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Hi Haringey,

I'm very sorry that this email will reach your inbox slightly later than requested but I had computer problems over the weekend which prevented me from submitting this until now.

It is very important to me that I am able to express my opinions however and that they are given appropriate consideration.

In addition, please note that I wish to speak at the examination in public. I am a resident of Tottenham Hale and live very close to many of the proposed developments.

My main thoughts on the proposed developments are as follows:

1. The developments, if allowed to go ahead as planned, will destroy the positive effects of the more gradual, organic improvements which have occurred in Tottenham in recent years.

I have lived in Tottenham for about 17 years and in the last 10 or so have noticed that more families have been settling in the area. I don't believe that this healthy addition to the demographic has been brought about by anything that Haringey Council has done though. Rather, I believe that it has come about simply because Tottenham is perhaps the last area in London in which family houses are still affordable, albeit even then, only by those on relatively high incomes. I believe that the riots actually *helped* this particular process more than any action taken by Haringey Council. I am not of course suggesting that the riots were a good thing – they were incredibly frightening and upsetting for those of us who live with our families very close to the sites of huge destruction and great danger.

If the planned development, consisting primarily as it does of one and two bedroom flats goes ahead, families (and the positive influence they bring in terms of stability, responsibility and consistency) will once again become a tiny minority of the overall population and their influence will again diminish to nothing.

2. It is a mistake to concentrate the vast majority of the new housing in one small area.

It has become a cliché to say "they wouldn't get away with this in Muswell Hill" but I'm afraid that is absolutely true. The local infrastructure in Tottenham is already insufficient to support its existing population and adding another 5000 homes will, I believe, be catastrophic. A new school will be provided of course and that may well satisfy the *existing* shortage of school places but it will not be sufficient to accommodate any new children moving into or being born in the area.

In addition, it is already incredibly difficult to get an appointment with a GP or a dentist in Tottenham. To provide a somewhat trivial example, when my dentist closed his practice last year it took me 3 months to find another one who was accepting new patients and a further 3 months to get an appointment with him.

I believe that the decision to focus the vast majority of the new homes in one small area was taken because Haringey Council consider that it will be easier to fight a single battle in a relatively poor area with a generally less well organized population (because most people's main concern in Tottenham is simply to survive) than to distribute the massive impact more wisely and evenly.

I have discussed these matters a great deal with my friends in the area and I know I am not alone in my opinions.

I would therefore, as I have said, welcome the opportunity to expand on them in person at the examination.

Best regards,

Bruce.

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