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I hope you will give the following thoughtful comments due attention, in relation to the sections of the draft Local Plan indicated.

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LOCAL PLAN | GOOD GROWTH STRATEGY

Prioritising walking, cycling and public transport & Adapting to climate change

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LOCAL PLAN | GOOD GROWTH STRATEGY

Growth areas

- Wimbledon

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LOCAL PLAN | INFRASTRUCTURE

Strategic objective 2: good growth

1. Encouraging and supporting low carbon behaviour

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LOCAL PLAN | INFRASTRUCTURE

Strategic objective 4: place plans and the 20-minute neighbourhood

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I also would like to make the following comments regarding pages 20-62 from the Neighbourhoods section about Wimbledon, which it should be noted is given the title South Wimbledon throughout the document (by mistake?)

09. WIMBLEDON

LOCAL PLAN | SOUTH WIMBLEDON

SITE ALLOCATIONS

The proposals for all the sites are somewhat vague and therefore an opportunity is missed to create some exciting new places and uses that will benefit the comm

In the case of all the sites identified below, I consider that buildings should not be as high as 44 metres, but significantly lower, for example a maximum of 6/7 storeys or 22 metres high.

Wi 2 Broadway car park, adjoining the theatre: The Council owns this site and could enhance the area and its character by developing the site primarily for community use.

Wi [5 Hartfield Road](#) Car Park (Council owned): The proposal says development could include taller buildings with a wide variety of uses. As owner, the Council can take the opportunity to create a concert hall or centre for the performing and creative arts that would be of great significance to the local area and the whole of London.

Wi 6 Highlands House, 165 The Broadway and Wi 10 Prospect House, St George's Road: Heights should be restricted to a maximum of 22m or 6/7 storeys.

Wi 9 [8 St Georges Road](#) (Community Centre site): Council ownership means community interests can and should be prioritised. Here again, building height should be limited to 22m.

Wi [11 Victoria Crescent](#), including Piazza: The Plan should protect the Broadway frontage Conservation Area and the public highway through the piazza.

Wi 16 Centre Court Shopping Centre: It is essential that the Council protects conservation areas along Queens Road & The Broadway, two listed buildings and the South Park Gardens Conservation Area. Building height should be limited to 22m as the public has repeatedly said, not 44m. Centre Court would benefit from some renovation/refurbishment without demolition or any increase in scale.

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Thank you for the opportunity to make my comments.

Best wishes