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A response by Wandle Valley Forum to London Borough of Wandsworth
Application number 2016/5183

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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 revised proposals for the redevelopment of this site for 15 flats. The site is located immediately adjacent to the Wandle and is one of a number of sites along this stretch of the Wandle subject to redevelopment proposals on both sides of the Merton/Wandsworth boundary. We have considered the proposals in the context of the Wandle Valley Forum Charter (<http://bit.ly/27Yal2m>) and existing development plan policies.
2. We welcome improvements which have been made to the scheme, including the “*provisional 3m zone for a future river walk*”. This is an important response to the setting alongside the river and the relationship with other development opportunities on adjacent sites. We believe the proposals need further refinement to:
 - Show how they contribute to a coherent strategy for providing new public access along and across the Wandle which links in to the Wandle Trail and across the Earlsfield Station, including provision of a pedestrian and cycle bridge
 - Provide details of the new public access along the river front, including designation as a permanent right of way and provision for connections to the adjacent sites
 - Emphasise views along the small tributary running along the boundary.
3. We believe that any planning consent for the development of this site should require a contribution to help fund the new crossing and enhance the Wandle and Wandle Trail. This would also be consistent with the priority established in the Wandle Valley Forum Charter to pool resources from developer contributions (e.g. community infrastructure levy) across borough boundaries into a Wandle Fund.

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 100 community groups & voluntary organisations and for everyone who

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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.