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To: Planning Customer Care Team  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Received your email regarding the proposals for Wood Green area. Trying to fathom out where the planning application reference is, trying to understand your proposals is quite hard for the average person so much information to go through and all at the last minute!

A lot of jargon is being used, including the invention of new buzzwords that I don't fully understand. What is patently obvious to me is that you are consulting 'the people' for their views but inevitably I feel there is going to be more of the same kind of development that we have had in the past, a prescriptive approach put forward by government and developers that meets only their criteria.

The 'bleeding obvious' in all this planning is that people like friendly places not monoliths like the current shopping developments. The old cinema, the terraced houses, the old listed buildings, the street markets are much preferred to the horrible Odeon at the crossroads of Wood Green or the shopping centre with its overhead tunnel or the backstreets facing the blank back walls of the major retail stores. I fail to see how the planning 'experts' have not worked this out and now you are thinking about changing it yet again. What a waste of time and money.

I think most people agree that anything has got to be better than The Malls and Brent Cross's of this world with their Orwellian offering of retail therapy. Most towns and villages have developed over the centuries organically without major upheaval of the kind that you are planning. This sort of developer-led cheap construction technique approach is never going to achieve the same friendly environment.

One major point is that I fail to see how somebody in London can put up a building that is totally out of character with the rest of the surrounding area and get away with it. Where are the planners. This is now happening all over London, a mish mash of different styles and colours looking like every other city in the world with the gradual destruction of all the old character buildings.

Paris has managed to prevent this and it looks amazing!

Yours sincerely

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