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From: V [REDACTED] Green [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2019 11:43
To: Future Merton
Subject: Local plan

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I enjoy the history of Wimbledon represented by the buildings that have been saved during the course of development that we have witnessed over our years here and the fact that the town centre still feels a predominantly residential area with 'high rise' building kept to a minimum. It would be a tragedy to see the height of buildings increase within the boundary of the town centre defined by the Masterplan. It would make it feel overcrowded and lose the current feel. The residential areas surrounding the town centre would feel dominated by the views and stature of such buildings. I would not wish to see buildings exceeding 8 storeys and this should be limited to those buildings already deemed high rise as I don't believe Wimbledon town centre could support further high rises both visually and practically.

I support proposals to improve the design in areas where this is required but not to the detriment of the purpose of the town centre to predominantly reflect the residential and retail status of the area. Additionally, these historic buildings have to be maintained as a valuable asset of our community reflecting our local history.

I cannot agree that there is a demand for more office space in these days of constantly improving technology and flexi working, hot desking, working from home etc. However, there is clearly a local demand for independent retail outlets and restaurants, trees, green space and an attractive, well designed, shared environment for leisure time. This should surely be the focus regardless of neighbouring centres being residential and retail focussed as well. What counts is the community around the town centre and what their needs are.

I also fully support the idea for a new concert hall in Wimbledon which would have a huge positive impact on the economy of the town centre (without the need for the council to focus on potential office growth which may not exist). The town's bookfest and music festival demonstrate that cultural activities are highly valued and bring people to Wimbledon.

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