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Thank you for the opportunity to comment as a local resident on the Wood Green AAP plans.

My comments mainly concern how the plans relate to transport in the area. As you will know, the area is currently blighted by large volumes of traffic using residential roads as through routes. Therefore it's disappointing that the AAP does not have at its core a modern transport strategy to address these issues for current and future residents. This should take the form of a strategy, informed by best practice available from Haringey's neighbouring boroughs, to enable significant modal shift towards more sustainable methods of transport. This will happen only if through traffic in residential areas is reduced or eliminated and protected space for cycling and enhanced space for walking is provided on the main north/south and east/west main road routes.

The plans as they stand appear to represent outdated ideas about traffic management. There is the assumption that traffic problems can be eliminated by making more space for traffic, an approach that has been proven to fail for nearly 100 years. Making more space for motor traffic is a sure way to attract more traffic to the area. **Allowing more through traffic on Mary Neuner Way with no restrictions to traffic on adjoining roads will only exacerbate the current unacceptable traffic levels in this area, Wightman Road to the south and the residential areas to the north.** Haringey's neighbouring boroughs have shown that a reduction in road capacity for motor vehicles is a reliable way to reduce overall motor traffic volumes and enable active travel, Haringey needs to modernise and adopt this approach.

One of the stated aims of the AAP is to bring more shoppers to Wood Green from the Palace Gates area where I live. **These efforts will be seriously undermined if principle routes into Wood Green, such as Station Road, remain as hostile and unattractive to active travel as they currently are.**

Finally I would like to make a plea that further planning is done with Trinity Primary Academy. I was quite astonished to learn there has been no engagement with this school bordering one of the proposed development sites. The AAP must sort out the existing issues such as excess traffic and very poor pedestrian environment on Trinity Road with at the very least a ban on cars entering the road during school pick up and drop off times, such as other boroughs are implementing.

With best regards

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