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To: Future Merton
Subject: Wimbledon Masterplan consultation

I am a Wimbledon resident and wish to respond as follows to the Wimbledon Masterplan.

1. I would like to see new developments of improved design over current design standards, and using appropriate materials -red brick, London Stock brick and Portland Stone, and not synthetic or metal panelling.
2. Building heights of 9 to 18 storeys are unacceptable and there should be a maximum height of 8 stories anywhere in the centre of Wimbledon, particularly around St George's Road, Worple Road, the station, over the railway and the area around the current YMCA.
3. Proposals to build new 4 to 8 storey buildings over the railway and alongside the railway are unacceptable because of their proximity to, and intrusion on, residential properties on Queen's Road.
4. New developments should be no higher than any adjacent residential property.
5. Building density: The future scale and intensity of Wimbledon town centre, should reflect its essentially small town, residential character. Wimbledon should not become a metropolitan centre.
6. Future planning and development should reduce current traffic congestion and pollution issues in the town centre.
7. There is more scope and more need to develop Morden, Mitcham and Tooting town centres and environs than there is to develop Wimbledon town centre.
8. The Masterplan's commitment to preserve the architectural heritage of Wimbledon is welcome and it should be strengthened and written into local policy.
9. If and when Crossrail 2 is constructed, dense and high-rise development above and near the railway should not be permitted.
10. Wimbledon is fundamentally a residential community, not a commercial centre and the needs of residents such as safety, a sense of community and a sense of security should be paramount.
11. The Council should give its explicit, unequivocal backing to the Wimbledon Concert Trust project; the hall should be a multi-use community arts venue, to accommodate the Wimbledon International Music Festival and other performing arts projects

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From: A [REDACTED] Copeman [REDACTED]
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Subject: Observations from a resident re Wimbledon masterplan

To whom it may concern

I understand that the deadline for this submission was 6th January. Despite this, I trust that the following will be considered.

I am extremely concerned that Wimbledon town centre should be considered as a Metropolitan area. This is quite out of keeping with scale of the town in relation to the scale of office and current residential development and the road network immediately outside the centre is extremely limited in terms of access and passage.

The "moderate increase in height" is a gross understatement in relation to the current buildings. 18 storeys is more than twice the height of the 7/8 story buildings that that are already evident. There are hundreds of houses that would be affected by the considerable height of the proposed buildings and the skyline completely changed. The very high buildings seem to give the excuse that that a quarter of a mile away and more on the London side of the centre, five story blocks will be built. Again, this is quite out of proportion to local housing. Further it will dislocate residences south east of the railway from the old, valued and presently visible neighbour, Wimbledon hill and village.

The proposed scale of this development is clearly dependent on Crossrail 2. While not being versed in the necessity for enhanced rail network beyond Wimbledon it is clear that we already enjoy extremely good rail and tram links compared to many areas. That we should endure such a major upheaval for the sake of other areas enhanced transport is again disproportionate.

I would welcome a considerably adjusted masterplan (Crossrail 2 notwithstanding) that takes into consideration the above points.

Yours sincerely,

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