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Dear Sirs

Following recent rumours circulating regarding relaxing rules to allow housing in gardens, I would like to register our objection to this

I think building outhouses is fine, such as garden rooms and garages. This is in keeping with the residential nature of the area

However, if back gardens are then permitted for housing developments the risk to the suburban / family orientated character of the area can be severe

I worked for a number of years in Hounslow. I could see the damage to the local environment and the character and safety in the area through unscrupulous developments by builders in turning back gardens into high density housing for migrant workers. Indeed, there were frequent violent and in some cases deadly incidents in the buildings opposite the offices I was located in (Falcon House on Staines Rd). In the short time I was there there were at least two separate murders in Hibernia Road

Also, on my walk from Hounslow Central to the offices, there was hardly any back gardens left as all had been turned into housing, totally destroying the residential feel off the area

Fortunately I am no longer working there as the whole area are was unsafe. I really hope Merton Park does not go the same way

Consequently I am writing to object to this proposal

Regards