
Hello.

I live at _____, London and have read the Merton Small Sites Toolkit as well as the Borough Character Study.

Our neighborhood is characterised by family homes and gardens with green spaces for our own peace, wellbeing and ability for clean air and outdoor living.

This is a crucial aspect of living here and makes the homes and neighborhood very desirable.

The proposal to allow development on small spaces, especially Backland would severely damage the garden enjoyment of the neighborhood. Instead of having a peaceful greenspace to enjoy and view, we would be subject to looking at buildings and have a great concentration of additional homes in our backyards.

As many are now working from home, several permanently, having our clean air green spaces is critical for physical and mental health.

In addition, due to working from home, many are doing back and loft extensions to make homes larger and more livable as many of us spend more time at home due to COVID.

With the proposals, these lofts and extensions would not be facing green spaces, rather be looking down or across at development sites - severely interrupting the views of gardens and greenspaces which is why many of us moved to this area.

I would strongly request a re-consideration of the proposals, especially for the Backland development. This would severely affect the peace, enjoyment and character of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.