Responses to Haringey Local Plan (including the Tottenham AAP):
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AAP5 Conservation and Heritage
We feel that the Council does not value the heritage of the area as can be seen in the destruction of Edmonton Dispensary; The Red House and the former White Hart Public House. That they can be so lightly discarded for the access or exit from a sports facility, which is unlikely to last for the length of time these buildings have, is dismaying.

Bruce Castle: this magnificent building has been allowed to deteriorate whilst buildings in other parts of Haringey have been prioritised for Heritage Lottery applications. Other boroughs such as Enfield and Redbridge have rebuilt their heritage assets to improve residents' experience of their local history.

7 Bruce Grove: the site of our only English Heritage Blue Plaque in Tottenham continues to deteriorate when it should have had a CPO.

TH9 Hale Wharf:
The proposals for high rise buildings along the River Lea and close to the new Walthamstow wetlands are inappropriate and unnecessary. The plan refers to the importance of green spaces but a development such as this will destroy the openness and views which we currently enjoy and will destroy the rural atmosphere of this stretch of the River Lea and Paddock Community Nature Park. There is no reason for the height but low rise buildings of 6 storeys would be adequate.

AAP6 Urban design and character including tall buildings
While not objecting in principal to the construction of tall buildings some have been proposed which are inappropriately out of scale for the area such as Apex House and Hale Wharf. In addition the bland designs of both complexes have little in common with the character of the area.

SS5 Wards Corner
Wards Corner could provide a dynamic and idiosyncratic entry to Tottenham but years of neglect by the Council and authorities and a desire to provide retail space for the 'chains' (just when other areas are moving away from the Nexts, Pizza Expresses et al), means that the potential of Wards Corner as a hub with opportunities for local independent small scale quality businesses, as well as artistic ventures, has not been properly explored. We want to live in a community which values the vibrancy of the market.

SA62 Broadwater Farm- demolition and redevelopment zone covering Broadwater Farm, Somerset Close, Lido Square, Moira Close, and some houses along Lordship Lane

The demolition and redevelopment would cause huge stress to all current residents as well as undermine all the successful efforts over decades to build a strong and stable local community and to improve local facilities. The Council should support one of the success stories in Haringey in which local initiatives brought the community together after the riots of 30 years ago and that it is now an important asset in Tottenham. Tottenham is already in the process of gentrification whereby local residents are being priced out of living in the area and this can only further damage the chances of them being able to stay within the community.

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