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Hello

I have been a Wimbledon resident since 1994 .

During that time there has been much change, especially the Morrisons/Wimbledon Odeon area. Some of the architecture/building design is soulless at best, but in its favour, it's all low rise.

Two elements of the new Masterplan are particularly worrying :

1. Building height. I firmly believe building height should be capped at 8 storeys. This is a town with residential developments very close to the town centre. I see no valid reason for any building to be higher than this. The high rise plans for St George's Road are appalling. They will be a blight to local residents. Wimbledon is a residential town first and foremost - not the Metropolitan District that Merton Council wishes it to become.

2. Car parking. I don't drive, but as a resident of Graham Road, I am alarmed by the potential removal of the Morrisons car park. As it is, visitors to the town centre are already having to park on our road as there isn't enough car parking in the town centre. Add an eight storey hotel and Graham Road will become hellish.

I strongly favour the idea of a concert hall in Wimbledon - but with the appropriate infrastructure.

It seems to me that Merton's vision of Wimbledon as a Metropolitan is deeply misguided and will rip the soul out of a thriving town centre.

Please reconsider.

Thank you.

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