



## **DEMOLITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF 40 STATION ROAD, COLLIERS WOOD**

**Application number 15/P1156  
July 2015**

*Wandle Valley Forum was established in 2005 and is the primary consultative forum on Wandle Valley issues for the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust; the London Boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton and Croydon; Greater London Authority and other statutory bodies*

1. Wandle Valley Forum has reviewed the proposals to demolish the warehouse at 40 Station Road, Colliers Wood and replace it with a new development providing seven flats and two houses. This is on a site immediately adjacent to the Wandle Trail and at the southern end of the William Morris works. It is located within the historic grounds of Merton Priory and on the projected line of the Roman Stane Street.
2. We object to the proposals as being in conflict with Merton's development plan policies CS5 (Wandle Valley), CS13 (open space), CS14 (design), DM01 (improve access), DM D1 & D2 (quality design), DM D4 (heritage) and DM EP1 (decentralised energy) and on the following grounds:
  - There is no recognition of the considerable historic significance of the site or its location in an archaeological priority zone or abutting Wandle Valley Conservation Area in the design or presentation of the development
  - The lack of any relationship of the proposed development to the Wandle Trail – the primary strategic recreational route in the area. Its position in an important part of the Wandle Valley Regional Park needs to be better considered
  - A failure to support the Wandle Valley's reputation as a "green valley" including exemplar renewable energy projects despite its location on the edge of a CHP opportunity area
3. To address these objections and to ensure consistency with development plan policies we ask that the applicant be required to:
  - Provide an improved aspect and physical relationship between the proposed development, the Wandle Trail and the River Wandle
  - Make provision for renewable energy generation in the new development

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- Make financial contributions from the development to the maintenance of the Wandle Trail and interpretation of the site.

### About Wandle Valley Forum

Wandle Valley Forum brings together people and organisations that care for the River Wandle and its diverse network of open spaces. We provide support and an independent voice for over 80 community groups & voluntary organisations and for everyone who shares a passion for the Wandle. Wandle Valley Forum monitors planning applications for developments which impact on the special qualities and character of the Wandle Valley. We make representations on developments which raise Valley-wide issues by reason of their strategic significance or potential to set a precedent.