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FW: Wood Green Plan

From: Anthony Roberts
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To: LDF
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Dear Sir/Madam,

First off I would like to stress my broad support for the ambitious plans laid out for the long-term redevelopment of Wood Green. This area has immense potential and I consider its redevelopment is long overdue.

Despite my strong support I would like to highlight two areas of significant concern:

1/ Page 74 of the Preferred Option document (Feb 2017) is very ambiguous in its reference to a primary North-South route incorporating Wightman Road. Elsewhere in the plan it suggests that this would be a pedestrian or cycle quiet-way whereas on page 74 it appears to suggest this would be the primary route for vehicular traffic. This issues needs to be clarified. A quiet-way would be an immense improvement to the area and the lives of those living on both Wightman Road and the Harringay Ladder. I would, however, oppose in the strongest possible terms a plan that would send more traffic down this narrow residential street, which traffic surveys have shown is already very congested and where pollution is above acceptable limits.

2/ Overall the plan appears to be heavily reliant upon a new Crossrail II station at Wood Green. I would urge the Council to ensure that appropriate plan contingency plans are in place and that redevelopment can be assured if Crossrail II were to be scrapped. Moreover it is important redevelopment can also take place should the route ultimately adopted be that of Turnpike Lane and Alexandra Palace rather than Wood Green. This latter route appears more sensible from a logistical perspective, would serve the most people, reduces congestion on the Victoria Line and is the favoured route in Crossrail II consultations. It is important therefore that the Council has plans to ensure redevelopment is not reliant upon placing a station at an less favourable position i.e. Wood Green.

I would be happy to expand on either of the above points if this would be helpful.

All the best,

Anthony Roberts