
Dear team,

I am writing to let you know that I object to the proposals regarding 'infill' as part of the Small sites toolkit.

The document begins with the statement:-

'The places in which we live have a significant impact on our wellbeing and quality of life.'

They absolutely do and as a resident of Merton Park, regarded in historical regards, as the garden suburb of Merton,

I strongly object to the notion that parts of green space in the Merton park one mile square are legitimately up for grabs for building on, which is clearly the premise of the infill.

It is particularly ironic to choose this point, after a year in lockdown, when communities with area with outdoor green areas in the locality clearly fared better than those in concrete jungles.

There is already data evidencing this in regards to physical and mental health of differently sited communities and I am sure that more will emerge.

There is need for new houses and I can appreciate that Merton has to engage with the government drive but empty offices and shops abound and many councils such as Manchester are already re-appropriating these for conversion to dwellings.

I would like a response to my noted and to be sent an acknowledgement of this.