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To: [Future Merton](#)
Subject: Fwd: Call to reject changes to Mitcham's Local Plan
Date: 15 March 2024 10:56:28

Hello

I've been advised by councillors to submit my comments regarding the proposed changes to the Local Plan to this email address.

Please ensure that this email is taken into account as part of your consultation.

Thanks,

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From:
Date: Wed, 13 Mar 2024 at 13:01
Subject: Call to reject changes to Mitcham's Local Plan
To:

Hello Councillors

I'm writing to object to the changes to Mitcham's Local Plan that are due to be discussed by the Planning Committee this week.

I'm a Figges Marsh resident (Lavender Fields until the recent ward boundary updates) and live in close proximity to the Gasworks site.

The proposal to permit housing developments rising to 10 storeys in Mitcham and to increase the number of units on the Mitcham Gasworks site to 650 (from 200-400) is a shocking diversion from the original plan drawn up by the council with input from the local community.

It totally disregards the original research, data and analysis from the council and more worryingly, discounts feedback and engagement from the community who overwhelmingly object to a giant overdevelopment on the site.

It's wildly different from the assessment that 200-400 units are suitable for a plot of this

size and that tall buildings are unsuitable for development in Mitcham.

In your most recent analysis of the Local Plan you mention that 'designs should be based on effective community engagement and reflect local aspirations' but such significant changes to the plan are completely at odds with what the community actually wants to see.

I'm all for developing the brownfield site for housing but changing the Local Plan in a way to suit the aspirations of a developer in order to boost shareholder profits rather than pushing for a sustainable suburban housing development that enhances the community/surrounding area is extremely disappointing and makes me question why you ask for any feedback/engagement from the local community at all.

I urge you to push back on the changes in support of the original plan that the community and council (rather than a developer) was in favour of.

Thanks,