



## Response to Local Plan - Wimbledon Neighbourhood - specifically site Wi9 page 298-299



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To: Future Merton <Future.Merton@merton.gov.uk>

Dear Future Merton

I am writing on behalf of the Wimbledon Community Association (WCA) in relation to the Local Plan and in particular site Wi9 (28 St Georges Road SW19 4DP).

Prior to 2013 the site was previously used as a community centre, which was the home of the WCA for almost 60 years until it became dilapidated.

When the WCA departed the building its one third interest was sold back to the Council (who owned the other two thirds). Shortly after the centre was demolished by the Council and it was anticipated that replacement facilities would be built either on the site or elsewhere within the central Wimbledon area.

Whilst the WCA welcomes the wider community use of venues such as Wimbledon Library, we believe there is a need for additional community space which will provide facilities suitable for events to accommodate 150-300 people (as was provided in the old community centre hall) as well as other community space.

The WCA has invested the money from the sale of our interest on the original site to the Council, the dividend for which is being used to support Wimblecomm.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss with the Council and other interested parties how site Wi9 might be redeveloped to support replacement community facilities (in line with the current site allocation) or reprovided elsewhere within the nearby vicinity.

Kind regards

David

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Chair of Trustees



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