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Sent: 02 January 2019 12:21
To: Future Merton
Subject: Local Plan

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- The idea that simply building commercial properties will attract businesses is not supported by evidence. Building numerous and large commercial spaces should only be considered if there is a definite, researched need
- I object strongly to the height of the proposed buildings. The proposed heights of 18 stories would dwarf existing buildings and dramatically change the look and feel of the town centre, as well as spoil views from all parts of Wimbledon and negatively impact on the views and light of many local residents. I believe the term 'mid rise' does not mean 18 stories.
- Further consideration should be given to the impact of traffic from the proposals. The uncertainty around Crossrail 2 obviously makes planning very difficult, but that aside the town centre is often at gridlock around the station and the one-way system around the Broadway and Hartfield Rd is very ugly. Adding more commercial or shopping space may bring more jobs and money into the area, but it also adds more traffic.

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