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Good morning

I think this might be for you.

Kind regards

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From:
Date: Sun, 10 Mar 2024 at 11:35
Subject: Local Plan Examination
To:

Dear Sir or Madam

In 2022, Merton Council submitted a new Local Plan to the Planning Inspector for approval, which included the provision that no building in Colliers Wood should exceed the height of the current Britannia Point. In February 2024, the Planning Inspector told the Council that in his view this restriction should be removed, and that there should be no maximum height for buildings in Colliers Wood.

As residents of Colliers Wood we believe it is wrong.

For one, the already existing Britannia Point is completely out of character with the low-rise nature of our neighbourhood. Britannia Point towers far above any structure locally, and can be seen from as far as Streatham and Sutton. No one would approve such a structure today. It's simple common sense.

It therefore makes little sense to build a tower even taller than what we have currently. Not only will any new tower further detract from the prevailing setting, but have a huge physical impact on residents too. The shadows such a structure would cast would rob homes of sunlight and further worsen the already wind impacts felt around the tower by pedestrians and cyclists. The current building creates an enormous wind vortex as one tries to walk from Colliers wood station towards Colliers Wood Christchurch. Obviously, that will become much worse if an adjacent taller building is permitted to be built.

We also do not believe that such a tall building is needed to meet Merton's housing targets. Merton has a track record of meeting or exceeding its housing targets in recent years and there are hundreds of sites across the borough that could contribute to this target. It should not be on Colliers Wood to bear the brunt for meeting these targets, rather than carrying out a balanced and reasoned development plan across the borough.

Kind regards

