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Dear Sir/Madam

I am responding to Haringey Council's Area Action Plan for Wood Green dated February 2017. While I agree that Wood Green can benefit from improvements, an ambition to create a shopping centre that attracts residents from a wide area would be a very retrograde step, if it means it will draw in huge volumes of traffic into Haringey from other parts of London. 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 will draw even more traffic on to Wightman Road, a residential street, which currently has 120,000 vehicles a week, as a result of which it breaches current EU legal limits of pollution. Such a move would also have a knock-on effect on the Harringay Ladder roads, which are used as a rat run between Wightman Road and Green Lanes.

We need a borough that 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 can ill afford increases in demand and also affects the health and wellbeing of residents, for which the council is also responsible.

By all means improve Wood Green, but not at the expense of the health of the local population. There are already more than enough cars and vans hurtling through my neighbourhood, spewing out deadly NO2 and other pollutants. We don't need any more.

Yours

Saba Choudhury