

Subject: FW: Wood Green plan

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Dear Planning,

I am writing about the Wood Green plan. Whilst it is laudable to regenerate this severely under-utilised and deprived part of the borough (I for one would love to have better shops) I am very concerned about the planned expansion of visitor numbers locally. The area is already heavily over-dependent on car users to prop up the shopping area. There are too many car parking spaces available locally relative to the road connectivity and any increases will damage air quality even further and increase congestion. The local area is badly served by train and tube (unlike other recently regenerated areas like Stratford and east Croydon) and therefore any increase in visitor numbers will need to attract drivers in a similar way to Brent cross. Roads locally are too heavily used by vehicles which serves to dissuade people from using other more sustainable modes of transport such as bikes or walking. I personally would love to cycle more but cannot as I am hemmed in by vehicular traffic (I live on the ladder between the green lanes and wightman rds.)

There is a green lanes traffic study ongoing and I would like to ensure that any ambitions for Wood Green are tied into the transportation plans locally. We have suffered in the past from a lack of joined up planning between traffic management and town planning. The arena shopping park is evidence enough of this in my area.

Please reconsider encouraging more cars into our local area. Wightman Rd in particular can take no more and I really think that steps should be taken to reduce traffic on this road and improve pedestrian accessibility (removing cars from the pavements and slowing traffic down) is essential moving forward to ensure our streets are no longer dominated by heavy traffic and allow people to walk and cycle more locally.

Please reply to this email to outline your plans in further detail and acknowledge receipt. Thank you.

Kind regards
Libby Blackett

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