



**REDEVELOPMENT OF 170 PENWITH ROAD AND 2-8 THORNSETT ROAD
A response by Wandle Valley Forum to London Borough of Wandsworth
Application number 2016/5444
October 2016**

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 this Earlsfield site for 47 dwellings and mixed use development. We have considered the proposals in the context of the Wandle Valley Forum Charter (<http://bit.ly/27Yal2m>) and existing development plan policies..
2. The site is strategically located between the River Wandle and Earlsfield Station on a potential link from the Wandle Trail across the river. It is one of a number of concurrent development plans for the area, including 8 and 12a Ravensbury Terrace and the Haslemere Industrial Estate, which span the local authority boundary into Wandsworth.
3. We are disappointed by the lack of reference to the site's important Wandle location in the supporting documents. In particular, we believe it has an important contribution to make to providing new public access along and across the Wandle which links in to the Wandle Trail to Earlsfield Station, including provision of a nearby pedestrian and cycle bridge (for which provision is made in concurrent plans for 12a Ravensbury Terrace).
4. We believe that any planning consent for the development of this site should require a contribution to 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 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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