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Dear Stephen,

HARINGEY LOCAL PLAN PRE-SUBMISSION PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Harington Scheme wishes to comment only on the Site Allocations DPD – specifically on SA 42 covering the Highgate Bowl.

We are pleased to note that the map now includes the whole of the site occupied by the Harington Scheme within the red line, i.e. the area to be defined as Significant Open Land. In the previous draft the central area where we have our main classroom and office buildings was excluded from the red-lined area. Can you please confirm that this means that you will not allow commercial or residential development on our site; but that you might be ready to grant planning permission for development to expand the existing horticultural/educational use provided such development complied with other planning policies e.g. on heights of buildings?

If the SLOL were to be redefined to exclude the central area of our site, as in the previous consultation document, we would need to ask for additional protections for the activities of the Harington Scheme. For example, no development should be allowed that would have a detrimental effect on the Harington Scheme. We would also point out – in the light of comments by Savills on the draft Highgate Neighbourhood Plan – that the walled garden which is very much part of our operations is locally listed, was never part of "the yards", and in our view should be for ever preserved from residential or commercial development.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Baker
Chair of Trustees