

Summertown and St Margaret's Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 – Regulation 16 Representation Form

Respondent from Oxford, UK

Part B - DETAILS OF YOUR COMMENT

To which part of the document does your representation relate?

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Do you support, oppose, or wish to comment in this part of the Plan? (Please tick one answer)

Support Support with Modifications YES Oppose Have Comments

Please give details of your reasons for support/ opposition, or make comments here:

I support this policy, in particular redeveloping Alexandra Park more as a park while retaining the six hard and six grass tennis courts, which are very popular (I play there often, and the facilities are widely used). Making the park dimensions of the facility more developed and better used would be well appreciated; this should include rethinking the small green space in the north-east corner, which is isolated and not visible, and thus currently frequently used for drugs use which undermines the enthusiasm of others for using the park.

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What improvements or modifications would you suggest?

I would propose including some kind of café-style facility within the park. This would much improve the attractiveness of the park as a destination.

An innovative solution would be to do this in collaboration with the tennis club. The tennis club desperately needs its own facilities; successful tennis clubs have a small clubhouse with kitchen, changing and toilet facilities. The tennis club also provides a ready pool of people who are already actively involved with the park on a voluntary basis (and professionally, in the form of the tennis coaches). A collective facility could be developed as a social enterprise, supported at least in part by tennis club volunteers and accessible to all users of the park. This would also open up additional funding options; several local tennis clubs have been lottery funded to develop their facilities, for example, as part of improving public participation in sport.

I would be happy to discuss further if that would be helpful.

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