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To: Future Merton
Subject: Concert Hall in Wimbledon

I am writing as a longstanding resident of Wimbledon to add my support to the proposal to build a concert hall as part of the development of central Wimbledon.

I believe this would be a welcome addition to the cultural facilities already enjoyed in Wimbledon. We have two theatres (New Wimbledon & Polka) and two cinemas (Odeon & Curzon) but there is not a good performing space. This means we are unable to host major concert events within Wimbledon which detracts from our cultural opportunity. By way of example, the Wimbledon Choral Society, one of London's leading choirs, is unable to perform in Wimbledon as there is no suitable concert hall. An opportunity lost.

With Wimbledon's close proximity to central London (main line & underground), there is a wonderful opportunity to exploit the capital's limited performing space by building in Wimbledon. It could be an important cultural hub in south west London with easy access. I do hope the council will pursue the opportunity to develop Wimbledon into an important artistic centre.

Your sincerely

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