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From: [REDACTED] Hellings [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2019 14:48
To: Future Merton
Subject: Wimbledon Masterplan

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- 3: That the conservation of the historic buildings and facades was very important. I don't believe sufficient weight has been given to this.
- 4: At the meeting no mention was made of Wimbledon becoming a "Metropolitan Centre" and I believe that this goes against the feeling of the meeting. There is absolutely no wish to become a mini Croydon which would seem to be the basis of the plan. No evidence has been put forward that shows that there needs to be a 50% increase in commercial space.
- 5: Finally the consultation process has been poor as it has not been pro-active. The vast majority of residents don't even know it is going on.

Regards

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Sent: 05 January 2019 14:50
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