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**From:** N [REDACTED] Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 January 2019 23:29  
**To:** Future Merton  
**Subject:** Local Plan

I would like to make a number of points.

There has been too much emphasis on the business need and an overlooking of the residents' concerns. Wimbledon is one of the best residential areas in England and the quality of life here is hard to beat. This quality of life is immediately threatened by these proposals. Mid to high rise buildings coupled with a huge increase in office space and the associated commercial development are wholly inappropriate for this town.

A lot of people have lived here for many years and one of the reasons for that is that Wimbledon is such a great place to live and bring up families etc. A great deal of its character, softness and charm has been preserved to date – there are no high rise buildings, the railway is nicely hidden and runs underneath the town centre, and you can drive from Tibbets Corner along Parkside through the village and town almost to South Wimbledon before finding a petrol station. We want it to remain this way.

We certainly don't want the high rise buildings – I used to live in Woking and that town centre has been ruined over the last 50 years. Look at all the development along the Thames to Vauxhall and beyond – Wimbledon has been relatively unspoilt until now but seems to be a victim of its own superb location and in my opinion it's unfortunate designation as the southern hub of a North-South Crossrail.

There is no justification for more shops and offices. An increasing percentage of our shopping takes place on line. More people are working from home. There will be more automation of repetitive desk work. To make Wimbledon a Metropolitan Centre would be utterly ridiculous.

I would like to know why we have received no correspondence through the letterbox regarding the Local Plan or the Masterplan. We have received countless leaflets about the proposed closure of the police station and the introduction of wheelie bins but nothing on this which is probably a thousand times more important and significant regarding the future of this great town.

Thank you

Best Regards

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**Sent:** 06 January 2019 22:03  
**To:** Future Merton  
**Cc:** Councillor Stephen Alambritis; Councillor James Holmes; Councillor Paul Kohler;  
Councillor Hayley Ormrod  
**Subject:** Masterplan

I would like to raise some objections to a number of points in the Masterplan.

The Masterplan emphasises the business need and overlooks the residents' concerns. Wimbledon is one of the best residential areas in England and the quality of life here is hard to beat. This quality of life is immediately threatened by these proposals. Mid to high rise buildings coupled with a huge increase in office space and the associated commercial development are wholly inappropriate for this town.

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