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Eastleigh Local Plan: Consultation on proposed Main Modifications to the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016-2036

1.1 I write on behalf of Mr Nicie and Cloverfield Park Limited in response to the Council's invitation to comment on the proposed Main Modifications to the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2016 – 2036 (ED108).

Policy BU8: Open space at Long Lane, Bursledon

1.2 We support the decision for the deletion of open space at Long Lane (BU8) under MM82. The Council have confirmed that the open space policy at Long Lane is to be deleted 'as it is not justified by the evidence base'. We also support the proposed modifications to the policies map which shows policy BU8 (Open space at Long Lane, Bursledon) deleted. However, there is a typo (as agreed by EBC) in the general open space layer modification PM9 which should refer to policy BU8 not BU9. It is requested that this be corrected for clarity.

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1.3 MM82 states that the open space policy (BU8) is being deleted, but the wording of MM82 goes on to reference policy DM34 (now proposed to be DM32). This suggests that the land at Long Lane is subject to policy DM34 'Protection of recreation and open space facilities'.

MM82	Paragraph 6.2.36 Policy BU8, Open Space at Long Lane, Bursledon	<p>6.2.3336 ...The Needs Assessment has also identified that there are some parts of Bursledon Parish that are not well located for access to play Spaces spaces for children and young people. The new housing allocations will meet some of this requirement. Land at Long Lane is identified as being suitable for open space to meet the remaining open space needs. Policy DM34DM36, Chapter 5 enables the development of allotments subject to a number of criteria.</p> <p>Policy BU8, Open space at Long Lane, Bursledon</p> <p>Approximately 2 hectares of land at Long Lane, Old Bursledon as defined on the policies map, is allocated for use as public open space (including allotments) to meet open space needs within the parish.</p>	Policy deleted as not justified by the evidence base
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1.4 The wording shown in MM82 is confusing as it alludes that policy DM34 is relevant to the site. The Council have confirmed via email that this isn't the case and the land at Long Lane will not be covered by DM34 or be protected as existing recreation and open space facilities. This reference should be removed for clarity as the Inspector and Council have both agreed that the open space policy of BU8 is not justified, therefore it is not helpful to have reference to an open space policy within the text.

Policy BU9: Residential extensions and replacement dwellings, Old Bursledon Special Policy

1.5 The site is also covered by policy BU9. During the local plan hearing session, the validity of the Council's proposal to carry forwards its policy relating to (BU9) was discussed. The Inspector begun by questioning the wording of the proposed policy and went on to question the Council on what merit the policy had and whether, in practical terms, it delivered anything over and above what could already be delivered by other policies in the plan. The inference during the Examination was that the future of Policy BU9 was also in question, however, the Council have not indicated any changes to the land at Long Lane in this respect.

1.6 Finally, should you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter please do not hesitate to contact me on 07870 485 586 or at ed.allsopt@tetrattech.com.

Yours sincerely,

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