

From: Mallon. M

I am a resident in the borough:

1. Please no change to the use of the Wimbledon library building. Keeping it simple – no resi. on top – the whole thing should stay as it is. Wimbledon Park lost its library and it is now a café don't repeat the error – once it is gone it is gone. It is not the Council's right to change things like this – you are custodians not owners of public facilities;
2. Site proposal 70 – please no resi development here – the current resi to industrial mix in the area works well. The local infrastructure (school and recreation ground) is not fit for an increase in resi use.
3. Why is the District Line between Wimbledon and Southfields stations still indicated as being allocated for Crossrail 2? My understanding was that it will go from Wimbledon Station to Tooting via tunnels now if developed?
4. As a general point if the Council is going to sell land to developers please be a lot more savvy than you were with the Arthur Road development of the local hall into a grotesquely disproportionate building which is entirely unsympathetic to the character of the local area and totally unpopular with people who live in the area except for one individual who calls himself the chairman of Wimbledon Park Residents Association but speaks for no one but himself. Make sure you get overage; make sure you get clawback where development is not commenced within a period of time; make sure you get proper CIL payments; don't be bullied into accepting revised planning applications or reduced s.106 commitments from developers on the basis that their schemes are otherwise not viable – with the way that resi values are going up in Wimbledon they will invariably be lying. Find out the profit on cost that developers actually expect and do deals with them as if you were a private land owner who had obtained the planning (i.e. the developer can take the first x% of profit on costs and shares the rest with you) – those are the type of deals done in the private sector – as custodians of public land don't enter into bad deals – you don't need too.