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To: Future Merton
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Dear Sir

We are strongly in favour of the “Concert” Hall and regard it as a multi-purpose hall which will provide some of the functions which the old Civic Hall was able to offer. The words “Concert Hall” are too limiting and do not include the many other functions.

It will not be only for concerts but for several other kinds of activity such as conferences, small drama productions, school speech days, corporate annual general meetings and many other functions. The question of parking arises, and we think that plans ought to include a car park below or just to the side of the hall.

We object to the statements that Wimbledon “needs” growth and “needs” to be denser. We believe that Wimbledon is a comfortable size as it is and, like most residents, do not think that it should be allowed to become a mini-Croydon. The centre of Wimbledon is already ‘buzzing’ with people and should not become more crowded. The addition of several thousand more office workers will put additional pressure on public transport. Crossrail 2 is unlikely to help ease pressure as the 6000-8000 workers will be coming INTO Wimbledon. Our station is already packed with people on their way to work.

We think that new office buildings in the centre should not be over 6-7 storeys high apart from one of up to 12 storeys up-line from the station over the railway lines and possibly one close to the track down-line from the station. The buildings in the centre should be of the kind of good design illustrated in the photos in the Plan. These photos have been selected from existing buildings of 5-6 storeys in London and there is no assurance that new buildings in Wimbledon will be of a similar standard. The design of the new Premier Inn and the proposed new hotel on the ‘Copperfields’ site, do not come up to the design standards of those shown in the photos.

Yours faithfully
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