

Mr Paul Newton comments

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I am Chairman and representing Addington Village Residents Association and felt we needed to comment on the forthcoming London Plan which we understand can override and change the local plan already drawn up for Croydon. Our village is in a conservation area and having recently completed a questionnaire / CAAMP forms for the Croydon Council in December 2017 where we highlighted the importance of our village remaining a conservation area and merit protection from any of these local and London plan changes.

The key points of concern are:

- • the removal of protection for back gardens (contrary to national policy),
- • the removal of the density matrix, which sets limits on housing density,
- • the removal of targets for family homes,
- • despite claims to increase green belt protection, all measures announced already exist,
- • the reduction in parking standards and the insistence that new developments near transport hubs should have zero parking provision without exception,
- • 10 year Housing Targets have been massively increased
- • Croydon's target was 14348, which is now proposed at 29490
- • In comparison Bromley 6413 to 14240, Sutton 3626 to 9390

Cumulatively, these policies will encourage (particularly in outer London suburbs) a huge increase in the demolition of existing family housing and its replacement with blocks of flats with little to no parking provision, putting an increased strain on already very busy public transport routes, doctors, hospitals, schools and road congestion.