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Dear Mr Kahn

I am writing to you about the proposed changes to the London Plan, expressing what is important to me, and to my family. We have lived here for 25 years; the children have grown up here, and we are proud of our locality. In Kenley we have monthly voluntary "litter – picks" and working groups to clear the overgrowth in public areas such as around Kenley Common. These are protected green public spaces for everyone to enjoy, and we want to look after them for everybody. Maintaining this semi-rural environment matters; it helps people.

We are anxious that the proposed changes will result in detrimental urbanisation.

The issue of permitted parking spaces is one which must be considered. It is crucial that any new properties have on-site parking. Cars being parked on what are generally narrow and steep roads already stop the traffic and are dangerous. There are buses which try to run along the Valley Rd, near the station, and already they have difficulty with the existing on street parking. There is always congestion around school times, so it is important that new houses have off street parking.

We understand that your proposals are to remove the protection of back gardens, and we cannot understand why. Maintaining the character of the area matters to people. It is not an urban area with concreted gardens and houses built in high density. It offers a transition from metropolitan to Green Belt and we care very much about maintaining that aspect.

From our understanding of the London Plan for Croydon, Croydon council need to meet 20 year housing targets in 10 years. Croydon could not achieve this without urbanising semi-rural areas like Kenley. Kenley would need schools, doctors, flood /drain improvements (see flooding issues, Godstone Rd/Purley centre) etc. Is there a plan for this? It would result in urbanisation of the area and a loss of trees, flora and fauna with all the physical and mental health benefits they offer everyone.

The pressure to build new houses needs to be spread throughout England, and not intensively focussed on the outskirts of London. It would be a depressing and irrevocable legacy for our young people to destroy the beauty and heritage of semi-rural areas.

Please do take time to consider the views of local people, thank you.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Jennings