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Subject: Concerns Regarding Strategic Heights in Wimbledon

Dear Inspectors,

I would like to bring two key points to your attention regarding the Hillside/Wimbledon Strategic Heights Diagram:

Building Heights: The current plan permits buildings that I believe are excessively tall. I am concerned that Wimbledon might eventually resemble Croydon, which is not desirable. We need to strike a balance between development and maintaining the character of our area.

Environmental Protections: Additionally, there must be stronger environmental safeguards. While development is essential, we should prioritize preserving our surroundings and heritage.

Details from the Diagram:

The black-marked area suggests that heights of up to 24 meters may be appropriate. This zone encompasses various locations, including Mansel Road, Malcolm Road (formerly Luma), Tabor Grove, and Alt Grove. Notably, it covers the high end of Mansel Road and the Woodside area, both of which currently have tall buildings.

Within this area, there are two designated development zones. These zones overlap due to computer-generated ellipses. Inspectors consider buildings of up to 40 meters and 49 meters appropriate. However, these proposed heights are not rigid maximums; flexibility exists based on appropriateness.

Despite protective factors like exemplary design and impact assessment, there is concern about potential height creep. Specifically, taller buildings could encroach upon the quiet residential streets near St. George's Road, Tabor Grove, and the low-rise areas around St. Mark's Square and Alexandra Road.

Thank you for carefully considering my input.