Dear Lambeth,

I am writing on behalf of the Friends Group for Hillside Gardens Park.

Having seen Lambeth's Development Final Plan for site 18 and site 19, we have reservations about the plans being developed for Knollys Yard and for a significant part of West Norwood on the following basis:

1. That you have not followed guidance for neighbourhood planning. We are for development of affordable and sustainable housing but want the local community to be involved in development of plans. Consultation has been woefully inadequate.

2. That these plans will change the character of the neighbourhood and set a precedent for this area.

3. That the development plan and the number of new households will put the local infrastructure under serious strain, including water, and leisure facilities such as the parks, playgrounds and sports courts without proper provision for new facilities.

4. That the plan will result in changing the nature of West Norwood which has managed to retain a large proportion of independent retailers, cafes and suppliers.

5. That there is no reference to sustainability or net zero and that there is contradiction in the documents about the level of additional traffic being added to already congested roads.

We are in favour of development but believe it should be considered and in partnership with the local community.

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