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Dear Sir/Madam

LAMBETH DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Lambert Smith Hampton (LSH) has been instructed by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to make representations to the above consultation. This representation concerns the MPS' infrastructure requirement for a car pound facility within the London Borough of Lambeth, S106 contributions to mitigate impact on crime and the emerging MPS neighbourhood police facility infrastructure requirement.

Requirement for a car pound

The MPS have an urgent infrastructure requirement for a car pound facility within the London Borough of Lambeth or any other London Borough. The requirement is for 6 - 12 acres (2.5 - 5 hectares) of open industrial land (leased from private landlords or purchased freehold).

A car pound facility is where the MPS deal with vehicles that have been stolen, seized for motoring offences or for forensic examination. The MPS are finding that the owners of their existing car pound sites are seeking to pursue development opportunities and cease the current use when the lease permits. Both of the current car pound sites are subject to pressure for industrial and/or residential development and intensification of use.

The MPS are concerned that if their existing car pounds have to be vacated, this may have significant difficulties in operating their vehicle recovery and car pound service. The difficulties that exist in finding land for car pounds also extend to other aspects of policing, including the following:

- Driver training;
- Firearms training; and
- Dog Training.

The MPS are therefore requesting that the London Borough of Lambeth work with the police to identify suitable plots for the delivery of a car pound facility within the borough.

Further to the above, the MPS request that the Lambeth Local Plan and/or Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) include a section highlighting the importance of the MPS car pound requirement in the borough.

Section 106/CIL contributions to mitigate impact on crime

We are pleased to see that Lambeth Council references 'policing and emergency services' as social infrastructure within the Draft Local Plan. We note that the MPS have to move towards securing S106/CIL from development due to the impacts on crime. The MPS would like to have the ability to receive financial contributions during the Lambeth Local Plan period and are in the process of working up a formula linking to development impacts which should be available soon.

A breakdown of non-property related infrastructure sought by the MPS in the future is detailed below. This list has been taken from other Police and Crime Commissioners who are already receiving financial contributions;

- **Staff set up costs**
 - Uniforms.
 - Radios.
 - Workstation/Office equipment.
 - Training.

- **Vehicles**
 - Patrol vehicles.
 - Police community support officers (PCSO) vehicles.
 - Bicycles.

- **Mobile IT:** The provision of mobile IT capacity to enable officers to undertake tasks whilst out of the office in order to maintain a visible presence.

- **CCTV technologies:** Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to detect crime related vehicle movements.

- **Police National Database (PND):** Telephony, licenses, IT, monitoring and the expansion of capacity to cater for additional calls.

Neighbourhood police facility infrastructure requirement


The MPS have an emerging infrastructure requirement for a neighbourhood police facility that can provide a base of operation for officers of the MPS. Further information on the neighbourhood police facility will be disclosed soon.

Summary

The MPS have an urgent infrastructure requirement for a car pound facility and are requesting that the Council work with the police to identify suitable plots. The MPS would like this infrastructure requirement to be referenced in the Local Plan and/or IDP. The MPS are pleased to see that policing is referenced as social infrastructure in the Draft Local Plan and also have an emerging infrastructure requirement for a neighbourhood police facility which will be disclosed soon.

We consider that it would be sensible to arrange a meeting to discuss how the MPS car pound infrastructure requirement can be accounted for in the borough and the potential for a site allocation in the future. We will look forward to hearing from you when you have had a chance to review the contents of this representation.

Yours faithfully,



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