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**Sent:** 06 January 2019 10:20  
**To:** Future Merton  
**Subject:** Planning Proposal Wimbledon Town Centre

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the proposed development of Wimbledon Town centre into a high rise office and retail centre that will turn a long established residential and business town with its own unique identity into the Croydon of SW London.

The proposed volume of the development, the proposed heights (16 - 18 storeys - exceeding by far existing roof heights) and the general aesthetics of what is proposed is of such a grossly disproportionate nature to the existing architecture of the town and its capacity, that it will swamp, blight and adversely affect the quality of people's lives in Wimbledon for generations to come

In short the proposal will destroy a liveable, beautiful, characterful late Victorian town to suit the benefits of property developers and a local council eager to get its hands on bucketfuls of central Government cash. If this proposal happens Wimbledon, like the blighted community in the film 'It's a Wonderful Life' will become the 'Pottersville' of SW London.

Let me finish on a positive note. The one gem of quality in the proposal is the planned concert hall by the globally renowned architect Frank Gehry. Wimbledon Council should grab this opportunity to work with an architect of such calibre because once a town has a Gehry building, it puts it on the world cultural map.

Kind regards,

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