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**From:** [REDACTED] BENNETT [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2019 19:43  
**To:** Future Merton  
**Subject:** Masterplan

Re: Wimbledon Masterplan

Dear Sir/Madam,

2019-01-05

I am a local Wimbledon resident writing to object against the overall vision that the Masterplan has for the future of Wimbledon.

I strongly oppose the colossal and devastating proposals that the overall Masterplan has in store for Wimbledon and find it difficult to believe that this Masterplan has been made with the intention to improve the quality of life for residents living in Wimbledon.

Wimbledon is primarily a residential area with many primary, secondary and tertiary schooling of both public and private, there is a local hospital, a local theatre, a local high street, a local International Tennis Competition, a local popular Football team all of which is centred around a close and strong community. It is a popular area to live in and therefore even the smallest of proposed changes need to be critically and carefully assessed.

It is paramount and should be obvious that the intention of any change made should be for the benefit of people living in the area. I therefore oppose the whole Masterplan and believe that a new one should be made but the intention changed from what it clearly is now to actually improve the quality of life for the residents.

I would specifically oppose the following:

Firstly, I would oppose any new buildings that are built that are not in keeping of style or height of surrounding buildings. Local residents would not want to leave their houses on a local shopping trip to have to walk past what would feel like skyscrapers and feel out of place in their home town.

Secondly, I would also like to point out that Wimbledon does not need such a significant increase in commercial space, does the Council have evidence for this statement? I would suggest focusing attention on the high street and local businesses to ensure their future.

In addition, has Cross Rail 2 been seriously taken into account in this future plan of Wimbledon. There would of course be a significant difference to Wimbledon if it does or does not go ahead, therefore both need to be planned for.

Wimbledon has a rich history which needs significant promotion and this is something that could draw more tourism to Wimbledon if supported.

I would finally like to point out the lack of advertisement for the Masterplan of Wimbledon, any future changes as important as those listed need to be at least made aware of to all locals and deadlines to reply made realistic.

To conclude, **I strongly oppose the current Masterplan** and would reject the intention it has to turn Wimbledon into a Metropolitan centre in the likes of Croydon. In fact, **the Masterplan is like a futuristic nightmare** so please listen to the residents and **don't ruin Wimbledon for us.**

Yours faithfully,

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