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**To:** [Future Merton](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Main Modifications to Merton Local Plan - Allowing High Rise blocks in Colliers Wood  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a long term resident of Colliers Wood - as indeed my grandparents lived and raised my mother - I am shocked to discover that the Planning inspectorate are even thinking about allowing high rise buildings, presumably with the logic of "well someone right royally screwed up once so what the heck LOL YOLO" etc

If anything the Black & Root/Britannia should have served as a cautionary tale about the ugly blight such monstrosities force upon the natural low rise landscape.

Messing up (or rather being forced) once to allow Britannia Point to somehow be passed is bad enough, but to then compound the error to allow it to become the norm in Colliers Wood and the surrounding area will cause immeasurable harm to existing residents' quality of life, and light.

There are very clear pockets and places for regeneration of brownfield sites and other areas in order to meet quotas. As inter alia LBM28 and LBM28a show. This is the way forward. Slow and careful management, not allowing some wild west free-for-all and we'll worry about infrastructure and unintended consequences for some planning inspectorate in the future.

My mother is as appalled as me at the idea of more monstrosities being built, ruining the landscape and 'feel' of Colliers Wood. If people want to live in some soulless vertical urban hellscape, then they are free to go enjoy the brave new world of Central London, or along the Thames at Wandsworth, or any other areas of unnatural ugliness that can at least be contained and not allowed to spill out and spread like a cancerous growth.

You can stick cladding on a tumour, but it's still a tumour.

Let another one, or two, or five sprout up, just because and oh well we have some targets to reach, and you've got a real problem, far surpassing the original cover-up.

Leave the suburbs alone - at least limiting heights to reasonable amounts which fit into the existing ambiance and infrastructure, like traffic and so forth.

There may well be 'targets' to be met, and immediate short-term problems to be solved: but as the Brown & Root tower has proven, it is impossible to unring a bell.

Hell is paved with good intentions. So I implore you to consider the ramifications of your high rise future very carefully before allowing the floodgates to open on our still somewhat cute little low rise suburban heaven.

yours faithfully

