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I am concerned that Merton council seeks to upgrade the status of Wimbledon to the next level in the Mayor's London Plan of being a Metropolitan Centre. The shape of the town is constrained by residential streets on all sides and the development of the town in its current evolving state should be carefully balanced.

Merton Council is suggesting that the daytime population could increase by 50% to around 24,000 people but that would only be on the basis of their proposals to increase the size and availability of office and shop space. Whilst I agree that the town does need shaping and upgrading, I would like to see a compromise in the scale of their plans to meet the evident dissatisfaction of local residents with the size and scale of their plan.

I would not want to see the size of proposed office space over 9 storeys in any area of the town. I am keen to see the street level reshaping suggested around George's Road and the idea for a new grid of streets to bring in more lanes for pedestrians. However, I would want to be satisfied that they weren't creating wind tunnels as with the buildings along the Thames around Tower Bridge. The lack of curves and harsh ground surface there is off-putting in the colder, wetter months. I would like to see the greening of the town and better treatment and care of any subsequent greening in the proposed areas.

I find the plans to build up office space along the rail tracks appealing however, do not want to see high rise within the town as I do not agree that Wimbledon should try to emulate Croydon, Earls Court or Hammersmith.

I am concerned that current greenery is neglected - why are trees not more carefully checked for damage and the need for pruning to keep them healthy - and trees that fail replaced immediately?

I would like to be assured that the council has considered how the new plans for the development at the AELTC will not suck potential revenue from the town and in any way reroute visitor spending - likewise the plans for AFC redevelopment.

I would like to see more engagement with the local community - Tara Butler mentioned getting the involvement of younger people - I would like to see how that is shaping up - the plans that we were invited to comment on in group debate in 2017 only reached 220 people which was mentioned as being a big enough sample size to give results, however, I am concerned that the average age was 51. It seems critical that even if the comments gathered are not from property owning residents, it's possible to garner interest, engagement and comments from the generations who will inherit these spaces.