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Your ref: 21/P2900, 2021/3609

Our ref: PCU/RTI/T5720/3283735
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Date: 23 September 2024

Dear Mr Graham

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

Application by the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELT) for a cross boundary (Merton/Wandsworth LPA) hybrid planning application (comprising part full permission and part outline planning permission) for expansion of the grounds onto Wimbledon Park Golf Course with the introduction of new tennis courts, tennis related infrastructure and new buildings. Full planning permission for the provision of 38 grass tennis courts and associated infrastructure, comprising of the re-profiling of the landscape and the removal, retention and replanting of trees; provision of 7no satellite maintenance buildings; the provision of a boardwalk around the perimeter of and across Wimbledon Park lake, lake alterations (including lake edge, de-silting & de-culverting), highway works to Church Road; new pedestrian access points at the northern and southern ends of the site; new vehicular access points; and the creation of a new area of parkland with permissive public access. Outline planning permission (with appearance, means of access, landscaping and scale reserved - layout only considered in detail) for the construction of new buildings and structures, including an 8,000-seat parkland show court incorporating a qualifying player hub, guest facilities and associated event operational facilities; a central grounds maintenance hub and 2no. players hubs. at Wimbledon Park Golf Course, Home Park Road, Wimbledon, SW19 7HR. Planning application no's: 21/P2900, 2021/3609.

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to refer to the above planning applications.

2. In exercise of her powers under Article 31 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the Secretary of State hereby directs the GLA not to grant permission on this application without specific authorisation. This direction is issued to enable her to consider whether she should direct under Section 77 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that the application should be referred to her for determination.

3. This direction does not, of course, prevent the GLA from considering the application, forming a view as to the merits or, if they are so minded, refusing permission.

4. This letter is for procedural purposes and should not be read as any indication of the Secretary of State's attitude towards the application scheme.

5. I would be grateful for acknowledgement of your receipt of this letter. Please contact the case officer if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Maria Bowen

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Authorised by the Secretary of State to sign on their behalf.

The decision to issue this Article 31 was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.