want 70 car spaces NO	extra vehicular access would be unsuitable for a park environment
I think 83 parking spaces is an awful idea, the council should be encouraging less driving to the park. I think lighting at night will affect the bat population adversely too. Please consider these factors.	Concerned about the car parking and extra number of cars in the park - its supposed to be a pleasant green space.
Don't like the idea of more car parking or use of space	The street parking around the area is already very congested
There is already enough cars in the park + it would not be safe for children and dogs. COST!!!	Would need footpath lighting from entrances to site (including track)
increased traffic in the park	Will increase traffic & need for car parking
<b>Concern about the Location</b>	
Too near the main entrance, the cafe and the road	Too close proximity to lake cafe area and swings
<b>Concern about the Scheme/Plans/design/decision already taken</b>	
Clearly the site needs developing but I think it could be better used in another way	It would be appropriate for a 5 a side pitch, but not a 'centre'
Not under the proposed scheme no.	not a good use of this space
I don't think there's enough room for it	accessible yes but not appropriate
if it was a full sports centre this might be better	I wouldn't have thought it big enough for the proposal
<b>I think this is a very good idea</b>	Encroaches on and reduces general access
Why not build it at a school?	Larger than 5 a side
make them on the grass keep tarmac for balls that bounce	Previously stated. (Parking and Free/cost)
I don't think the area is big enough for the number of football pitches you suggest.	It should be on a Brownfield site, not in the park
The information provided on the questionnaire gives no proper indication	better landscaping around the building should be proposed to make

of how the facility might be used and/or staffed; it is therefore very difficult to be able to give full answers to the questions. I am led to believe that the decision has already	a decent setting for the building, no just next to a car park the building should achieve BREEAM Excellent environmental rating
the spaces are too small to accommodate so many 5-a-side space, parking	
<b>Concern about demand as there are facilities nearby</b>	
It's not appropriate. There are other five-a-side facilities nearby, and lots of people already play football in the park	There's enough places to play football. How about something more versatile with more uses>
It's not appropriate. There are other five-a-side facilities nearby, and lots of people already play football in the park	It's not appropriate. There are other five-a-side facilities nearby, and lots of people already play football in the park
there are facilities exist locally for 5 a side football, this space would be better upgraded and used for basketball as it is currently	There are a lot of other local sites to play football and will only benefit those interested in that sport so it will not be used for the wide community.
I would like to see convincing evidence that there is a demand for this facility (and reasons why the Sobell centre doesn't meet this demand) + evidence that people would use it when they need to pay. The plans are not clear about the costs involved for '	It is not appropriate as there are other suitable facilities nearby
<b>Concern for other users -Shared Space</b>	
The park needs the space as a basketball and volleyball space. it is also a too small space for the vision laid out in the council brochure.	A smaller facility should be considered to share the tarmac area rather than use it all.
pedal power's activities would become non-existent, unless they were accommodated on the same site, which is accessible to people who park and then ride their bicycles, adapted bicycles and tricycles	This is a public area already used and I don't want it taken over for the exclusive use of a single group. It will be fenced off and a charge made for use when it is our public park!
to near to fixed residents and will impact on other park users people wanting some quiet + feeding ducks	it's too small for such a lot of activity- and very one sided, as only the football players can profit
It will take space away from pedal power	Pedal power should stay
it's taking away from the disabled cycling and this is unfair	The proposed site is multiuse and free
No, because most people don't play football, let's have an inclusive area for all without 83 new parking bays.	park is too small it is primary a place for families to enjoy relax in and not a sports destination and car park
No. this is a mixed use facility now. it should not be run as a football centre.	ne more creative in outdoor gyms on site
Will close site for other important uses	

## Appendix F – Additional comment for question 7

Concern about privatisation	
Tell the company to sod off	Not public based
The football will be expensive and not for everyone the basketball courts are and 100's of people throughout the week for free.	It's a real shame that the council feels the need to deprive those that cant afford to pay for recreational activities to monetise the park
I, as a regular park user, council tax payer, 5-a-side footballer, local resident of 25 years standing, and parent, feel that this a desperately ill-thought out money making scheme and should be assigned its rightful place on the scrapheap at the earliest opportunity.	I feel that the park have already become a business venture over the past years, bring back the art gallery!!! secure space for quiet area, family enclosures, pet areas, many other possibilities other than more sports!!
The park should be free, public space as far as possible	Would prefer this money spent for a more suitable need
No more for-profit commercialisation of our public spaces and resources!	There is not much open space in London and it is nice to be able to use the little space that there is without having to pay.
I would like to know why if investors are paying for this a more appropriate place can't be found which doesn't affect the existing community and park life	I am shocked Haringey is even considering this option, giving away valuable open space. the fact that the are is tarmaced does not make it a lesser part of the park!

Needs to be free for all. What happens after dark? is the park left open? Very unsuitable.	London's parks should not be used by commercial ventures; they are vital free outdoor spaces and should remain so.
Don't agree with plans if it is only available to people who can afford to pay for it, park facilities should be free for everyone to enjoy. Shouldn't get rid of basketball if it's being used	The involvement of a private company in unnecessary development of this very heavily used park just seems wrong! It certainly doesn't seem necessary and lots of people play football in the park already
I am concerned about how much it will cost to use, will it be affordable for everyone?	Apart from a shocking proposal to effectively privatise public open space, the design is extremely poor.
I would urge you to visit Finsbury Park on a Sunday afternoon and watch people enjoying using the free facilities. I appreciate that extra income is an attractive prospect, but building a pay-for-play football centre is not in the spirit of the park, especially since there is grass available for people to play football anyway.	At present, this area is used by a diverse group reflecting the community of Finsbury Park. The change will benefit only those who wish to pay to play organised football and have a drink after work. I don't think the council should 'sell' our precious public places in this way. Finsbury Park should be accessible to everyone!
Please keep Finsbury park non-commercial and a great park for leisure activities (including non-sports activities) other than football	I am against this proposal due to the planned car parking and third party involvement.
The park and its spaces should be free for the public to use.	stop restricting these sort of services to the general public
I think the facilities should remain free and as it is now anyone can use the courts at the moment	please upgrade existing area please do not bring commercialism to a free park
If people can drive to a area for five a side, there are many other private clubs they can go to, Finsbury Park should not be used for private members clubs.	
<b>Qualified support</b>	
Great idea to improve facilities but make sure emphasis is on right sport	How can I book a slot - will it be online?

the cost of using the facilities would have to be low enough for the kids from estates to be able to afford to use them regularly why not employ a youth worker responsible for getting the local problem youths into terms? as they wouldn't normally organise themselves like this uses should be encouraged not to drive as there are already too many cars in the park	Please don't allow the centre to take up the entire area. We don't need 10 pitches. Please leave some space so it can be shared between new users and existing users. I am very worried about the impact the loss of this space will have on other users such as disabled groups, basketball players and families with children. I am concerned this will be a fee-paying centre with limited access to the previous users. The concrete area by the skate park is no big enough to accommodate all the people who currently use the area.
Community rates for local people/clubs 7-a-side pitches for football clubs to use for training. Not as expensive as other sites.	Keep tight control over the commercial provider you allow to have the contract and don't let them get away with paying too little or have too longer contract
Concessions to Local concerns would be an issue seeing as the proposal is on a commercial venture.	I like the idea but disagree with the car park
We would like preference for local teams when booking 5 a side pitches for use as they are usually very popular and oversubscribed.	Should this not be for local kids?
It's a great idea - uses a space that isn't used now.	Very happy with proposal
Brilliant idea. That space is really under-used.	Football good in the park as well as 5 a side centre currently no where to play football the more places the better
Let under 13s come please to stop them going crazy	The facility could be used to take bookings for the tennis course. It's a disgrace to have the current free for all when jobs could be created by having a hut to take bookings.
I think it is a good idea, but ONLY if it is not too obtrusive to the nice look of the park and not too commercial either. If the external operator is going to come in they need to be forced into keeping prices down, as	Make sure its safe for children

presumably they are getting the site for cheap. ALSO there is no need for 83 car parking spaces! If the council is targeting local people they should not be encouraged to drive here, but walk or use public transport! And the maintenance of an area for basketballers etc elsewhere in the park is crucial - there is a good space by the skate park.	
Happy to have a private sector company provide it, although I know others aren't.	We like the concept, but encouraging car use by providing so much new parking is not environmentally good and defeats the objective of improving health and well being of residents
Fantastic idea. The area is currently underused and this would bring jobs, activity and a place for local kids to play, especially if a community football league was organised.	you would need to improve the toilet facilities with any new developments in the park currently- they are pretty awful
I love this idea as we have mainly facilities in the park for American sports (Baseball, American football and Basketball) but no football, which is our national sport, it can't be done soon enough in my eyes	A much needed improvement and a great idea for the community
At least one larger pitch as well as the 5 a side pitches	Should be car free development
This has long been needed. That tarmac area has been an under resourced area for many years.	This would be an excellent addition to the Park
Make a 5 a side pitches where they can be changed to 7 a side pitches where they will get more use and can be used for training and other sports.	Need to ensure that pitches available off peak for members of public to book at competitive rates
Overall I would say improving sports facilities is a good idea. But as a user of the park I am disappointed that it costs me money to run around the running track. I suggest that money from the 5-a-side sports facility is used to open up the running track to free use.	Investigate the prospect of a new building that could serve both the athletics track and the football facility. Benefit of lower running costs, less development in the park. Would need detailed discussions to make sure suitable for both football and athletics but could provide a

	unique solution.
Walking my dog there all the time, I welcome anything that would bring more people there late night, meaning it would be safer for me to be in the park late in the evening	I am in support of this facility but completely against the provision of car parking. Every effort must be made to discourage car use in the park and surrounding areas. Also, I would like to see differential pricing for use of the facility that gives preferential rates to those living nearby, to younger people and unwaged people.
<b>Alternative to support healthy living</b>	
we need to encourage more sports use of the park space, its a massive asset that is under utilised	Sport can be a great way to involve all ethnic groups and particularly young men
I use the park on a daily basis all year round. For sport and with my children.	More flowers! I am not in favour of the grass area being taken away and turned into tarmac area- all the grass area should stay- thank you
If you would like to make Finsbury Park more amenable for sporting activities you won't do better then making it more viable for cycle training as this will not only enable people to get fit and healthy and have fun, it will save them money and reduce our carbon emissions. Turning the basketball courts into football pitches will only encourage the participants to drive to a park which already has too many motor cars in it.	Why are all the sports on offer in the park aimed at boys? Even the track is taken over by American football with the girls relegated to cheerleaders. Why not spend the money on the British military training that I see so many women enjoying in the park? Or what we really need is a Lido, the American baseball pitches would be great for a lido, something all could enjoy.
Area for swimming pool for children picnic and a barbeque	
<b>Concern about parking, traffic and noise levels</b>	
Why do you need ANY car parking this close to Finsbury Park station?	If car parking facilities are increased then reduce the access road parking and no more fun fairs at the Park

This is a really terrible idea. The proposal to increase the number of cars and parking spaces in the park is truly outrageous and should be resisted.	it is also an ideal site for disabled people from the 3 adjacent boroughs -with parking for Blue Badge holders on adjacent road; easy access by public transport; and access to park cafe and wheelchair-accessible WC
The provision of 83 car parking spaces is way too many. The centre can accommodate a maximum of 100 players who will be encouraged to cycle and use public transport so why 83 spaces? This will encourage more road vehicles into the park increasing the risk of harm to pedestrian and cycle users of that side of the park. The positioning of the access to the car park means that cars will travel along a section of the park road way that is heavily used by other people. If you must have car parking, it should be many fewer spaces and the access should be much closer to Endymion Gate to minimise travel on the park road.	How can there be any plan to incorporate car parking on this site. This is appalling, to encourage more cars to drive through a green space, its bad enough with the amount of cars that already use the park. There is fantastic public transport servicing Finsbury Park and absolutely no need to incorporate car parking. Will coaches also be allowed to park in the car park? This is awful. NO cars in Finsbury Park apart from those with disabilities. If the facilities are meant for local people than there should be no need for car parking particularly in this are. Have you ever been down Endymion Road particularly the junction with Green Lanes and witnessed the jams there; how can you possibly contemplate adding to that traffic!
do there need to be so many pitches? Will these go beyond the current basketball courts?	More cars should not be encouraged into the park.
Why not just grass the area over and make it a picnic area or something for kids?	Extremely disappointed about the amount of car parking spaces allocated
Additional car parking goes against greener policies. The only car parking should be for people with disabilities.	83 new car parking spaces is a real step backwards. Finsbury Park is very well connected by public transport and cycle routes.
Too many car parking spaces proposed for the site, the park is surrounded by excellent rail, tube and bus services so this amount of parking is unnecessary. I dislike having cars in the park anyway; I would like my children to be able to run around safely.	83 car parking spaces are bonkers. There is no excuse for the able bodied to have to drive to the park. Proposals will increase local congestion, pollution and make the area less appealing for pedestrians and cyclists.
Concerned about noise levels	I strongly object to increasing car parking in this park.

Emphasise disapproval of car park. Have you heard of congestion, child asthma rates, and climate change?	There is no need for the large number of car parking spaces with this development, Finsbury Park is well connected to public transport links
Use for sport and relaxation NOT encourage car use	No cars in the park!
Please don't do this as Londoner we all need space! Our city is too congested don't bring it in the park! No matter what the property developer's promise!	I strongly oppose the increase in car parking this facility should be for local people and should not encourage the increased use of cars BREEAM Excellent should be the level of environmental performance for the building
I also worry about the increase in local traffic - why are so many car parking spaces needed when there is excellent public transport at Finsbury Park station?	Do not encourage car use or having a large parking lot
<b>Requests for additional investment</b>	
Want to see some Netball Courts created as a result - either on the 5-a-side site, or elsewhere in the park.	Improvements urgently required to the Finsbury Park track for athletics facilities. Football proposal only acceptable if a no further area is grassed over.
Want to see some Netball Courts created as a result - either on the 5-a-side site, or elsewhere in the park.	Ensure there is an ability to play cricket and make sure you re-house the disabled cycling facility.
Track is very much in need of refurbishment.	The athletics track obviously represents a huge investment from the past. It still supports an active and successful club and should be restored to its former glory.
why don't you just re-tarmac and mark out free volleyball and basketball courts.	The current running track is in need of refurbishment, and should be given priority over this project.
I think this is a good use of the space. Pricing needs to be affordable for local youth. Better still; ensure a certain amount of time is available at discounted or free prices for local people, especially young people living	Adding new space such as the football pitches is not a good idea

in the area.	
a better entrance at endymion/green lanes is essential for easier access into the park without having to walk alongside smelly polluting cars. Also the pavements between the railway bridge and Manor house should be enlarged to include a few meters of the park. This would enormously improve the walk to/from Manor House tube for 1000s of commuters' everyday. This enlargement would need to be landscaped in a way that makes the walk safe in particular at night. The large chunks of the park which are for private use should also be broken into smaller sections to make the park more user friendly and interesting.	
<b>Concern for other users</b>	
Although there is no official barrier, five-a-side pitches are used in the main by men so this will effectively make a large section of the park unavailable to women.	Site is already put to good use. This development does not consider existing users needs.
I coach two local sports clubs and we would love access to 3G playing surface, so it would be preferable to have a large area available to users already in the park. American football, rugby, Gaelic football, DSA and other I am sure would love to have access to a 3G surface for training as the fields are constantly flooded during the winter and the main field in the stadium needs a long period of non-use and users need a place to train during this time.	If you finally decide to go ahead with this, please, please, please make sure that the people who use the current area for volleyball/basketball etc have somewhere to practise *before* work starts on the football site.
Please consider other sports	I have a family of boys - and none of them play football. They prefer basketball and tennis.
I would be concerned about the number of people who play basketball in the tarmaced area being given another space to play	Please consider the needs of others, not just football players and car users.
The beauty of Finsbury park lies in its accessibility to everyone:	a few more tennis courts a cricket field no American sports this is

everyone can use it, for a large variety of leisure activities.	England!!
As a PE teacher involved in roller skating development, I feel it would be an asset to introduce roller skating.	Lots of people now use the site for all sorts of different activities which need a large concrete surface. This is the best one in our area; please leave it for continued open access.
<b>The needs of Pedal Power</b>	
Pedal Power is a great club and so perfect for young and older adults with learning disabilities and complex needs.	There are limited activities for the disabled, they have limited access to travel and therefore having facilities in their local area is vital.
There are very few activities that my disabled child can take part in. Even in the park, there is only suitable piece of play equipment despite all the money spent on the playground. To relegate Pedal Power to a poorer area of the park would be a failing on the council to consider the needs of all users. I am sure a more thought out proposal could lead to a suitable alternative for all.	I am very concerned that this proposal could mean an end to the Pedal Power cycle club for people with learning disabilities. This is a much valued and unusual facility and it appears that the current proposals do not take into account the impact on this vulnerable group within the community. The council should conduct an equality impact assessment to see what the impact would be on disadvantaged groups. Bear in mind that facilities for adults and children with learning disabilities are few and far between and that the current club uses expensive equipment bought with public (lottery) money.
Please make sure that Pedal Power can continue! It is so brilliant! It gives that sense of freedom to people with disabilities.	Suitable provision must be made for disabled cycle club. the alternative area is not ideal
A flat area for cycling (disabled, children and cycle training) also volleyball and basketball provision should be retained.	Adult services for young people with disabilities of all kinds is dreadful in the borough and in adjoining boroughs
In given the disabled charities who will be made homeless this is an unimaginative proposal for a much used and loved park	The facility to learn to cycle for a disabled person is really important. The alternative space for this (and for basketball etc), next to the skate park is at present not convincing, this area is small.
<b>Concerns about the development</b>	

Where is the evidence that more five a side pitches are desperately needed?	there are other sports football space in London I don't see why it has to be in the park not appropriate
Inappropriate development	sorry to be so negative but I find parts of your proposal surprisingly insensitive.
Terrible idea totally against it not what a public park should be used for	Please don't develop on this area of the park.
The place is used by me and so many others single and groups of people as a free space that catches the sun and can be anything you want to be - football field, basketball court, bike riding, picnic venue, place to relax please do not develop it and loose its fantastic mix of use.	This is a terrible idea. I would like to see more environmental ideas for the space. In fact, there should be opportunity for people to suggest ideas plus people should be canvassed in the park (everyday users) to get their views.
this is a bad idea and would ruin the beauty of the park both aesthetically will badly	As a resident of 24 Scarborough Road, I would like to see more information relating to what impact/noise pollution (if any) will the proposed development have on nearby residents.
Before any agreement about the change in use of the tarmac area I would like to see the plans for the redevelopment of the other tarmac area for the relocated activities. At present that area seems too small.	I am 100% against this idea - the site is well used, by a wide variety of people, for a variety of activities...The bar may take custom away from the park cafe.
We are strongly against this plan and know many others who are too.	It's naive to think you can accommodate the current activities on the tarmac next to the tennis courts, it's a lot smaller.
It finally feels like Finsbury Park is a safe space to bring children - with the inevitable groups of lads that so many football pitches with a bar will bring, it'll make the park feel intimidating again.	Sand surfaces are cheaper to install and easy to maintain, and provide the opportunity to play a variety of sports including beach soccer, beach rugby, beach tennis, beach handball, and everyone's favourite, beach volleyball!
<b>Comments about the consultation process</b>	
This consultation questionnaire is very biased. I do not believe that this is a fair consultation.	The questions in this consultation were designed to...Each question contained a free-text box enabling those who did not support the

	proposal to tell us why.
I would like to attend any meeting you have to voice my concerns and would be grateful for news if any are relevant.	Notices re consultation day, only at main entrance and designed to catch the eye of people keen on football so other uses not being made aware of
I think that the majority of your questions are leading. For example, question 6 is irrelevant: Yes, the site is appropriate and accessible by foot and bike. The problem is the tremendous amount of parking spaces that you propose.	Are there leaflet/posters in the cafe asking people about their views?
Your consultation contains spelling mistakes.	Thank you for consulting the community
Give the residents a vote on this	Consultation methods of questionable accessibility
This consultation is a disgrace - to run it during the World Cup is biased, and the parameters of decision making you are giving to the community is yes or no rather than 'what would you like', a football centre will benefit boys rather than girls who are notoriously difficult to get into sport anyway, and that area of the park is so well used it is such a shame you are proposing this.	In addition to press releases and online advertising on the Council's website, posters advertising the event were..... X xxx homes in the surrounding area were made aware of the consultation event. On the morning of the event staff checked that posters were advertising the event and toured the Park throughout the event to invite people to take part.
This survey is biased in favour of the plan. I do not agree with the proposed plan. What evidence is there that this proposed facility is needed or wanted?	The questions in this consultation were designed to...Each question contained a free-text box enabling those who did not support the proposal to tell us why.
The questions in this document are loaded to assume that people want the facility. The questions should have included: Do you want this private facility? Do you want to encourage alcohol consumption in the park? Do you want to encourage more traffic in and around the park? Is this an appropriate proposal near the children's area? Should people be charged twice for using the park? Is it a good idea to stop youngsters using the hard court areas?	Finsbury Park supports 3 boroughs, and the borough boundaries all meet in the Park for the benefit of those people who live thereabouts. Whilst the borough of Haringey might administer it, it does not belong to Haringey Council, it belongs to the people, whose taxes and lottery funds have been used to ensure its upkeep and regeneration.
Why don't supporters have to explain why?	Concern for existing users
Thank for running the consultation football is a pretty small niche while	I consider the consultation is too simplistic to do justice to the

withdrawing all the different existing uses	proposed development
Concern about limitation of plan	Concern about privitization,traffic
no	No
none	None
no	NO
no	N/A
There are so few spaces where people can play ad-hoc games - 2-4 people playing basketball, kids riding bikes, organised community games of volleyball. None of these are the usual football demographic of young men. This plan risks reducing the way in which different communities can use the park to keep fit - and the area by the skateboarders isn't big. How about 4 football pitches (painted lines, not AstroTurf) and use the current pavilion by the running track.	I really hate this idea. Finsbury Park is a local park. It is not a car park. You should not be encouraging more people to drive to their local park. This area is used by lots of different groups and I do not think that the much smaller tarmaced area by the skateboard park will be a sufficient alternative. If you want to do something different why not make half of it allotments for local groups or families. Please don't sell our parks to people who just want to make a bit of money out of us.
Existing facilities nearby	Concern at loss of public space,increased traffic
The more I read about it the more I'm against it. I just don't believe that it's in residents' best interests, no matter how they talk it up its still handing over much needed public space which is well used at the moment. The car parking spaces are unnecessary. Finsbury Park has fantastic transport links, the council should be encouraging people to be more green not encouraging more driving in the area. I think allotments are a great idea but I think a cheap re vamp by the council would be perfectly fine if they don't have a big budget. They could just encourage more people to get different sports being played on the courts. I know My neighbour is scouring the area to find somewhere to play lacrosse and I would love to play Netball if a league was up and running there. Can't they just paint the different lines and put some extra nets as needed for different sports up??! When I go past there are usually people doing lots of different things, basketball, kids learning to ride bikes, int	* the existing users of the land will be ousted - the much smaller area by the tennis courts is entirely unsuitable for basketball, volleyball, cycle training and model car racing * this is commercialisation of the park - our public space will be fenced off and people will have to pay. * we don't want a bar in the park. It doesn't add value to the park and actually makes it less attractive for many park users * does adding 84 extra car parking spaces really encourage a healthier park? Is this facility really aimed at locals? How can it fit in with Haringey's own Greenest Borough Strategy? What about the Green Flag status? * Night lighting - the pitch will be open in the evening. This lighting will look appalling, again it's rubbish for the environment and for our local bat population * How does the park benefit, really? Will any of the money made be used for the rest of the park?
There are enough football pitches next to Seven Sister Road where the	Concern for existing users,privitisation,traffic and loss of open space

noise is already there.	
as a resident on endymion road, it is very congested with traffic and that affects quality of life currently. I am very concerned that the development will worsen the problem. council must review the flow of traffic system and prevent the noise/air pollution now!	even though I don't play basket ball often other people do, the courts are in constant use moon-sun and the capacity to play should be upheld
the proposed are to replace basketball near the skate park is too small to cater for the numbers who use the current courts	Alternative provision to relocate too small
park is well maintained (dog walker)	Concern about traffic congestion

## **Appendix G: Other comments received (letters, emails, online comments).**

Support for the proposal
Thanks for your consultation letter dated June no date 2010. Yes, you can go on with the proposed football facilities as long as you will use the present tarmac new and you do not have to tarmac new area or concrete them as we have got to much tarmac and concrete in London and the whole country for that matter thanks for your consultation.
The borough of Haringey is severely lacking facilities for the most popular sport in the country of which 5-a-side plays a big part. New facilities would be most welcome and is needed for the local youth
<p>Cricket is represented considering it's small participation rate in this country: Ally Pally, Highgate, Crouch End, Clapton Pond etc. Getting kids into something like five a side is cheap and massively popular amongst all nationalities and social and economic backgrounds. People play football wherever and with whatever, just look around the world, but playing on a good surface, with markings and nets not to mention shower facilities would go down a treat in this area.</p> <p>A (state owned) five a side pitch complex, can be multi-use, hockey, circuit training, tennis and even cricket training etc. Just look at</p>

most school facilities, they are always multi-use. If all the minor sports (Softball/Baseball, American Football, Skateboarding, Tennis, Basketball, Athletics) can be represented within FP, then surely our national game can to.

Playing football has, on the grass in FP it's problems, primarily dog logs! Also there are no markings, no goals, uneven surfaces etc etc

*"jumpers for goalposts!"*

Well we use dog turds it's easier. That dive to the bottom left as a goalkeeper can be a dirty affair.

I'm all for creating more space for sports, was there any uproar about the tennis courts or the planned exercise machines on Ducketts?

That piece of tarmac is an isore, where will all the remote control kids or MFT hunks go? Redveloping it would be a great idea IMO. I'm less happy about the 'commercial operator' side of it mind.

As someone who plays 5-a-side regularly at the Sobell Centre I'd welcome the provision of pitches in the park. Demand far exceeds supply for the pitches at the Sobell and there are few other places to play organised football in this area.

A few concerns would be the provision of parking, the size and adaptability of the space, and the commercial element.

Parking provision, I assume, would be operated on a profit-making basis. It galls me that they let so many cars into the park already when there is such good public transport available.

There is no reason why the plan couldn't be changed to a multi-sport venue, such as the astro pitches in Battersea Park are. Personally, I'd like to see a return of cricket to the park, and it would seem that this development would be ideal for slotting in a couple of nets. Though my ideal solution would be to turf out the Baseballers and return the cricket pitches to their former glory.

Also, why the obsession with youth using this space? Adult recreation is just as important for public health as youth recreation, and sports teams can often be a key way of creating social networks. If it wasn't for football and cricket I wouldn't have met half of the friends I have made since I came to London at the age of 20.

The people I play 5-a-side with aren't plutocrats from Finchley who tool up to the Sobell in their 4\*4s. They're just regular blokes who

get the tube or the bus there and want to have a good run around for an hour in a competitive way. I think there's room in the park to accommodate people who want to do that, young or old.

Many sports are catered for in FP having the correct facilities, football (in any capacity) isn't catered for (apart from grass and poo goalposts), which I find a little odd.

Finsbury Park is large enough to encompass many activities and it is culturally and historically shown to host many sports, pass-times and activities – that's what public parks are for.

I understand I may be coming across as incredibly bias as a football fan, I am : )

Can I just point out that many, many people drive to Finsbury Park at present, usually parents going to the park and cafe. There's also the gym, the athletics track, American football, softball & baseball, tennis, skateboarding, and that's doesn't even count the non organised events. I cant remember any fury when the tennis courts were modernised with increased traffic? Would you ask the tennis players to play in the road on a slope using a couple of deck chairs for the nets?

Increased variety and usage would be advantage in my opinion as it isn't catered for at the moment, we can't be all inclusive for all then emit something we don't like. An astro turf level, multi purpose facility would enhance the usage of the park. We don't want more car parking facilities, a leisure club with a smoothy and lager bar or a third party company ripping off the locals on civic land, but I do want better facilities.

If we want our children to be active, then surely we must provide good facilities. Unless we rebuild Wembley with a pitch on a nine degree slope, no markings and moveable goals from pinched traffic cones, we've got no hope in wining the World Cup in 2018, should we get it.

Regarding 5-a-side plans, I think it would be a good idea. I've seen it done elsewhere and I'm sure it would be heavily used. I'd be concerned about even more cars in the Park and about what "community use" would actually mean, but surely it's better to use the area in a more effective way that would reach far mor people than simply having a big empty flat place with no real purpose. I'm not a fan of privatising public space, but I don't see the investment coming from anywhere else otherwise and I think with the right deal it could bring much-needed funds into the Park.

I think the idea of the facility is great but.....

Will there be a pricing schedule that would favour use by locals and offer discounts?

### Concern for other users -Shared Space/other facilities

The tarmac areas you propose to destroy house the basketball and volley ball courts.

Enough said.

We aim to re-house the basketball and volleyball courts to another tarmac area within the park

Just like to add my view on this... A park is a large green space for use by all the community. Kids can play football without tarmac, parking, floodlights etc. Just a ball and some markers for goal posts.

In my opinion, Finsbury park is too dominated by sport. What have we got already? Tennis, baseball/softball, athletics, basketball, bowls... do we really need 'organised' football as well? And don't get me started on the americanisation of the sporting areas, the fact that the large Green Lanes part has big signs saying "for baseball / softball only" and that the athletics track is taken over by cheerleaders and american football makes me angry everytime I walk past! I know the trees etc are American at that side of the park but it doesn't mean we have to encourage kids to play those tacky sports.

I would love them to remove the baseball pitches and make that area into a lovely modern lido, there's no swimming facilities within walking distance of N4 and since my bike was nicked at the Highbury pool I don't feel safe locking up bikes there. Wouldn't it be great to have a lido on our doorstep!

The more I read about it the more I'm against it. I just don't believe that it's in residents best interests, no matter how they talk it up it's still handing over much needed public space which is well used at the moment. The car parking spaces are unnecessary. Finsbury Park has fantastic transport links, the council should be encouraging people to be more green not encouraging more driving in the area.

think allotments are a great idea but I think a cheap re vamp by the council would be perfectly fine if they don't have a big budget. They could just encourage more people to get different sports being played on the courts. I know My neighbour is scouring the area to find somewhere to play lacross and I would love to play Netball if a league was up and running there. Can't they just paint the different lines and put some extra nets as needed for different sports up??! When I go past there are usually people doing lots of different things, basketball, kids learning to ride bikes, interval training and people just doing workouts on them. I think the space is used quite well already.

They gave part of the park to baseball pitches, and destroyed the cricket pitch, there are sports pitches on the Seven Sisters Rd. side, a rugby pitch, running track + NFL pitch, & tennis courts already.

What about those who just wish to use the park as a gentle place to walk & jog in the open air, and find somewhere peaceful to pass away a few hours? Leave it alone & let folk have an informal kick about when they feel like it - jumpers for goalposts!

Use the money to create sports pitches at the Heartlands High which can be used by groups out of school hours.

Still won't win the penalty shoot-out at the World Cup!

I agree with you, I think it's very important to have an open flat space for ad hoc groups to improvise in, much as the current use. Leave it alone, and let the park users do as they will with it. It's rarely empty. You seem to have found a multitude of uses for it - well done.

I was going to complete your online questionnaire, but realised as it is written it doesn't take account of people with a learning disability - particularly those with more profound disabilities.

I am the mother of a young woman who is unable herself, due to lack of capacity, to respond to your questionnaire.

She attends the very popular and successful Pedal Power Cycling Club on Saturdays. We do not want to stop the development of sporting opportunities in Finsbury Park, but there seems no doubt your proposals are going to downgrade the facilities and area available for cycling for people with learning disabilities in the Park.

Please do not discriminate against our community in your plans for the development of sporting facilities in Finsbury Park

Hi there,

I am voicing my opinions in relation to the hype about the football pitches in the park.... great idea ....

But what about some investment in the lineage on the tarmac area for Netball, basketball and Volleyball..... ????

It's not about the football football football

As a coach it would be great to do something else at the park..... if the lineage was there this would be possible....

I am writing to you as a Haringey resident. I've lived in the borough for nearly 20 years. The proposal to turn the flat tarmac area into 5 a side football pitches is not good. This area is used by many different groups for many different activities. Cycling for disabled people, volley ball (where else in the borough can that be played?), basket ball, roller skating and more. The nature of the area is brilliantly adaptable and multipurpose. So yes please do resurface it. But please leave it as a area that provides many different sports and activities.

Please do not make the 5 a side football pitches.

### Concern about Privatization/health

I hope this development will be free to people. As a resident, I really dislike what happened with the running track, it used to be free, open to everyone and it was loved and used by people. Since council started charging £2.50 for this premise, it is almost empty at all times.

Why do you need a commercial partner to run this football centre? Surely council should be there providing these to its residents free of charge, otherwise what you are effectively doing is to take away what belongs to people and profit from it. This can not be called public service and it is not in public's interest. We want to see our council providing for us, Haringey's residents.

Considering parks are public spaces, I desperately hope this new development will not be something that people have to pay for to enjoy in their own park! Otherwise, shame on Haringey Council!

horrified at the thought!!!! Yes sport is important for improved health, but so is relaxing with family and friends in the local park. It is already fully used and quiet space is difficult to find. Why is booze being sold in the park, not a healthy option!!!!contradicts healthy usage - supports commercial not community. I do not want to encourage drunk people in the park, will you eventually stop us bringing our own drinks in???? not good promotion for young people, plenty of local pubs and bars, and shops providing There are many options available and we have many sports facilities in this area. Football is not the only option, if necessary, why not use the area where the american football pitch is? Why are you privatising our park!!!! we loose enough time and space there with other events throughout the year. Also the congestion in that area is already pretty heavy, how will this effect that area? really very unhappy about this, wondering what has happened in the management of this park, and what happened to the wonderful gallery that we had there? there are sooo many other options to consider for this area, if it needs developing! and what about the leaking parts of the park, where part of the park is unusable due to boggy land? Our land is not to be swapped for a few gold coins!!!

Thank you for attending our general meeting on 1 July to present the Five-a-side proposal for the hard court area. I have attempted to summarise the objections expressed at the meeting as follows:

The Friends of Finsbury Park are supportive of initiatives to upgrade and increase the range of sporting facilities available in the park. However with reference to the current Five-a-side Football facility under consultation we have the following concerns:

- Construction of a new building on Metropolitan Open Land for which planning permission will be challenging to obtain.
- Duplication of existing facilities for changing and refreshments
- Commercialisation and removal from free use of an area of the park which is currently used for sporting and recreational activities
- The extent to which noise, flood lights and mesh fencing will endanger and disrupt the activities of protected species such as bats is unclear
- Proposal for transferring existing sporting facilities to the area adjoining the tennis courts and skateboard zone has not been fully costed.
- Introduction of a further 90 car parking spaces

- No clear business case exists for this proposal specifically taking into account hire revenue loss from film location units, event equipment storage and promotional events.

OBJECTIONS:

1. A large and prominent area of the park will no longer be available to the community, unless they pay, register, or only play the prescribed sports.
2. At present the area is used by the whole community for a diverse range of activities. The council states: "it is anticipated that these activities could be accommodated elsewhere in the park without cause to convert any grass area to tarmac." Does this mean that the council could build over existing grass areas? Could this open a planning back door to the loss of grass area? If not what areas will be provided for volleyball; basketball; disabled cycling; remote controlled car activities; free football etc? The only potential area that springs to mind, is the tarmac area next to the skate park, which is a fraction of the size of the area under consideration. Will the council organise a rota for these activities to ensure each group has fair use? How would such a rota be implemented?
3. At present this area is used for football on an ad-hoc basis. Our children play here and are visible from the café which ensures their safety. This proposal would mean they can't play without paying, booking up, and joining an organized team; or they would have to play in muddy conditions, or far away from the café, out of sight and unsafe. Surely the point of a park is that it is free, and you can come along and kick a ball about without having to register and pay.
4. The Bar. As I understand it, a bar will be provided. Many children use, and walk past this area as it is close to the café, and lies between the parkland walk entrance (access to Stroud Green School) and the Hornsey Gate and New River entrances. Do we want young men who have been drinking after their game mixing with children who are using the park, or on their way home from school or after school activities? How does the bar fulfil the demand for 5-a-side football?
5. Car park. Why would the council encourage more car use in this age of sustainability and low carbon emissions? If there is such a local demand for organised 5 a side football then surely users can walk, cycle, or use the ample public transport to the park.
6. Football. Many groups already play football on a regular basis in the park. They do not have to pay, join an organised league, or play in teams of 5. There is already adequate provision for football in Finsbury Park.

In response to your letter regarding a private firm running a five-a-side centre on the tarmac area - NO! Me and my family do not support this idea. I have filled in the survey online. The area is currently used well and creatively by a great many families and communities, including ours. The proposal would also bring more cars to the park, to the detriment of park users and the environment, and it would also be further privatisation of a public area. We strongly oppose the plan.

As a resident of Haringey, I strongly object to the proposed project of turning the area near the Hornsey Gate Entrance into a 5-a-side football centre.

REASONS:

- 1) There are plenty areas for football along Green Lanes field area and is currently used at no cost or restrictions to the public.
- 2) The council has already taken a HUGE amount of space for private use at the track and field - which stands empty in the morning as joggers run around on the outside of the fence in the morning - every morning - before going to work - I know I walk my dog around 8AM every morning -
- 3) Our council taxes are paying for the grooming of these "so-called" private areas.
- 4) Where are the sports for girls/women??? Where are the volleyball nets? where are the volley-balls? badminton nets? rackets and balls? How sexist to cater to the boys whims of sport and not provide adequate activities for girls - or do you want them to be unhealthy and fat in later years, besides not learning how to be team players and competitive in the business world?
- 5) Why not start basket ball teams for the teenagers? keeping them off the streets after school?? Getting local sponsors to support them and compete against other park teams.
- 6) the tarmac area is used by parents teaching their children to ride bicycles, disabled to learn to ride bikes
- 7) The same area could also be used for a neighborhood farmers market - which requires tarmac!

How dare Haringey take more park away from the public! It is overcrowded as it is especially Saturday's when the British Army exercise en-mass teams take over the park with their yelling and stampeding. And the track and field prevent the low income kids from using the track and field area. Shame on Haringey not serving the public with free open space.

"You got to have Park" for it's the soul of the community and not meant for permanent private use.

Please don't sell out.

Thanks,

As a local resident and past Chair of Friends of Finsbury Park I would like to register my strong objections to the scheme to put commercial 5 a side football pitches with their building and car park into Finsbury Park.

I do so for several reasons

This is another attempt by Haringey to use the park to create revenue. Though the consultation brochure does not make this clear, it is going to be expensive to use these pitches. This is not a wealthy area and park facilities like pitches should not be there to make profit for commercial operations.

The picture on the brochure shows quite a large car park, with space for perhaps 50 or more cars. Why should any of the park be given over to private car parking. There is no shortage of public transport in the area. This aspect of the scheme will not do anything for Haringey's Green credentials. Is there not an obligation to preserve Metropolitan open space

The brochure goes on to say that 'a small pavilion' will be built. Granted the facilities then mentioned (changing/toilet facilities, reception, office, meeting room and social bar area) it is hardly going to be a small pavilion. A substantial building is pictured on the brochure. From the picture on the brochure it is also clear that night use and floodlighting is planned. Apart from security concerns is this what a park is for?

Finally I understand that by social bar is meant licensed premises. Why should alcohol be sold in the park? There is no shortage of pubs in the area and Haringey, with grant aid, has only recently built a new café in the park.

I think Haringey ought to go back to first principles. A park like ours is a trust created by forward thinking, socially minded, people in the past for the benefit of future generations. It is not an asset to be exploited by one generation. I hope Haringey will think again. I am copying this letter to our local Mps Councillors, the FOFP and others.

Finsbury Park already has a number of enclosed areas that are used for specific and exclusive activities for a fee, namely bowling, baseball, tennis, running track/gym and American football.

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With respect, I consider the consultation is too simplistic to do justice to the proposed development. I have therefore composed a letter of detail to cover the bulk of the questions and issues posed.

The potential site currently known as the 'ball games area' supports a variety of informal activities, basket-ball, volleyball, football kickabouts, rollerblading/skating, model car racing, youngsters learning to ride bicycles, circuit training and so on. The important fact is that these are in the main, informal activities, those who require an open space with a flat surface use it 365 days a year, and it is free. The proposed alternative site near the tennis courts is in no way comparable in size to the proposed site.

These informal activities are very important, particularly for young people as it gives them the opportunity to improvise & design their own activities and consequently have the satisfaction that they are capable of providing their own entertainment without the need to pay a rental fee to utilise a cage with limited opportunities. In its current format, the space is open, relatively safe, quiet and in full view of many other park users; consequently it is self-governing and imposes little impact on other park users.

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Finsbury Park supports 3 boroughs, and the borough boundaries all meet in the Park for the benefit of those people who live thereabouts. Whilst the borough of Haringey might administer it, it does not belong to Haringey Council, it belongs to the people, whose taxes and lottery funds have been used to ensure its upkeep and regeneration.

The consultation document makes no attempt to qualify its statement that there is a "huge demand for quality football facilities in the area" Where is the empirical evidence of this, who conducted the survey, and what methodology was used? Is this "demand" particular to the immediate environs of Finsbury Park, or is it as I suspect generic across London. I suspect the latter, because if it were particular to Finsbury Park, there would be no need for an 83-vehicle car park.

The consultation document makes no mention of any measures in the construction of the complex that show any attempt at achieving a carbon neutral energy profile. In fact by it's very nature, it's commitment to floodlights for night time use in conjunction with the large proposed car park would appear to suggest that it's existence would increase carbon and small particle emissions.

Currently, Finsbury Park advertises it's opening times to the public on all the entrances, which are the hours between sunrise and sunset, this is respected by the majority of users, and there have been very few recent reports of any disturbances occurring during the hours of closure following the regeneration of Finsbury Park through lottery funding. The opening of a 5-a-side complex could throw these arrangements into confusion if, as intended in the consultation documents, the complex would operate until at least 10pm, 365 days a year.

With regard to the changing rooms & social bar area. Firstly, the lack of secure sheltered parking facilities for bicycles is a major deficiency and does nothing to support any sustainability claims of the development. Secondly there appear to be no plans to utilise solar or wind power (i.e. to heat water) to ameliorate the carbon footprint of the proposed development.

The blueprint drawings posted on Haringey Council's website appear to depict a large social bar area with numerous television's and a large screen, all of which are characteristic furnishings of a licensed public sports bar. I imagine that members would have access to this during the hours of operation whether or not they have partaken in an actual sporting activity. No doubt the commercial operator would apply to Haringey Council for a 24-hour alcohol licence with every hope of obtaining one and could potentially extend the hours of operation. I would be surprised if their business plans did not anticipate this. I question if this is a desirable development in a public park, to impose a licensed sports bar, after resources have been employed in the past to discourage alcohol use within the confines of Finsbury Park.

The consultation document makes no mention of the expected fees that Haringey Council are attempting to raise through this proposal, neither how these fees will be used nor the expected length of the proposed lease, leaving those consulted ignorant of the full facts they are being consulted on. This is patently unfair.

I feel it should be remembered at all times that Finsbury Park is a public park and not a sports complex, notwithstanding that, Finsbury Park is home to the Finsbury Park Football Club which enjoys facilities within the athletic track infield, the London Heathside Athletics Club. Baseball & Softball, the London Mets Youth Baseball and Softball Club have a large footprint on the old cricket pitch; facilities exist for bowling, tennis and American Football, a whole gamut of sporting activities. The cricket nets in the baseball/softball field have been allowed to fall in to disrepair through lack of maintenance, and thereby disuse, but could easily have been a condition of access and maintenance when Haringey negotiated it's lease to London Mets.

I argue that the current diversity achieves a balance such that the Park maintains it's nomenclature of being a peoples park whilst providing a healthy number of sports activities already and the imposition of a 5-a-side complex would alter the balance unduly.

It beggars belief that alternative and suitable brownfield sites do not exist within Haringey and Tottenham to meet the so-called demand. The prospective commercial operators should be invited to explore these sites with a view to achieving regeneration at little or no cost to taxpayers and adding to the borough's sporting facilities and treasury at the same time.

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club are currently submitting plans for the redevelopment of their stadium, a most opportune time I would have thought for Haringey Council's planning committees to lobby for the addition of a 5-a-side complex there. Public transport connections are already in place and the complex's sustainability and carbon reducing efforts could be more easily achieved.

I'm afraid I cannot support this proposal, for all of the reasons described above.
<b>Concern about specific groups -Special Needs/Safety</b>
<p>I am also the mother of a daughter with learning difficulties, Autism is not a 'sickness', but we found 'medication' that helps when my daughter joined 'Pedal Power' more than 6yrs ago. The Independence and joy she feels - shines from her, as it does from all who attend Finsbury Park for 'Pedal Power' Bikes! The trainers and helpers are able to keep the 'Pedal Power' members safe where they are now, - on the Basket ball court, and the club is getting bigger. It would become too dangerous to get closer to an 'OPEN GATE'!!! A lot of the members need access to and from their own vehicle, to get to the bikes near the tennis courts only makes access to the bikes much more difficult. We would not have easy access to toilets, cafe or cover, we would also leave behind a 'Shared' bike shed containing 'Special' bikes, and until now - very little help with a little plot of ground to put our own shed so that we could buy the much needed 'Extra Special' bikes.</p> <p>The proposed scheme of 'TEN' 5 aside football pitches goes in the opposite direction to the needs of the Learning Difficulties community.</p> <p>We understand that we are not the only people that have needs, but, Please don't push us to the bottom of the list !!! We Have Needs Too . Sometimes it affects the whole family.</p> <p>Please, Please, Will someone to do with these proposals for the basketball court come and see for yourselves what good is being done by 'Pedal Power'? And see what THEIR needs are !!!!!</p>
<p>I am a sport development worker for the Elfrida Society which is an Islington based charity supporting adults with learning difficulties. We are very much in favor of the development of sports facilities in the local area. However, the tarmac area in Finsbury Park is the ideal space for Pedal Power to use. Pedal Power is a cycle club for people with learning difficulties which is particularly beneficial for those who have severe physical disabilities as well. The group desperately needs more storage space but it will be tragedy if the development affects the continuation of this excellent and vital cycle club.</p> <p>Thank you for your help.</p>
<p>I am writing as Vice Chair of Centre 404 (formerly Islington Mencap) membership 1,400 families with a learning disabled member, about your proposal for Finsbury Park.</p> <p>I am the mother of a daughter who is unable herself, due to lack of capacity, to respond to your questionnaire My daughter regularly attends the very popular and successful Pedal Power Cycling Club on Saturdays. along with many other people with learning disabilities. We do not want to stop the development of sporting opportunities in Finsbury Park, but there seems no doubt your proposals are going to downgrade the facilities and area available for cycling for people with learning disabilities in the Park.</p>

We would ask that you reconsider the sitting of this Five – A- Side proposal, and not to discriminate against our community in your plans for the development of sporting facilities in Finsbury Park.

I admit that football is a great game to play and sometimes to watch, but this non stop overtalked about game has had its day, and its time to move forward (as all the great politicians nowadays are always telling us) and think a bit more about disabled folk that need to get enjoyable forms of exercise in the open air.

This is where Pedal Power comes in, and Pedal Power needs this regular space just once every 2 weeks in a traffic free environment as we have been using it for a few years now. PLEASE DONT CUT US OUT!

thanks for your time,

### Concern about traffic-Parking

I'd like to make some comments about the large amount of parking proposed for this scheme.

It would be really useful to know how the figure of 80 parking spaces came about. Is this what the developer has asked for? 80 parking spaces will encourage people to travel by car, this is hardly a sustainable travel option.

The explanation provided, to avoid spillage out of the park seems very poor. Surely we should be keeping cars out of the park not accommodating them.

Teams of physically able football players should be using bikes or public transport. The park is surrounded by bus routes on at least 3 sides.

The heavily used, Islington council pool/gym at Highbury has no customer parking.

I think there should be car parking spaces for delivery and service vehicles only. Staff and customers should make their own travel arrangements.

I use run, walk and sometimes cycle through Finsbury Park at least once a week and more during the summer.

Could you please forward this email and I would be grateful for an acknowledgement from the relevant planning officer. Is there going to be a formal planning application?

I am responding to Haringey Council's proposals for five a side football pitches in Finsbury Park, on behalf of Islington Cyclists Action Group, the local group of the London Cycling Campaign in Islington.

We object to the proposals for two main reasons:

- 1, Excessive car parking spaces
2. Loss of a local amenity

1, We understand that the scheme proposes parking for 83 cars. This will result in the roads around the park becoming more congested and is completely inappropriate in an area already well served by public transport and a network of cycle routes. This also appears to be contrary to one of the key objectives of your transport strategy which is to discourage the use of the car and promote other forms of travel.

2, We are aware that the open space where this development is proposed is currently used on an ad hoc basis by a number of users. These include a group of disabled people who are given the opportunity to try out cycling in a traffic-free environment. It is also used as an area to train new cyclists in basic control skills in a safe area. London has fewer open spaces for this purpose and a better use for this resource would be to maintain it for this purpose rather than for five a side football which we understand is already well served in the area.

### Concern about the loss of Environmental/open/green space

I will be taking part in the online survey but wish to add these comments.

Although I admire your sentiments in proposing the increasing participation in sport and contributing to improving the overall health and well-being of residents, I wish to vote against this proposal.

As a daily user of Finsbury Park I believe there is not the capacity to incorporate yet another activity in the Park. While I acknowledge Haringey Council's gargantuan efforts at trying to encompass a diverse range of activities and needs for recreation it is virtually impossible for the Park to be all things to all people. The Park is already bursting at the seams trying to accomplish this and there is already hardly a quiet area which can be used for quite reflection or reading a book etc.

I am also perplexed why it will be necessary to build a further small pavilion, with changing/toilet facilities etc. When there are toilets not a hundred yards across the road by the lake and cafe and more toilets in the running track area. There are already three buildings in Finsbury Park which are not utilised to their potential if used at all. Why build another one? The field down by the New River is set out for baseball only, which is mostly used at weekends. On this site there are two buildings which do not appear fully utilised and could be re-furbished and adapted for a more comprehensive use.

I also think that there is already too much traffic in the Park, surely the Park should be a space where one can wander freely without fear of being knocked down etc. Further facilities only encourage residents from further afield who drive - not very ecologically sound either.

Contrary to your statement that the tarmac area adjacent to the Hornsey Gate is used for casual activities I wish to challenge this attitude, surely this is what a park should be used for. The tarmac area at present is used by individuals or groups to play volleyball, basketball, cycling, teaching children to ride bikes, roller skating etc - none of these activities can be relocated elsewhere, as you propose, without making a tarmac area.

Lastly I also wish to draw attention to the fact that offering too many facilities in a small space can also contrary to their intention cause friction. This has already occurred around the lake area, where dog walker's, parents taking their children to the play area, the boating lake and the running track users all have different expectations and requirements. A further activity situated in close proximity will only add to this conflict of interests.

This is a time when London should be conserving as much green space as possible. Your proposals for the 5-A-Side Football is an environmental and community disaster in waiting – how could you even contemplate the destruction of what is a very small, but important green space where children play and where a community congregates daily?

This is insanity – and has anyone considered how congested access already is along Endymion and Tollington Roads? Has anybody monitored the rush hour standstills – which are even worse on weekends?

Has the surety of crime increase along Parkland Walk been taken into account, especially with the planned cuts to policing?

There should be more than ample room for these plans in the Olympic sites, and waste of funds should be discouraged.

You really should have your heads examined!

I have been resident in one way or another in this neighbourhood since 1985 and value the preservation of Parkland Walk and the recent re-vamp of Finsbury Park. As far as I can tell from a user basis, it is time for a moratorium on future development in favour of the community's peace of mind and ease of use of an important green space.

As one of the few residents of the borough we will be directly affected by the building of the 5 a side football centre I thought it best to write to you on the matter. I live on Scarborough Road and my flat backs onto the park, with the current concrete pitch area immediately visible and audible. I attended your open day in Finsbury Park a week or so and had a good discussion with a number of your staff, thank for the provision of this facility. My main concern is about noise pollution. I chose to live where I do because it is a dead end road and extremely quiet. I suffer from ME/CFS a recognised disability better known as Chronic Fatigue and it is very important to my ongoing health that I can both sleep and rest in peace. I am very concerned about the impact of noise from the proposed facility. As a regular user of the park, I would also be concerned about the noise pollution affecting the adjacent lake area, and that this would significantly impact the general enjoyment of the park. Regarding the proposed solution, given this impact I do not feel that an outdoor solution is appropriate. An entirely indoor solution would be much more suitable and would provide the same leisure facilities with all associated benefits without the noise (and light) pollution impacting on the park users and local residents. If an outdoor solution were to be implemented, there would at minimum need to be the following measures implemented

1. Surround all the facility with high, sound-proof fencing and dense evergreen planting to reduce the noise impact.
2. Opening times should be significantly limited to reflect the impact on the park users and local residents, certainly no use before 10am and after 8pm on weekdays out of consideration to local residents, and very limited use at the weekend when the park is busy out of consideration for park users.

No promotions, free tournaments or major events should be allowed as these would exacerbate the mentioned issues. I would think these factors, which as

a council it is your duty to consider would render the proposal unsustainable for a third party operator, so I strongly urge you to pursue an indoor solution. I am fully supportive of the provision of such sporting facilities and I see the benefit of these to the borough residents and to the council economically, but this must not be achieved at the cost of the local residents and normal park users.