



31st March, 2017

Planning Policy,
Haringey Council,
River Park House,
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BY HAND ATTN Lucy Morrow

Dear Haringey Planning Department.

**Action Area Plan for Wood Green
Effect on Wightman Road and the Ladder**

I have seen Haringey Council's Area Action Plan for Wood Green dated February 2017 and wish to object in the strongest terms to the assumption, implicit in this plan, that large volumes of road traffic will continue to be routed to Wightman Road and the Haringey ladder.

The Area Action Plan for Wood Green envisages a huge expansion of the commercial activities centred upon Wood Green and this can be expected to draw still more road traffic into Wightman Road which is completely unsuited for it.

Expected population growth in the outer boroughs will in any event lead to increased traffic through our borough. Wightman Road is already dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists because the road is narrow, narrowed still further by car parking on both the road and pavements and no steps are taken by the Council to enforce the 20 mph speed limit which is consequently generally ignored by motorists. The last thing the Haringey planners should be doing is to encourage still more traffic onto Wightman Road.

Let an improved Wood Green remain an essentially local town centre and, if there has to be a new "Metropolitan Town Centre" for North London, let it be out beyond the North Circular Road so that traffic will be drawn away from us in the Ladder.

Wightman Road, like Wood Green and most other parts of the borough, came into being before the age of the motor vehicle, and most parts are blighted by excessive road traffic much of which is just passing through and makes no contribution to the locality apart from causing pollution. Will the Council recognise this disagreeable fact and plan accordingly?

Ladder residents do not want plans that prioritise the attraction of new traffic from wide swathes of North London and we don't want the freely flowing traffic from Wood Green roaring passed our windows and causing still more pollution.

Pollution in our streets does not come only from buses and HGV's. It also comes from

many thousands of vans and cars, both diesel and petrol, that already pass through here every day.

This is especially true of Pemberton Road, into which much of the passing traffic turns from Wightman Road, with the result that the pollution affects not only local residents but also the children attending the South Haringey infant and junior schools.

Will you please, in any decision about the Action Plan for Wood Green, let us have a serious response, to the blights of speeding motorists and of air pollution including NO₂, which is already above legal limits in Wightman Road and other streets?

Yours sincerely,

Sandy Schofield

