

Labour Amendment to Liberal Democrat Motion – Item 10

All England Lawn Tennis Club – restrictive covenants

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The statement in the Wimbledon Informer on 24 September 1993 by the Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club that:

“We completely understand and support everyone’s determination to keep the land open and we have purchased the land on that basis.”

Council therefore ~~requests-reiterates~~ Cabinet to inform the AELTC that regardless of the results of the AELTC Planning Application 21/P2900 and any future similar applications, that it intends to enforce its that, while the land has in fact never been freely open to residents, covenants over this land held on behalf of the residents of Merton will need to be respected henceforth.

Council also notes that the covenant is a legal issue separate to the consideration of the AELTC Planning Application 21/P2900 and any future similar applications.

Cllr Simon McGrath

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Cllr Paul Kohler

Amended motion reads:

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