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**From:** C Scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 December 2018 15:00  
**To:** Future Merton  
**Subject:** Wimbledon Town Centre - Master and Local Plan

Dear Sir / Madam,

The comments we would like to put forward are in summary:

The plans and vision make scant provision to preserve the character of Wimbledon. They seem to pander to developers' anticipated bottom lines rather than setting a sensible agenda and approach which will protect the built environment from mid / high rise blocks. There are weak definitions throughout the plan – essentially new buildings should not exceed the height of existing ones. The plan should be predicated on the arrival of Crossrail Two – this is clear logic, it de-risks new schemes and will have obvious development finance, demographic and economic implications. The master and local plan should be considered alongside this major infrastructure project with a detailed sub-text which plans for the delay or indeed the death of Crossrail Two.

A new concert hall is a real positive if it can exist and complement New Wimbledon Theatre. We need more arts and independent retailers as well as the inevitable chains to underpin a balanced regeneration / redevelopment of the town centre. All historic and period buildings should be respected and retained in a viable form – there is no reason other than poor financial planning, ignorance and greed that leads us to destroy our heritage and we have much to admire in this respect, on our door step.

Yours sincerely,

Mr and Mrs Scott  
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