



## REDEVELOPMENT OF HASLEMERE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, EARLSFIELD

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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 proposals for redevelopment of the Haslemere Industrial Estate, including at the public exhibition encouraging feedback on the plans.
2. At this early stage we offer the following comments:
  - This is a strategic site and presents an opportunity to secure improvements of more than local importance which will contribute to the Wandle Valley Regional Park as a whole
  - The design and layout of any new development should create new high quality public access to and along the Wandle. This should include a view point with substantial public realm, a link to the Capital Ring footpath and quality interpretation
  - The redevelopment presents a major opportunity to fill part of the missing link in the Wandle Trail at Earlsfield by providing a new route from Trewint bridge under the railway line to connect with the site. Consideration should also be given to onward extension through to the road bridge at Penwith Road
  - Improved connections should be provided to Durnsford Road Recreation Ground
  - Significant employment use in upgraded accommodation should continue on the site as part of the wider economic ambitions for the Wandle Valley and its regeneration.
3. We should be pleased to discuss options for delivering these outcomes with both the developers and local planning authority, in conjunction with local community groups.

### 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.

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