

Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre

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This submission is on behalf of the Trustees and Management of the Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre (HOAC).

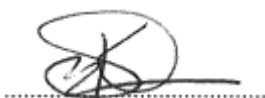
Since our letter to the Council in January 2026, we have met with the Applicant team to discuss the application further. As we mentioned in that letter, we are eager to establish a permanent home at Broadwater Lake to restore the vital community and educational services lost due to the HS2 project.

The design team met with us at the site and separately in the Civic Centre before the planning application was submitted. We provided some comments on the plans at that time which we did not feel were fully incorporated into the design. We now understand that this is due to ecology constraints at the site and the need to ensure high security levels too so that children and vulnerable adults are safeguarded whilst using the site.

We also understand that the mitigation strategy is comprehensive and ecologically complex as required by Planning legislation. We understand that there are not multiple options available and that the facility has been designed around the ecological constraints of the site.

The Applicant has agreed to the planning conditions set out in our letter and we both agree that many of our concerns can be managed through an Operational Management Plan which HOAC will have input into.

As such, and as we have already advised in our letter, we have no objection to the principle of the proposed development. We wanted to clarify that we want this planning application to be approved and for HOAC to relocate to Broadwater. We now understand that we will be given the opportunity to contribute to the steering group and the operational management plan and support the planning application. We will separately submit an undertaking committing to occupy the development should planning permission be granted.



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Chair of HOAC Trustees



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