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To: <u>Future Merton</u>

Subject: Response to Merton Council"s Local Plan

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Dear Sirs,

I am a resident in Wimbledon since 1974 and I would appreciate if you would take into consideration the following concerns. I live in

Chapter 9 Wimbledon

p.289 The proposed "supporting tall buildings within Wimbledon Town Centre" is not acceptable. For years we, the residents of streets near the Town Centre, have and will continue to fight actively to preserve the character of our area as a residential area. For that to happen, we consider that buildings in the Town Centre should not be higher than 6 storeys. Wimbledon, as you are aware, has an international reputation of a unique character. That is important to preserve. I think this reputation benefits Merton Council.

It is very important to protect the green spaces throughout Wimbledon. To maintain and preserve them developers should not be allowed to build in them.

In page 437 The Plan again refers to tall buildings being suitable for parts of the Wimbledon Town Centre. This is not acceptable. The Council should work for the protection of the character/charm of the residential streets' around the Town Centre.

Environment

page 543 Trees should be protected. I think the Plan does not emphasize sufficiently the importance of the protection of the environment . Too much freedom is given to developers , the Plan removes the obligations of the developers to protect the environment.

Thank you for the attention you may grant to this response.