

## **SUMMONS ITEM 11 (i)**

### **FULL COUNCIL 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006**

#### **Motion selected for debate by Councillor Bob Blackman, Leader of the Conservative Group.**

##### Protecting Our Environment And Improving Sport

This Council notes the current pressure for the development of housing throughout Brent and the threats to our vital green spaces. In addition, the opportunities presented by the London Olympics of 2012 and the new Wembley Stadium to promote competitive sport.

This Council believes that our existing green spaces need to be protected from development to act as green lungs for the benefit of the whole community. This Council views with concern reports that less people are participating in sporting activity and that is likely to lead to health problems in the future. This Council also believes that there is a need to encourage people of all ages to participate in sporting activity to suit their abilities.

This Council recognises that the private sector has a key role to play in the provision of sporting facilities but that the Council needs to act as a facilitator in promoting and encouraging participation in sporting activities.

This Council therefore resolves to fully review all existing green spaces to maximise the protection from development and to review existing sporting use on these sites to maximise usage and participation. This Council further resolves to consider what appropriate sporting activities could be provided on those sites which are not being used at present.

This Council therefore calls on the Executive to conduct a full review of our green sites with a requirement for maximum protection from development and suitable usage for sporting activities.