

Mrs Ann Isenberg comments

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At the moment the character of certain boroughs is being lost to the drive to create housing in areas that are not suitable for higher rise in an attempt to cram as many units in. London as a city is not universally consistent in design and layout and those in the suburbs choose to be there for a reason ie, to commute and not live in the centre where there are higher blocks and little regard for community. At the same time there is no consideration for local services with such proposals ie, where do the hospital spaces come from (already overloaded) and where do the doctor appointments come from. There is little consideration or indeed funding highlighted for these aspects. The borough of Bexley is quite unique now to not have a full A&E hospital site and to propose such increases in population does not take into account that this borough cannot grow and continue to travel some distance to other boroughs were traffic increases are likely due to the increase in housing and populations. The south east of London is still woefully inadequate compared to its north and south west London opposites in terms of public transport, particularly the Tube line. To apply such ratios without deeper analysis gives no consideration to these aspects.

Finally the suggestion of building up and around station areas (which would be reflective of areas such as Lewisham) again gives no consideration to existing road infrastructure or other services. If such a view were taken at Sidcup or Bexleyheath stations we would undoubtedly have increased issues with no run off areas for traffic to ease. There are many schools in such areas and we are therefore just overloading rather than enhancing.

Regrettably I think such a set of proposals is typical when people just see targets and not communities.