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A response to Wood Green Regeneration Plans

My first thoughts are that it is very alarming that within the analysis of Demographics section of the Wood Green Regeneration Plans, no reference is made to disability, the accessibility of Wood Green to disabled people and the social inclusion of people with disabilities. I fear this has possibly come about as a result of the social isolation of people with disabilities and their lack of an effective political voice, one that is being really listened to, within Haringey.

Given that it is the intention for Wood Green to be the Haringey Councils biggest shopping centre for the next twenty years, it is important that the redevelopment reaches the highest possible standard of accessibility for people with disabilities in order to facilitate an inclusive experience for everybody.

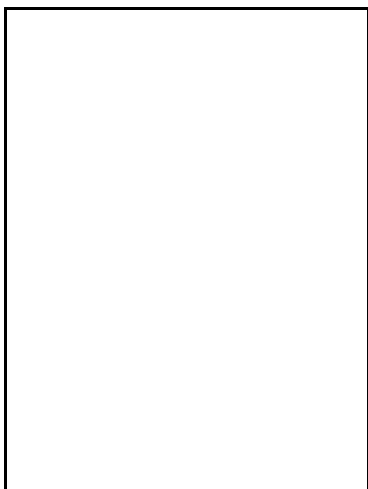
What I would like to see as part of the regeneration of Wood Green is a number of "Changing Places" to meet the toileting needs of people with complex and challenging toileting needs. This is because universal services need to be universally accessible. Whilst the need for and careful design of disabled parking is often considered in the design of services, complex toileting needs are not.

People with very complex and multiple physical and learning disabilities cannot access standard accessible toilets. They require hoists and changing beds and one or two carers to help facilitate their personal care needs whilst maintaining their dignity and well wellbeing. The charity Changing Places campaign for appropriate toilets in city centres, shopping centres, leisure facilities, libraries, sports stadia, and elsewhere to meet the needs of an estimated 250,000 people across the UK with complex personal care needs. That is equivalent to the population of Haringey being denied access to leisure facilities and sports stadia or restaurants and pubs or shops and supermarkets because there is no place appropriate to meet their personal care needs.

There are currently two toilets in Haringey that reach the Changing Places standard – one at the Winkfield Centre and another at the Mossy Well Pub, Muswell Hill. Which means that, with the exception of these two places and Tottenham Green Leisure Centre, everywhere else a person with a very severe disability is either being changed on the floor amongst dribbled urine and everything else, or they do not go out to café or restaurants or the park or sports clubs. Often it is not just the person with the severe disability that becomes isolated it's the whole family, the carer and they rest of the family group.

The disabled toilet facilities in the future Wood Green should conform with the Changing Places standard.

http://www.changing-places.org/install_a_toilet/design/changing_places_standards.aspx



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