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Plans to demolish existing housing

I am shocked that the plans involve demolishing the houses on Caxton Rd and a portion of Mayes Rd in the interests of gaining a 'better view' from high street. No plan to improve the community can involve demolishing the houses and compulsarily displacing the people who ARE the local community. The map could easily be redrawn to accommodate development improvements without evicting people from their homes and losing scarce housing stock. These period buildings (eg. the Mayes Rd houses were built in 1863) have historic and aesthetic value, but beyond that they are of immeasurable value to those who call them home. There is a lot of dead space and underused space in the area that can be improved by redevelopment, without the need to destroy existing homes. The plans purport to serve the needs of the local community; the aspect of the plan will in fact break up an existing community who are committed to the local area, send their children to local schools, put money into local shops and services, and pay taxes to improve the local area.

The plans are based on Cross Rail 2 but this is not in the current government budget, possibly the government will not have the funds for more than HS2 and new nuclear. Some commentators suggest the construction industry does not have skills and capacity to deliver Cross Rail 2 until HS2 finished.

The plans have not factored in Brexit and the likely reduction in the London economy.

Changes in shopping habits to include the internet.

The need for services such as a hospital

The scale and types of housing proposed and their relative merits and demerits. Broadwater Farm turned out to deliver many problems for the residents.

The effects on health and the disruption to the economy from large scale building projects to those remaining.

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