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Subject: FW: Future Wimbledon Masterplan

Dear All

Below is my response to the Wimbledon Masterplan currently out for consultation.

1. The plan puts too much emphasis on Wimbledon as place to work rather than a place to live. The linear town centre is closely hemmed in by residential areas, which would be adversely affected by development of the intensity proposed in the plan. There needs to be further debate about the desirability of Merton becoming 'the premier business location in south-west London'.
2. In particular, any proposals for new traffic schemes should consider their effect on surrounding areas, not just the area of the Plan. If there is a lorry ban in the centre, where would the lorries go? Already there is large-scale diversion of through traffic onto residential roads such as Woodside (where I live). Proposals to tackle this should be a priority, before large-scale new development is allowed.
3. There should a limit on the height of buildings, much lower than the eighteen storeys suggested, to avoid the character of the town centre being completely changed.
4. There should be emphasis on attracting more independent shops.
5. Stronger guidance is needed to secure good-quality design.
6. I hope the Council will be able to progress a new concert hall, as mentioned in the plan.

Many thanks and kind regards

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