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Hello!

I am a resident of Noel Park - my family and I live on Hewitt Avenue. I took a look at the AAP document today. It looks very exciting and promising and I had some thoughts and questions:

1. **TALL BUILDINGS AND CHARACTER:** I think it's good to note that none of the newer tall buildings (over 3 stories) in the neighborhood have added much, if any, character to the neighborhood. Areas such as Crouch End, Highgate and Muswell Hill are held in high esteem because they have historic charm and have not been inundated with large modern buildings that do not age well and do not stay within the traditional character of the area. Please, when approving and designing new buildings, can we try to recreate or compliment historic charm? This will add value in the long run.

On a related note, when building affordable housing, can you make sure that it does not look cheap and like flash-in-the-pan modern architecture? Many buildings in Islington have managed to maintain a historic feel through the use of brick and choice of window style, despite being modern.

2. **LITTER:** Littering and fly-tipping is a huge problem in Wood Green. It will not matter how much we do to beautify the area, if there is still rubbish strewn everywhere. Can a plan be put into place to stop this? Perhaps a public education campaign is in order, especially in schools. The rubbish seems to come in two categories: 1. People driving into the area to use the shopping facilities and dumping bags of rubbish on side streets and into gardens and 2. Teenagers dropping fast food containers and young males leaving behind beer cans. What can we do to prevent this?

3. **DETAILS:** There are many, many sidewalks and pavements in the area that need to be re-done with proper paving stones, not just patches of street tar and pavement. Also, many of the older buildings could use a power wash as they are covered in soot and black dust. As we move forward, can we plan to have these actions as a part of the beautification of the area?

4. **AIR POLLUTION:** I was happy to see that there is a plan to add more wooded and green spaces to the area. Has any other thought been given to how we can reduce emissions and other air pollutants in the area?

Thank you in advance,
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