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Sent: 08 April 2015 08:42
To: LDF
Subject: comment re Local Plan Site Allocation

Dear Haringey Planners,

Unfortunately the Bowes Park Community Association was lax in its discussions over the Local Plan changes, and especially over the Site Allocation document.

We do apologise. We realise that these comments are late, but do hope that you will add them to those you have already.

I commented before as an individual but we have now discussed it.

What follows is from the Bowes Park Community Association.

Re Site allocations, page 153 of document, re Myddleton Road.

We are very glad to see that Myddleton Road is highlighted for improvements.

1. We do not in any way agree with your support of 'back-land development'.

It is back-land development that has created the poor housing mess that we see today on much of the road. Only this year an unauthorised bungalow was demolished following the Inspector's report at no 97. Please do not approve any more back-land development.

Over the last few years the council and community have encouraged the creation or retention of housing units that can accommodate families, and families need amenity space or a garden. To build over this 'back-land' would, in our view, be totally wrong.

2. Re. (2) and a long term development plan for Myddleton Road:

While we support your idea for widening the southern pavement and losing that car parking, we believe that the road is not wide enough to safely have 'echelon' parking. If the aim is to encourage more people to use the street happily and in safety, and to sit in street cafes etc, then it must be a safe and pleasant street. There are many families with young children who use the street and such parking on such a narrow road cannot possibly be encouraged. People will have to learn to walk, take buses, or trains. The wonderful thing about Bowes Park is its excellent public transport services. Do not pander to the unnecessary use of cars.

It would be great to see Myddleton Road (or part of it) car free. However, if this is a step too far for the Council the road could be resurfaced as a Dutch style 'shared surface' to shift the emphasis away from vehicles and towards pedestrians. There is a great recent example of this by Hackney Council at Leonard Circus in Shoreditch.

<http://www.hackney.gov.uk/4826.htm#.VR0nXDh0yAg>

Simply using a good quality paving instead of tarmac, not using kerbs to demarcate pedestrians / vehicles, reducing street clutter/markings, and adding some soft landscaping. Shared surfaces do present other challenges but these can be successfully managed with good design.

We believe this would be relatively cost effective for the Council but have an exponential impact on the look & feel of Myddleton Road and help foster a 'café culture' spill-out.

We would also like to see another phase of the recent shop-front upgrades at the top of Myddleton. This is an absolute triumph and has had a big impact on the street. It has set a great precedent.

Yours sincerely,
Caroline Simpson,
on behalf of the Bowes Park Community Association

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