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To: Future Merton
Subject: FW: Wimbledon Masterplan

Forwarding my comments sent to councillors and the MP.

Kind regards,
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 November 2018 19:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Wimbledon Masterplan

Dear Councillors and Mr Hammond,

I attended the public meeting regarding the Wimbledon Masterplan on 12th November.

I want to express my concern regarding the focus of the plans which seem to be all about the commercial, both in terms of the focus for growth (and therefore space allocation) and what we want our town to be. My key concerns are:

1. The space allocation for tall buildings, particularly around the station and YMCA - the aesthetics of this and the effect on the town's character.
2. The height of the buildings. 18 storeys is ridiculous for a mid-size town on the outside of London. Buildings of this height will overpower the town and overlook many residences. This is over double the maximum height of most of the current buildings.
3. It was emphasised that the Victorian style buildings will remain, but they will pale in comparison with the new plans.
4. The desired increase from 15,000 people working in the town to 23,000 in the next 15 years is a huge increase in people and it was made clear on the evening that there are no road plans to cope with this and there are limitations due to the one train track bridge crossing. Crossrail 2 is not a certainty either. Wimbledon is already an extremely congested town with constant traffic jams. Additionally, at a time when everyone is thinking about how to minimise their environmental impact (a focus for the London Mayor), we seem to be going in the opposite direction by encouraging extra commuting and congestion. How can we be expected to support this without Councillors bringing forward realistic plans, rather than conjecture, for managing the extra pressure on our infrastructure?
5. Additionally, we don't have the cafes and pavement space to accommodate this increase in workers.
6. Whilst there was a section on potential new building designs, the Council actually has limited power to influence this becoming a reality.

It would appear residents are incidental to the vision for Central Wimbledon.

I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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