

From: Apostles Residents Association

I write on behalf of the Apostles Residents Association to object to the revised local centre boundary for Raynes Park which is proposed without any explanation or reasoning in the current DPD document consultation.

For years many of us locally have worked through local residents associations such as the Apostles Residents Association and the Raynes Park Association for a more coherent approach to Raynes Park in terms of identity and treatment of the public realm. This was acknowledged by the council's adoption of the Raynes Park Local Centre Enhancement Plan, which came about after a series of public meetings that established local residents' image of what constituted the 'local centre' as a commercial and services entity, which was in fact more extensive than the 2003 UDP envelope. Now, without any explanation, the council seems set on ignoring local people and arbitrarily deciding to reduce what it thinks constitutes our local centre, when in fact the envelope should be enlarged.

We would argue that since the local centre extent included in the 2003 UDP was set, facilities on the south side of the railway have improved with additional restaurants and the new library all opening and that consequently the local centre envelope should be enlarged to take account of this. In addition, Approach Road is host to three bus routes that serve the local centre.

A plan is attached that shows the areas we believe should be added to an enlarged local centre envelope.

We would also request an extension of the consultation period for Sites 74 and 77 described in the document - Southey Bowls Club and 26 Bushey Rd, both of which will affect our residents, on the basis that there has been insufficient time to discuss these.

Thank you.



UDP 2003 boundary should be retained & enlarged as indicated

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LDF Proposal Map

Local Centres

RAYNES PARK

Add to Local Centre area.



Key

Old Centre Boundary UDP 2003

New Centre Boundary LDF Proposals 2012

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