

Director of Environment and Regeneration
London Borough of Merton
Civic Centre
London Road
Morden SM4 5DX



8 June 2023

Dear Mr. Lipscomb,

23/P1176 – 318 Worple Road Raynes Park London SW20 8QU

Demolition of existing building (class E) and the erection of 9no. residential dwellings within a part 2, part 3 and part 4 storey building with associated cycle parking, refuse provision and amenity space.

The Wimbledon Society wishes to object to this application.

The proposals include solar panels and use air source heat pumps. However, with the area of roof space we would, in this climate emergency, expect more than the 13 PV panels. The locations of the heat pump units are not shown on the plans or elevations and there is no analysis or mitigation of any noise impact these may cause. These issues should be addressed before permission is granted.

The height of the building is also a matter for concern, particularly in contrast to the terrace to the East of the site along Worple Road. The new building would be very high in relation to this terrace and be very disruptive to the street scene, particularly the view along Worple Road from the east.

The large blank side wall will be in full view from the rear of terrace properties in Lambton Road. If the council is minded to approve this application, a condition should be made that a suitable patterning should be applied to this wall.

The mews providing access to properties to the rear of the site is quite narrow and will need to provide access for deliveries and so forth. Further details of the precise plans of the pathway demonstrating satisfactory access should be provided as a condition of this application.

Yours sincerely

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