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I am a resident of Wimbledon and have been considering the plans currently available to view for the development of the town centre.

My comments are as follows:

1. If Crossrail 2 does not go ahead I am not sure we can make the assumption that Wimbledon will grow with business and general footfall and therefore is there the need for quite such a radical overhaul?
2. I support greener areas and pedestrian areas. Wimbledon (with the wider village and common) is where "town" touches "country" and is quite unique in this respect and this should be amplified to differentiate it from every other urban area.
3. I absolutely do not support "high rise" buildings and think we should maintain circa 8 stories. Anything more makes us a Croydon (a huge architectural mistake that has blighted Croydon for years) and Kingston.
4. We must be able to create a urban market town feel, rather than going down the Croydon route. Large pedestrian areas and a farmers market feel on some days with independent retail would be strong. Let's not go down the route of every other high street and nor do we want to be left with an "office" centre. Northcote road in Battersea has a great buzz about it at weekends with the market, and restaurants and shops. An element of this could be added. Residents will want to be here and offices will want to relocate here if we are a destination with charm and character to come to not just "office space availability". Parkland is a big plus, increasingly for business relocation.
5. Wimbledon has a strong residential heart that hugs the town and the village – lets not create such an urban "town" that is not "connected" to this residential hub. This brings us back to pedestrian areas/ green areas/ farmers markets and independent retailers.

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