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Site Wi8: I am very surprised to see a proposal to redevelop South Wimbledon underground station. It should go without saying that there are few buildings seen more by residents and our visitors than this. Charles Holden's stations are arguably making the best on the underground for appearing more spacious and welcoming given the size of the plot, for half the journeys such an experience starts from the outside.

When you state that "there are examples in London of where"... "Charles Holden Stations" [have been] "built over" It appears to be a reference to just Morden. I have no idea what Morden looked like before being developed over but now it is unfortunately quite ugly and uninviting, simply a tube entrance under a square office block (the opposite of 'complimenting') I believe local residents will regret seeing South Wimbledon developed over in a manner akin to Morden. I don't however have any views on developing the small car park to the south with a sympathetic building (probably no 2 stories). I imagine it is something along those less ambitious lines London Underground/TfL where referring to when they gave a 'suggested use'.

The substation appear to take a large portion of the plot and it seems uneconomical to relocate this (apart from the question of whether any net land arises at all for development once new land is found for the substation) this leaves only the tiny public station footprint which I see risk of serious aesthetic damage far outweighing the value of the small number of flats you can create on it. Also consider the mood lifting value of daylight in the sense that retaining rooflights in the main atrium over the escalators bring to residents and visitors going between crowded tube carriages and a busy street.

As far as a second entrance goes I see no requirement for expense to provide this as in the height of rush hour there are never significant queues going into the station. A better opportunity may be secure bicycle parking and de clutter the present (well used) cycle parking spaces away from the front entrance.

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