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From: Gaby Hepworth <

**Sent:** 20 September 2024 15:43

To: Local Plan

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Good afternoon

Please consider the enclosed letter from the Committee of the British Stunt Register related to the East London Gymnastics Centre for your attention.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and response.

With best wishes

Gaby

From: Jane Custance <

Sent: 20 September 2024 10:50

To:

Cc: Local Plan <LocalPlan@newham.gov.uk>; MayorPA <

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Dear Gaby

You will receive a full response to your email in due course, but in the interim please could you respond to our Local Plan consultation you can do this either by following the link below or emailing the Local Plan inbox.

For reference we are currently reviewing our Local Plan The East Beckton Centre site allocation (N11 SA1) refers to the need to retain and enhance the ELGC. It would be helpful if you could comment on the draft policy as this will strengthen the justification for it. The consultation on the current version of the Plan ends on Friday. Here is the link so that you can comment:

https://www.newham.gov.uk/planning-development-conservation/newham-local-plan-refresh/6

This needs to be done by 5pm today.

Jane Custance | She / Her

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#### Dear Abi Gbago

### **Re: Save East London Gymnastics**

On behalf of the British Stunt Register (BSR) we are writing in our support of East London Gymnastics Club, and to appeal against its closing down.

The BSR is the world's leading stunt association, with a membership of over 450 professional stunt performers and coordinators working on screen productions at the highest level of the world industry, from major Hollywood blockbusters to Emmy award winning television series.

One of the qualifications used to apply for the BSR is gymnastics because it is such an essential physical skill that translates into our work as stunt performers in so many ways.

East London Gymnastics has been, and continues to be, an integral part of so many BSR member's vital training. It has seen countless members through their training for the BSR Gymnastics Test, which is also hosted there, and it is a crucial training space for qualified members who continue their training to become more accomplished performers, upskilling their gymnastics, tricking, trampolining and more. The centre is the root that allows them to step onto the biggest film sets in the world and deliver astonishing action for the masses and keep themselves safe whilst doing it with the skills and conditioning born of that training.

The global film industry is booming, nowhere more so than in the UK. with the expansion of film studios across the country to accommodate all the productions due to film here. We need the talent pool to provide stunt performers for these productions; shows from the Marvel cinematic universe, Game of Thrones and Star Wars to name but a few. Much of that talent today was forged at the East London Gymnastics, and if it were to close much of that future talent that could be waiting to emerge and continue to wow audiences on screen might be lost.

We hope you will hear our please and move to preserve this fantastic centre, and the lives and careers it shapes.

Kind regards,



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