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**Sent:** 06 January 2019 21:21  
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**Subject:** Concert Hall for Wimbledon

Dear Sir/Madam

I wanted to email in support of Wimbledon getting a concert hall. This was promised to the residents of Wimbledon when the town hall was converted to a shopping centre many years ago I believe. I feel that a concert hall would enhance Wimbledon town centre and would create jobs for local people. It also would be a valuable investment to support cultural events in our area, two of which already take place but do not have proper facilities to develop further. The music festival and the book festival both attract internationally renowned artists, but it is somewhat embarrassing that the home of Wimbledon Tennis cannot offer them better facilities to perform in. I think that if we could offer a world class venue for these festivals it would boost the economy in Wimbledon and would make it an even more attractive place to live.

A concert hall could also be used by young musicians to perform in. There is a severe lack of venues for music services in the area to put on large scale events and so it means travelling to the Southbank Centre or the Albert Hall. Would it not be better to attract these cultural events to Wimbledon to enhance what is on offer for all generations.

Building a concert hall would be positively developing the area for future generations and would be a fantastic legacy of the Council.

I hope that you consider all the support for this concert hall and decide to make a positive contribution to the future of Wimbledon.

With best wishes  
[REDACTED] Long