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I/we have seen Haringey Council's Area Action Plan for Wood Green dated February 2017 and I/we

wish to object in the strongest terms to the assumption, which is clearly implicit in this plan, that

large volumes of road traffic will continue to be routed to Wightman Road and the Harringay ladder.

Indeed, the plan envisages a huge expansion of the commercial activities centred upon Wood Green

and this can be expected to draw still more road traffic into an area completely unsuited for it.

We feel that the expected population growth in the outer boroughs will itself lead to increased

traffic trying to transit our borough and that the last thing our planners should be doing is to create a

magnet for still more. Let an improved Wood Green remain an essentially local town centre and, if

there has to be a new "Metropolitan Town Centre" for North London, let it be out beyond the North

Circular Road so that traffic will be drawn away from us.

Most parts of the borough were, like Wood Green, built before the age of the motor vehicle, and

most parts are blighted by excessive road traffic much of which is just passing through. Any plans

the Council makes should start by recognising this disagreeable fact rather than treating it as an

afterthought along with air pollution. We don't want to see plans that prioritise the attraction of

new customers from wide swathes of North London and we don't want the freely flowing traffic

from Wood Green roaring passed our windows. What we do want is a serious response to the new,

invisible blight of NO2 air pollution which is already above legal limits in Wightman Road and many

other streets. The pollution in our streets does not just come from buses and HGV's, it comes from

many thousands of light vehicles that already pass through here every day - many of them diesels.

My road, Beresford road, has been heavily impacted by the decision to redirect traffic from Hewitt road and we now have a huge amount of white vans, cars and other vehicles using Beresford road as a shortcut to Green Lanes. I have a constant cough, I have stopped growing tomatoes and other vegetables in my front yard as we are now exposed to so much diesel fumes. An increase in traffic will have a deleterious impact on our health. The surfaces in my house have more fine black dust, we are subjected to noise from vehicles and at certain times of the day the traffic is often backed up on our road. Please no more expansion of Wightman Road, but a reduction in traffic, so that we can have a healthier life.

Thank you

Indra and Peter Turner