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Sent: 09 January 2019 15:55
To: Future Merton
Subject: Wimbledon Society's alternative plan

Dear Sir or Madam,

As the extended deadline for responses to the Future Wimbledon Masterplan approaches, I am writing to express my whole-hearted support for the Wimbledon Society's alternative plan.

Those who wrote it consulted widely and it seems to me express very clearly and comprehensively the concerns of Wimbledon citizens about elements of the Masterplan proposed.

My own doubts were triggered by the first element in the objectives listed: "A plan for economic growth...". My own impressions of what community people think come from the Green Coffee network and Wimbledon Quakers: both gatherings give priority to environmental sustainability and human well-being - indeed, the well-being of all living things. "Economic growth" rings all the wrong bells for me, as a top priority.

I would like to see substantial pedestrianisation (the alternative plan has details); more housing in the town centre rather than multi-storey office blocks and more green spaces.

A word too in support of the proposal to see if Frank Gehry could be commissioned to build an Arts/Concert Hall on the P3 Hartfield Road site. "Growth" in facilities available for community gatherings in Wimbledon is really needed and would contribute to the Masterplan's aim to attract visitors to our town outside the tennis season.

I'm not an expert on town-planning but I know what I like and I like the Wimbledon Society's alternative plan.

I make this submission with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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