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I am responding to Haringey Council's Area Action Plan for Wood Green dated February 2017. Whilst I agree that Wood Green can benefit from improvements, an ambition to create a shopping centre which attracts residents from a wide area is a very retrograde step, as it will attract huge volumes of traffic in Haringey from other Boroughs. It will in turn exacerbate the already illegal levels of pollution on Haringey's roads. I am particularly concerned about the proposed primary route along Clarendon Road, which in effect will attract even more traffic along Wightman Road, a residential street, which currently has 120,000 vehicles a week for which it is unfit to carry and breaches current EU legal limits of pollution.

Haringey Council has already accepted that approving the planning permission for Harringay Arena was misguided and that it has created excessive levels of traffic and pollution in the area. Similarly the retail centre at Tottenham Hale has created a similar situation there.

We need a Borough which is fit for its citizens and protects its children. This means we need to discourage car use, to make it safer and healthier and more pleasant for residents. The current rates of pollution already mean Haringey's Children's lungs are under developed, and more people fall victim to cancer, heart disease, respiratory problems and dementia. This means there is more demand on the NHS which an ill afford increases in demand and also affects the health and wellbeing of residents, for which the Council is also responsible.

Yours sincerely

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