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To: Future Merton
Subject: Wimbledon master plan

Sirs,

I am a Wimbledon resident, living at [REDACTED]. I would like to register my dissatisfaction with the consultancy process for the master plan, which has been very poorly publicized. When we receive wall to wall notification over several months of something as relatively trivial as a change to waste and recycling procedures, the lack of effort in making the public aware of the plan and the consulting process looks very like an attempt to minimize local public participation.

Having now read the document, I see no justification for the statements of need for massive increases in office and retail space in Wimbledon, when retail space requirement in the UK is projected to shrink by 40% in the next ten years as a result of internet shopping, and both technology and changing work practices are projected to reduce the need for office space. Further, I see no proper consideration for the impact of the master plan on traffic, pollution and increased burden on medical and council services – which are already under pressure and declining in quality and quantity.

This plan appears to be written for the benefit of developers, not the residents of Wimbledon. Describing 18-story buildings as “medium rise” is just disingenuous – any development on that scale would fundamentally change the whole environment of the town

I would therefore request that the consultation period be extended and properly advertised to the local population, with further public meetings to clearly explain the premises on which the current plan is based, and explicitly cover the inter-dependency of this master plan with Crossrail 2.

Yours faithfully,

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