

Cllr Hayley Ormrod

First and foremost I would like to thank the Council for taking the time to pull together a local plan and for providing residents and Councillors with time to respond. A lot of detail has gone into the plan and there have been various public meetings in which people are able to ask questions. As a Councillor for Trinity Ward in Wimbledon I would like to bring to your attention some key areas that affect our residents

YMCA

We'd be hard pressed to find somebody who didn't wish to do something with the YMCA as it can't remain as it is in the future both from the outside nor for residents within the building. Concerns predominantly raised to us as Councillors are the proposals for this to go to 10-16 stories for the tallest tower which will become an eyesore for people in the area. In addition such a large building doesn't fit in with the Wimbledon Master plan as it sticks out on its own down the Broadway.

In Summer last year I personally went to the Design Review Panel for the YMCA and met with the proposed developers who said they'd be going to consultation in Oct/Nov 18. I emailed them in December and said they had delayed this to January. I still haven't heard anything which to me is unprofessional to not be provided with an update after I had taken time for them to be heard.

I'm aware that many residents will have commented on the YMCA as part of the local plan and wish you to consider their views particularly in reference to the height of the largest 'tower', the impact that will have for residents and for future planning applications on the Broadway, consideration for planned demolition of the Victorian building to the rear of the YMCA on Trinity Rd and also for the height of the proposed flats on Trinity Rd

Battle Close Gym (formerly Virgin Active)

Since the initial draft of the local plan Cabinet I'm aware have decided to demolish the site with social/affordable housing in mind. I would like to draw to your attention the lack of infrastructure to accommodate new homes in the area with regard to roads, schools, GP surgeries, shops etc and would like to know what the strategic view is for the area in the future. Will ground floor amenities be proposed? What about public transport? I welcome talking to the team reviewing all feedback in more detail to discuss my concerns at the earliest opportunity. I would also like to review if whether or not any additional crime stats has been considered and reviewed with the Police SNT.

Town Centre

I have seen so many comments about the town centre which is fabulous how many resident groups and individuals are passionate about having their say as part of what the future of Wimbledon will look like both in the local plan and masterplan. I look forward to seeing a report after those views have been considered and happy to discuss further with you on this point too once that work has been undertaken.