

Statement of Common Ground between Southwark Council and Sports England

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Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground (SCG) addresses matters specific to Southwark Council and Sport England which relate to the Proposed Modifications for Examination Version of the New Southwark Plan.

This SCG has been prepared by Southwark Council in agreement with Sport England and will be used to inform the contents of the New Southwark Plan.

The purpose of the SCG is for both parties to acknowledge areas of common or uncommon ground relating to the contents of the New Southwark Plan, and to progress in cooperating on the best approach to addressing these areas.

Southwark Council

Southwark Council is the local authority for the London Borough of Southwark in Greater London, England.

Sport England

Sport England has a specific role in the planning system as a statutory consultee on planning applications for development affecting or prejudicing the use of playing fields.

Strategic Matters

Strategic matter 1

The inconsistency of Part 3 of P44 – Healthy Developments with Paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

In particular, the criteria in which existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including play fields can be built on.

Agreements:

- P44 Healthy developments is consistent with national policy in its aim to retain or re-provide existing health, community, sports and leisure facilities.
- Point 3 of this P44 Healthy developments will be amended to delete “, sport”.
- A marketing exercise for two years, immediately prior to any planning application proposing the loss of a sports facility is not a sufficient assessment to demonstrate it is surplus to requirements.

Signatories

This statement has been informed by engagement between Southwark Council and Sport England

‘We agree that this statement is an accurate representation of matters discussed and issues agreed upon.

It is agreed that these discussions will inform the New Southwark Plan and that both parties will continue to work together collaboratively in order to meet the duty to cooperate.’

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