

Future Merton Team
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RE: Pre-Submission High Path Estate Local Plan

Dear Future Merton Team,

I am writing to express my reasons why the regeneration plan should not go ahead.

The main reason is that Merton Priory has not considered the impact of Merton Council decision to build a 1000 place school on the estate (see enclosed article from Wimbledon Guardian).

At the last meeting I attended they were not aware of the school being built.

The available land is limited and pollution levels will affect the local residents.

The other reason is the fact that the housing stock on High Path is not sub-standard and it is questionable as to why they have to demolish all of the properties, when a high percentage of residents are on low income.



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Merton Council confirm new Wimbledon secondary school will be built on a church and a centre for adults with learning disabilities



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The new school site. Picture: Merton Council

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Merton Council have confirmed a new secondary school will be built on the High Path estate, and force the relocation of a community centre for adults with learning difficulties.

The location of the new Harris Academy Wimbledon school had been kept under wraps by Merton Council, but was widely believed to be in the location they have confirmed today.

The school will be built on land currently being used by the High Path Community Resource Centre, the Elim Church and Domex appliance services.



The High Path Community Centre

The council have also confirmed that nearby Merton Abbey Primary School will lose part of their playing fields to the site, but insist they are working to ensure both schools benefit from the new arrangement.

The High Path Community Resource Centre will be moved to a new premises in nearby Leyton Road in spring 2018. The council have said £1 million will be spent to adapt and extend the new building and ensure it is fit for purpose in time.

Merton Council have also said they will be providing a replacement facility for the Elim Church at Merton Hall, which is currently used by the South Wimbledon Community Association (SWCA), who will in turn be moved to Pincott Road.

Merton Council Deputy Leader Councillor Mark Allison said: "More