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To: Future Merton
Subject: Local Plan 2020 - Response to consultation

The Vision and Strategic Objectives

The plan sets out worthy objectives, which should be maintained as detailed development plans emerge. There is, however, a striking omission – there is no mention (eg Structural Objective 2: Place (c)) of a new cultural centre in Wimbledon. This would include a concert hall to replace the hall demolished by the Council many years ago and never replaced, despite Council commitments.

Policy N3.2 Morden

This policy sets out the excellent potential for redevelopment of Morden Town Centre. Any redevelopment must take account of environmental needs, including air quality. In particular, attention should be paid to “Tall buildings in sensitive edges” (2.3.47 to 2.3.50). Consideration should be given to the separation of traffic and pedestrian levels, including the possibility of minimising the height of tall buildings above an upper pedestrian level, thereby effecting a transition between smaller and taller buildings.

Policy LP H4.1 and 4.2 (Housing provision)

I support policies H4.1 a-j. In particular I support strongly the Local Plan proposal for 6165 additional homes for 2020 to 2035 (ie an average of 411 new homes per year, not 1400 per year as suggested in the London Plan).