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**To:** [Future Merton](#)  
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Dear Future Merton decision-makers,

I can't understand how Merton can have declared a climate emergency and yet voted in favour of the AELTC proposal for expansion into Wimbledon Park. At a time when people are complaining about sewage in rivers and flooding the Council has approved a considerable increase in hard surfaces instead of grass in Wimbledon Park.

This proposal for overdevelopment is inspired by 19th century thinking but we are now living in the 21st century.

Giving the go-ahead to developments on MOL will provide a precedent for development on other endangered MOL sites.

High rise buildings in the town centre will block sunlight from properties with solar panels on their roof, hence obstructing a policy of dealing with climate change. I am sceptical about the demand for these high rise structures and am wondering if the beneficiaries are people or companies who have no local connection or interest. I realise that money talks, though.

Property prices fall when good quality houses are overlooked and overshadowed by massive tower blocks. We know someone who has just sold a flat in a neighbouring town centre where the flat was threatened with being overshadowed by oversize towers.

Most of Merton Council Tax payers are residents rather than businesses so we should have a voice.

Regards,