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Hi,

Just a few comments on the plan

Turnpike triangle - this area is very dirty and untidy with the restaurants creating their own frontages with seats etc. which has reduced pavement space. The whole block looks very run down, with pigeons using the offices/space above the shops as nests.

Cross rail - Turnpike Lane should be the preferred option, more space and would make use of that end of the high road as Wood Green station is already very busy.

Shops/Retail opportunities - As a small business owner I would love to afford a tea room within Wood Green however rates are always too high so only established businesses can afford them. Because of this Wood Green is slowly becoming an extension of Green Lanes which I feel is the wrong direction to be heading. Instead of more Turkish restaurants, large retailers should be encouraged to return to Wood Green. (I know this contradicts my previous comment but opening a Tea Room is just an "ambition" for now) As much as people complain about Primark, if it wasn't there, Wood Green shopping centre would be much quieter. Also what happens to Debenhams? That would have encouraged more people to come to Wood Green too as there is not a Debenhams nearby, also as it's slightly more expensive it would attract a different type of person too.

Library Area - it would be great if the Library could also have a soft play area for children, like the one at Tottenham Green. I know there is one near the chocolate factory but it is not an attractive place to visit and is too hidden. (It's also not the cleanest place inside either). Wood Green is full of families with young children and I feel there needs to be more facilities for families.

In general whatever happens to Wood Green physically, changes to buildings etc will be an improvement for sure however if those changes are made and the same type of shops fill them then there is no point in making the changes. I know this might seem harsh but if you have cheap shops (like the mobile phone stores which are also hairdressers and nail salons) then you will only get "cheap" people visiting. And I know some people will say "gentrification is bad" but it really isn't.

Regards,

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