

Mr Jules Pipe,
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Re. Cray Wanderers FC, London Borough of Bromley - Planning Application 17/04478/FULL1

Dear Mr Pipe

I am writing in support of Cray Wanderers FC's revised planning application for a new stadium, new community sports facilities and 42 new affordable homes for the Cray Valley in South East London.

Bromley Council has recently granted planning permission for the modified scheme, with cross-party support. The application will now come to the Mayor for a decision and I hope you will support it.

I support the plans for the following reasons:

- The site is a well-known, longstanding local eyesore. It includes large areas of hardstanding and a disused night club. The site has also been used for boot fairs and car storage.
- The proposals will transform the site into being a much-needed and widely supported community asset for the area: a use that is much more in-keeping with the spirit of the green belt.
- We should be enormously proud that SE London is home to Cray Wanderers, the second oldest football club in the world. The scheme will provide a new home for the club and secure the future of the Cray Wanderers FC community scheme which delivers regular training sessions for children in 15 local schools – improving children's fitness, health and wellbeing.
- The plans will restore the site's historic sporting use, providing affordable sporting facilities.
- The revised plans include 100% affordable housing: providing 42 much needed new homes for people in SE London.

There is widespread support for the scheme ranging from The Football Foundation to local residents associations and community groups. Almost 600 people wrote to Bromley Council in support of this application.

Yours sincerely,