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(by email)

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Dear Councillors Cook and Whelton

EARLSFIELD DEVELOPMENTS AND THE WANDLE

We are writing to seek your support in harnessing the significant development interest near to the Wandle in Earlsfield to improve public access and walking and cycling networks. The opportunity spans the boundary between Merton and Wandsworth and requires a strategic approach.

Many of us wrote to Andrew Judge back in September 2015 to highlight the opportunities provided by the redevelopment of the Haslemere Industrial Estate. A copy of that letter is enclosed. This opportunity has grown with revised proposals for the Haslemere Industrial Estate site and other live planning applications for developments along Ravensbury Terrace and at Penwith and Thornsett Roads.

We are asking you to help secure the collective potential of these developments to bring improvements to the area. These include:

- closing the gap in the Wandle Trail down to Trewint Street bridge ('Earlsfield Missing Link')
- providing a new walking and cycling bridge
- providing a new walking and cycling route through to Earlsfield station
- new public access along the river front, including provision of a 3m wide public frontage designated as a permanent right of way
- opening up new views of the Wandle
- providing connections to other local green space (including Durnsford Road Recreation Ground)

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- improving the connections between the Wandle Trail and Capital Ring where they meet

These changes can be funded through contributions from these developments as part of a pooled Wandle Fund drawing on planning obligations and the community infrastructure levy across the borough boundary. Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust provides a practical way to secure their delivery.

We hope it is helpful to have this opportunity identified by such a broad range of interested organisations and elected individuals and should be happy to discuss it further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Burton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent underline.

Tony Burton
Chair, Wandle Valley Forum

and on behalf of:

Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust
Wandle Runners
Wandsworth Living Streets
Wimbledon Park Residents Association
Wimbledon Society
Wimbledon Park ward councillors – Oonagh Moulton, Janice Howard, Linda Taylor
Earlsfield ward councillor - Rachael Stokes
Stephen Hammond MP