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Sent: 04 January 2019 18:18
To: Future Merton
Subject: Wimbledon Local and Master Plans

Dear Sir,

I have the following comments on the draft Merton Masterplan and Wimbledon Local Plan.

- (a) the proposals for high rise buildings in Wimbledon centre risk destroying the character of this unique, and highly valued, centre. Heights should be capped and certainly not exceed around 7 or 8 stories;

- (b) although there is mention of the proposed Concert Hall in Wimbledon, this doesn't feature as a strong, positive proposal. Residents have not forgotten that the Council reneged on earlier assurances to reinstate a Concert Hall, after demolition of the old Civic Hall. The Plans should be amended to make it clear that the Council will actively support the return of a Wimbledon Concert Hall - just as it has (rightly) supported the return of AFC Wimbledon to Plough Lane;

- (c) references to improving cycling facilities are weak. Again, the plans should state that the Council's ambition is for every major route in the Borough to have a safe cycle lane, physically separate from cars. This would have hugely positive implications for the health and wellbeing of children and adults, and reduce pollution and CO2.

Yours sincerely,

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