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Dear Mr Graham

**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.**

I refer to the above applications which have been the subject of third-party requests to call in for determination by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered the policy on calling in planning applications, as set out in the Written Ministerial Statement dated 26 October 2012. The policy makes it clear that the power to call in a case will only be used very

selectively. This policy also gives examples of the types of issues which may lead her to conclude, in her opinion that the application should be called in.

The Secretary of State has decided not to call in these applications. She is content that it should be determined by the Greater London Authority.

In considering whether to exercise the discretion to call in these applications, the Secretary of State has not considered the matter of whether these applications are EIA Development for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The local planning authority responsible remains the relevant authority responsible for considering whether these Regulations apply to this proposed development and, if so, for ensuring that the requirements of the Regulations are complied with.

The Article 31 Direction issued pursuant to the Secretary of State's letter of 23 September 2026 is hereby withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

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***This decision was made by the Secretary of State and signed on her behalf.***