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Dear Ms Gould

We feel strongly that the open space on Granville Road, now known as the Granville Rec, should be protected from development as planned by Brent Council for the following reasons

1.Location and Accessibility Issues:The existing park is centrally located within the South Kilburn estate, making it easily accessible to residents. The proposed replacement would be situated on the edge of the estate, reducing its integration with the community.

2.Size and usability While the new area is technically larger (2500 sqm vs. 1500 sqm), much of this area includes roads and parking. This results in:

- Reduced safe, usable space for recreation
- Only four small designated "safe spaces" within the park
- An overall decrease in pleasant, car-free areas for residents to enjoy

3. The Rec aligns with Brent Council policies and goals

The current Granville Recreation Ground aligns with and supports several key Brent Council policies:

1. Climate Emergency Declaration (2019, updated 2021): Helps achieve the goal of becoming the greenest borough by 2030.
2. Clean Air Targets: Contributes to improved air quality in the area
3. Green Infrastructure Vision: Provides valuable green space within the urban environment.
4. Health Equity: Offers a natural space that promotes better health outcomes and reduces inequalities.

4.Biodiversity and Ecological Value

The existing park boasts significant biodiversity with its mature trees, diverse plant life, and undisturbed areas. The planned replacement, with its manicured design, would severely limit the potential for supporting a rich ecosystem.

5.Community Amenities

Replacing the Granville Recreation Ground with this proposed park would result in a net loss of valuable community space and amenities, particularly in an area slated for high-density housing development. We need both amenities in an area where the house is being built so densely, many green spaces are secreted inside the new building away from the street and open only to those residents and the population of the area is being doubled.

Please, Ms Gould, ask Brent Council to change their plans for this part of the regeneration and support the residents in South Kilburn in this matter. Do not build on this space.

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Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

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