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Site:
Morden Hal

I am writing in response to the attached letter concerning potential development opportunities within the borough.

My first concern is that despite my property backing directly onto one of the proposed sites - Merton Hall - I did not receive the letter, and nor did my neighbours! Fortunately a neighbour attended the planning committee meeting on Thurs 15th March and heard about the supposedly public consultation document.

I am all in favour of the hall becoming home to the SWCA - which are planning to take over the hall soon - but your alternative plan of residential development I'm very much against for the following reasons:

Eyesore

Merton Hall is beautiful building and must be preserved at all costs. No one can ever claim that a new build block of flats are pleasing on eye, they are ugly and not in keeping with the surrounding area.

Community

It's currently proposed that the SWCA would take over the hall. I welcome this as they are a community organisation that would enrich the local neighbourhood. New build flats on the other hand are generally inhabited by young transient people - without children – that do not either integrate with existing communities or care about living happily with their neighbours.

Environment

There is a green space behind the hall that is currently the home to many birds and insects. Sadly areas such as this are already in short supply so I find any plans to build upon them extremely disappointing. It should be the duty of the council to preserve these areas not destroy them.

Safeguarding children

Who is watching your children! Building flats that look directly upon my house and garden would be totally unacceptable and an infringement upon our right to privacy and security. I wouldn't have purchased the house if flats were already on the site.

All the neighbours I have spoken to regarding this are in agreement so I urge you to take our feelings into consideration and kill off any notion of residential development.

If you would like to discuss the topic with me or have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact.