

From: J Shaw

I am writing in response to a letter received from the Abbey Ward councillors about proposed changes to certain sites in Wimbledon. My views are in line with what the councillors say:

-Patrick Doody Clinic- I agree that there will be issues raised with using the site for residential housing, specifically parking issues. Also the site currently provides a valuable health centre and it would be a shame if this was to be reduced in the services it offers.

-Merton Hall- I am of the opinion that this should be used as a venue for the community, for example a community centre that all can use, rather than residential use. It does need renovation I agree however I do not think that residential use will add to the area as a whole. Given it's location I think it would be perfect for a community hall.

-Wimbledon Theatre car Park- There is very limited parking in Wimbledon anyway and if the above sites will add to residential pressures then this car park could be vital. Using prime parking space for further residential and retail uses seems to be lacking in foresight; where will the extra people this brings park? It would be a shame if Wimbledon Town centre were to become limited in its accessibility due to lack of parking. I would suggest looking at other alternatives.

I would urge you to overall consider the enhancement of Merton in terms of services for the people that already live there and use its services rather than trying to draw in more people without developed services to meet their needs.

Thank you,