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From: [REDACTED] Chilcott [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 December 2018 13:49
To: Future Merton
Subject: LOCAL PLAN FOR WIMBLEDON

Dear Sir, Madam

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1. We do not wish any new commercial building to exceed the height of 7 storeys with existing buildings remaining at their current height, ie not added to. To increase the height of buildings will reduce the light and radically change the skyline making for an oppressive environment similar to that of Croydon.

In addition, there is already a traffic problem and an increase in commercial properties will only exacerbate this situation and create unwanted pollution; it is not conducive to the size and character of Wimbledon.

2. With new technologies and more flexible ways of working the need for vast amounts of office space and/or shopping complexes has changed; these factors should be taken into consideration before building for the sake of building - we do not want Wimbledon 'urbanised' like so many other generic towns around the UK. We do not want Wimbledon to become a 'Major Centre' and certainly NOT a 'Metropolitan Centre'.

3. Whatever the effects of Crossrail 2 the concerns of the Residents must be taken into account. We have noted that the Plan does not adequately support the already stated concerns of Residents regarding the preservation of historic facades and/or buildings which are very much valued by its Residents.

4. We welcome the idea of a Concert Hall in Wimbledon; this as a commercial venture will encourage visitors and will add to the cultural aspect of this lovely town. If more traffic is to be encouraged into the town it should be for the purpose of enhancing its current aesthetics and not of detracting from what the town is proud to currently have.

5. We are at a loss to understand why we, as Residents, have never had any correspondence from the Council regarding what is fundamentally a big upheaval and change to our established living environment. It is an insult to Residents to not address them personally over such a huge undertaking, supposedly on their behalf; how many Residents will look at the Council's website or go to the local library on the off-chance that there may be some information about what is happening in Wimbledon?

More VISIBLE information would be at the very least a courtesy to Residents.

Yours faithfully
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