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The London Building Plan London Mayor's New Draft Plan-Feedback City Hall The Queen's Walk London SE1 2AA

Dear Sirs,

The invite received to attend The Mayor's "London Plan Information Event" at Bexley Council's Civic Offices on Thursday 1st February 2018 was far too short to have fair attendance.

Unfortunately do to my work commitments I am unable to attend, but I would like to raise my objection if you don't mind to the sort of mass building being planned by The Mayor of London in Bexley.

The increase in housing target four-fold generally (from 446 to 1,245) & eight-fold around town centres and near to stations (from 110 to 865) is ridiculously high level, we already have flats and houses built on every plot of land, Bexley Village for example has been spoilt with squeezed in properties everywhere, already prior to this traffic was slow moving through the village now it is even worse.

I hope that Bexley Council oppose these plans as much as possible already with people being able to destroy perfectly good building and turn them into much larger ones without even trying to make them look like other properties in roads is denting the fabric and charm of the Borough on a mass scale.

You will note below that I am also objecting to the constant demolition of bungalows to be replaced by houses as a poor way of moving forward and I reiterate that to have the planned increase in building being put forward by London Mayor on top of what is already happening is only going to turn Bexley into an urban overcrowded place like many inner London Boroughs with high pollution.

Thanking you for your kind attention I hope you take into considering my objections which is not meant at nimbism but a care for the future of this great outer London Borough..

Mr D.Wiffen-Chairman of Cold Blow Crescent Resident's Association

## Complaint about the destruction of Bungalows in Bexley

Over the last few years I have witnessed the demise of the Bungalow this has been helped by Bexley Council's apparent thumbs up to plans to turn our lovely bungalows into houses.

A prime example is one that is being converted opposite to my property, it has now virtually been stripped back down to the building front walls and a 5 bedroom house is now planned for the site.

This is not just a problem for roads like Cold Blow Crescent as I have seemed similar destruction of perfectly good building in neighbouring roads.

I feel now the time has come to bring a sharp halt to similar future plans.

For myself I cannot see why someone would purchase a bungalow and then have it knocked down and turned into a house, financially it seems daft but the larger plot of land is probably the lure, many though will keep the bungalow only adding what used to be called a dormer to the back of the property therefore giving them extra room without spoiling the look of the bungalow.

The fact that Bexley Planning seems to allow Bungalow Destruction does not help those that wish to downsize as they get older sell their house and get a single story property, the allowing of such destruction of these properties seems to also appear as ageism, with many older people getting the bad end of deals with transport as well. Perhaps Bexley Council wish to force older people who wish to purchase a bungalow out of the Borough it sertainly seems that way with this sort of flimsy planning control.

I would mow like to see Bexley Council get a grip and to deter future plans that will eliminate the bungalow which has a negative effect on communities as many because they are single level sit further towards the road, when they are converted into houses the double story property overshadows the bungalow next door and does not add one bit to the roads overall charm and appearance.

Is there any way that as London Mayor you could offer guidance and the halt to this mass destruction of wonderful building not just only in Bexley but across London.

Many Thanks
Dana Wiffen/Chairman
Cold Blow Crecent Residents Association

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Wednesday 7th February 2018

## **Cold Blow Crescent Residents Association comments**

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Already The Borough of Bexley is overcrowded with too many properties, The London Mayor's plans for increase to not take into account the Boroughs infrastructure, poor road network and crowded town centres with limited parking opportunities. Additionally the utility infrastructure is unable to support the current level of building o to expect the increases mentioned is not realistic. Constant roadworks by uttility companies in Bexley already makes life a misery for many and causes numerous trfiic jams which then has an impact on pollution and the increase of pollution around schools.

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Already divided by the busy A2 which gives Bexley more than its fair share of pollution, plans for additional high levels of building will only add to this problem. I did understand that London's Mayor for pollution reduction not more?

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