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Site: Colliers Wood Community Centre

I have been a regular user of Colliers Wood Community Centre for many years, particularly in connection with U3A (older peoples') projects, e.g. the Merton U3A Table Tennis Club every Wednesday which has become very popular and uses the space of the main hall for four table tennis tables.

I believe the Centre is a very valuable community resource and is ripe for development and the proposal to incorporate the Colliers Wood Library in the building is an excellent idea. To include housing and possibly a cafe or other commercial project in the frontage also seems sensible.

However, I believe there is one flaw in the proposals and that is to defer delivery beyond 2018. This development should be a priority in an area that often seems to be forgotten by the Council. It would also hopefully mean a more secure future for another important community resource, the Library.

I urge the Council to treat this development seriously and undertake to start the project at the earliest possible opportunity.