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To: [Future Merton](#)
Subject: Comments on modifications to the Local Plan
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Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached our comments on the Local Plan with respect to Colliers Wood.

Best wishes,

By email to Future.Merton@merton.gov.uk

22 March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Draft Local Plan Suggested modifications to the site brief for CW2 MM39

We are writing with our concerns about the latest suggested modifications to the Merton Local Plan, following the examination in public by the planning inspector.

We were relieved when the draft Local Plan was originally amended, following an outcry from local residents, to include the stipulation restricting the height of buildings in Colliers Wood. We have lived in Colliers Wood for thirty years and while we welcomed the change in appearance that has been made to the existing tower in recent years, we do not welcome the prospect of more and higher towers in our area. Yet this is the prospect that arises from the planning inspector's recommendation.

Britannia Point is completely out of place in Colliers Wood, no other building is nearly as tall, and to develop taller buildings will compound the problem. Lower buildings, while they would still block natural light to a number of areas, could help soften the outline of the Tower and be a positive.

A further point is that any building that is over ten storeys uses so much carbon in the building phase that it has unacceptably high embedded energy and carbon, that will take decades to be offset by efficiency gains.

The Local Plan requires a huge amount of effort from the residents who respond to the consultation and it is very disappointing to find that our views were not taken into consideration by the inspector.

Yours sincerely,