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Subject: Object to buildings taller than 19 storeys in Colliers Wood in the Local Plan
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Importance: High

Dear Planning officer,

I understand that the Planning Inspectorate has proposed removing the clause which states that no building taller than 19 storeys shall be built in Colliers Wood. In this email I wish to make clear my objection to this removal.

There are several reasons for not constructing buildings higher than 19 stories, including the damage to the atmosphere in this predominantly low-rise environment of Colliers Wood. But the obvious reason is the demonstrable inability of the local authorities to manage these, and even lower-rise, buildings. I remind all readers of the potentially fatal failure of the structure of Britannia Point. Since this time the structure has been surrounded by the impractical, ugly structure that is needed to prevent Britannia Point causing injury or death by further structural failures. There is clearly an inability to ensure good practise and proper maintenance of this structure, so what ability would there be to manage additional buildings?

But in addition, Colliers Wood is not a high-rise district. Britannia Point is not just a testament to the inability to manage such construction, but in itself is a monument to misplaced and inappropriate architecture. The entire local skyline that includes this aberration is ruined by the intrusion of this building. Further examples of this misguided and outdated approach to modern construction would be out-dated, ill-informed and short-sighted. Is the Planning Inspectorate really considering a reversion to 1960's approach? We are mor than 60 years ahead of this mis-guided policy, with mistakes and failures obvious from this era.

It is for the benefit and protection of the community - not property speculators - that the Planning Inspectorate should act. Any new high rise buildings would be contrary to the community's best interest.

I trust you will make the correct decision.

Sincerely,