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**Subject:** Objection to Local Plan Main Modification 62

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To whom it may concern

## **OBJECTION TO MAIN MODIFICATION 62**

Please accept this email as a formal objection to MM62

The *proposed* increase in the number of homes allocated to Mitcham Gasworks from 200-400 homes to 500-650 home, doubling the amount up to 10 storeys in entirely inappropriate for the site and Mitcham.

The density and height will forever change Mitcham and not for the better. If anything it will mar the aspects of what is currently a relatively 'eyesore free' suburb on the edges of zone 3 in London.

There has been no valid evidence to justify such a large development and with substantive reasoning.

The proposed modification wanting a development to "reflect the local aspirations" is commendable BUT local input must be properly included in considerations. Previous information and local petitions have proven overwhelmingly that Mitcham residents reject plans for a development of over 400 homes and over 5/6 storeys (that height being the height of current buildings in the area).

Yes housing is required but Mitcham and Merton needs quality houses to enable residents

to live full and enriching lives. If the pandemic has completely slipped out of our minds, please can I remind you that it was community and immediate environment that aided people's coping mechanisms

The new Local Plan is to "provide a sound basis for planning decisions" - there is NOTHING sound about the potential change to increase the density, masses and storeys of MM62.

I re-iterate so there can be no confusion, I object to these changes to MM62.

To all Ward Councillors and Siobhain, our local MP, I implore you to all object to these changes for now and the future. The residents of Mitcham and Merton deserve better and the site does not need to be a tick box for bureaucracy.

regards