

What we need you to do

- 1) **Write** to Sir Simon Milton, (and cc it to Boris Johnson) GLA, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA
- 2) **Speak** to your street (ask them to write as well and pass letters back to you*)
- 3) **Come** to City Hall on Monday 8th Nov at 1pm to hand deliver letters.

Sir Simon Milton (Dep Mayor) and the Mayor cannot consider many local issues which you may feel strongly about. We need to write highlighting issues he can consider.

The ones we feel are most applicable are below. Please choose 2 or 3 to mention in your letter.

A short letter is a million times better than no letter!

At the top of your letter put **Re: Harold Wood Hospital Site**

Affordable Housing

The proposal is only for 15% affordable homes. This is unacceptable as it fails to meet Havering's target of 50% or the London Plan target of 35%. It doesn't respond to the needs of the local area where more affordable homes are required for local people. Please request an increase at least back to the (formerly agreed) 30%.

Strength of Local Opposition

Harold Wood has never been meaningfully consulted on this development and, as such, it is quite unsuitable for our area. The community of Harold Wood has strongly opposed this proposal. Our ward has **5,193** households; which have sent over **2,300** letters and emails to Havering Planning dept opposing the development! 400 people have also attended both Council meetings where the application was considered.

Noise

Large parts of this development will be subject to high noise levels from road and rail traffic. The developer refuses to improve windows or employ ventilation or re-site habitable rooms away from highest noise levels. This represents bad design and a substandard build which will provide a poor quality of life for new residents.

Car Parking spaces

1,215 car parking spaces is too many. Due to environmental and health impacts as well as the already overloaded local road networks (which impact the A12, A127 and even the M25) we ask that the allocation of car parking spaces be reduced to 1 per dwelling.

Access

Harold Wood has a much higher percentage of disabled and elderly residents than the London or UK average. We ask the Mayor to insist all housing (or a very significant proportion) be wheelchair accessible.

Unsuitable access road

Nightingale Crescent/Lister Avenue is proposed as an entrance to the development which approx half the site will use. These roads are quiet, small avenues, cul de sac style, where the houses have no front gardens. With over 400 vehicles plus buses passing through this area it will subject local residents to unacceptable pollution and vibration. At least 4 houses in this area have already required underpinning due to subsidence. The proposals will be disastrous for the properties in these roads.

Urban Design and Density

The site is in a suburban area of predominantly 2 storey housing. The design does not respect or reflect the local context of brick built, 1930s semi detached houses and bungalows with pitched roofs. Heights described in the Mayor's report as "modest" will appear excessive and dominant in Harold Wood. The average density of Harold Wood ward is 6.8 dwellings per hectare. At 64 dwellings per hectare this proposal absolutely represents over development and is not appropriate to the local context.

Infrastructure

2A.1 of the London Plan says development should take account of the capacity of existing or planned infrastructure. This has not happened in Harold Wood, where our Education Section says local schools will be full without this development, local doctors and dentists are already overstretched, there are issues with water supply and no provision has been made for community buildings, or any non residential building.

***We will collect letters from you on Sunday if you call Cat 374507 or Louise 344271**