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From: Jennifer Kitchen
Sent: 04 February 2016 19:27
To: LDF
Subject: Objection to Broadwater farm redevelopment plans

Dear Sir/Madam,

We object strongly to the draft Local Plan proposal SA62 for a demolition and redevelopment 'red-zone' covering Broadwater Farm, Somerset Close, Lido Square, Moira Close, and some houses along Lordship Lane. The proposal would cause massive stress to all concerned, displacement and disruption for years as well as blight and undermine all the successful efforts over decades to build a strong and stable local community and to improve local facilities. It breaches a whole range of planning policies which should protect our community. It is unacceptable & should be withdrawn immediately. Instead the Council must work with the community to protect, support & improve all the existing homes, estates, facilities and communities in the area. The proposal is unsound in planning terms as it is very inappropriate compared to the alternative of repair and refurbishment of the estate rather than demolition which would not require a site allocation in this plan.

I am sending you the above objection, as outlined by community groups campaigning against this 'redevelopment' because in my experience as a resident it is not what the area needs. I moved here two years ago, and had my first child here, attending antenatal appointments at Broadwater Farm health Centre, and postnatal appointments at it's Children's Centre. My son and I walked round the streets of Broadwater and the Lordship Rec every day this summer. It is clear to me this is a vibrant, established community, with a strong active, civic element. To wipe all this away in order to build high-density, overwhelmingly private housing would be shameful. The Broadwater estate needs building up, not tearing down, and it's community needs to be supported and recognised for it's positive and enterprising spirit, not disenfranchised and scattered by short term, neo liberal housing policies.

Find a more positive and sustainable way to develop this area, and work with local residents.

With thanks,

Jennifer Kitchen

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