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By Email

Dear Ian,

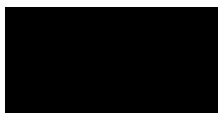
Canopy Classroom at Lesnes Abbey Woods

I am pleased to write in support of your proposal for a new Canopy Classroom at Lesnes Abbey Woods.

The project supports a strategic aim of the Mayor's London Environment Strategy to improve access to green spaces so that more people, especially children, can benefit from them. As London recovers from the impacts of the pandemic, increasing physical access to these places and addressing other barriers that prevent communities from using their local open spaces will be even more important to tackle inequalities in the city, and is one of the objectives of the Mayor's Green New Deal for London.

As a Metropolitan Site of Importance for Nature Conservation Lesnes Abbey Woods is one of London's most important sites for nature. Its geological interest is of national importance and it is protected Metropolitan Open Land. It is also set within some of the most disadvantaged communities in London. Your proposals create a much-needed facility to help more local people to visit and enjoy this unique place in a way that is sensitive to the special natural character of it, and I wish you every success with the project.

Yours sincerely



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Principal Policy Officer Green Infrastructure
Chair, London Wildlife Sites Board