

[REDACTED]

From: S [REDACTED] Lloyd [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 December 2018 19:17
To: Future Merton
Subject: Masterplan

Response to the Masterplan.

Having read the Council's Masterplan, it seems to me that there are 3 crucial factors to consider:

1. Wimbledon is first and foremost a residential, not a commercial area and therefore the primary consideration should be what sort of town the residents want to live in. It is unlikely that most residents would choose to live amongst high-rise buildings; and there is no question that the plan does envisage high-rise buildings in quarters like St Georges. In other words, the Plan proposes a completely different residential environment.
2. There are a number of historic buildings in the Town, such as the Library. These buildings are part of what makes Wimbledon such a pleasant place to live in. There can be no excuse to see these buildings destroyed; indeed their future must be guaranteed in any new plans.
3. The Town centre is already choked with traffic for long parts of the day, every day. Any plan to develop Wimbledon town centre must start with the wellbeing of the residents and this means making the centre more pedestrian-friendly. How this can be achieved must be dependent on whether Crossrail2 goes ahead and how. To substantially increase office space in the town centre will without question result in even worse traffic chaos. No further development should be considered without an answer to the traffic issue.

The Masterplan as it exists is quite unacceptable.

Yours sincerely
S [REDACTED] Lloyd
[REDACTED]