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The conduct of the consultation on the AAP for which the deadline is 12midnight April 28th is a disgrace. Having taken part in the past on making comments on guideline policy frameworks that largely dealt with regulatory guidelines such as density, overlooking, mix of development etc. I find this consultation embarrassingly unprofessional.

The main driver appears to be – ‘the area is a mess, let’s clear the site; with a clean slate we can create ‘state of the art’ development. We are the experts – we know best.’

The residents and small businesses of Wood Green and its environs appear to be marginal; some of them are not informed - even now. The presentation failed to include and make clear specific proposals. Buildings earmarked to be demolished should have been specified. The thematic presentation obscured such details and created an overlap of issues. It adopted a style familiar to town planners and architects; this confused residents without offering practical options. We were invited to admire and accept as a whole.

The on-line consultation presented statements leading the respondent to rubbish the current environment, this unwittingly giving approval for the action plan - site clearance, without the opportunity to submit alternative solutions. Public Voice workshops did at least residents who attended them a better chance of realistic comment with an opportunity to express an alternative overall view.

In particular, Wood Green Library does not have a ‘Friends Group’, but members of Friends Groups of other Haringey Libraries have expressed opposition to the demolition of Wood Green Library. It is in a good accessible location and is very well used. Fierce opposition to this proposal will grow as it is part of the Haringey Development Vehicle.

I endorse the attached well-researched comments submitted by Natasha Sivanandan.

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