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Subject: Comments on the Addendum to the Local Plan following Inspector's hearing

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Haringey Local Plan
Alterations to the Strategic Policies**

My name is Susie Barson; I am commenting in my capacity as a local resident, living close to Finsbury Park.

I attended the hearing at the Wood Green Civic Centre held in September 2016 on the Haringey Local Plan Site Allocations, and was given permission to make my objections to the site allocation proposals for site SA36, (currently the 'Rowan's site') which stated that 'tall buildings would be permitted on either side of the new entrance to Finsbury Park'. This has been amended to: 'this site may be suitable for a tall building if designed in accordance with Policy DM6'.

I am disappointed that the in-principle support for tall buildings has not changed. Finsbury Park is a currently a low-medium rise Victorian suburb. This will change in the next few years now that the City North development, with two tall towers of 23 storeys, is going ahead. My view that it is not appropriate to take the cue from these towers to continue to build high right next to the entrance to Finsbury Park; I believe that this will have a detrimental effect on the park, especially where the mature plane trees are now, behind the Rowan's site. The sight of the tops of these trees from the station tell you where the park is much better than tall buildings.

Sunset-watchers inside the park facing west – a popular place to relax in the summer and with currently a wide unimpeded view westwards – would be blocked and over shadowed by a tall building here.

Rowan's is listed as a community asset. The emerging Finsbury Park neighbourhood working group are working to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan. We will be collating ideas from the community for the kinds of development they would like to see in the area; clearly Rowan's and adjacent buildings including the Twelve Pins pub, will be a major site for consideration. We should like to work closely with the Council on proposals for the site, rather than have it 'given away' before we have had a chance to engage, which is effectively what happened with the City North development next to the station on the Islington side.

We residents of Finsbury Park care very much what our neighbourhood looks like, and what services and facilities are provided. We want a say in what happens in terms of development in the emerging Town Centre, as encouraged by the Localism Act, via the Neighbourhood Plan.

In conclusion, I urge that any reference to tall buildings be omitted from section SAM od68, so that proposals for tall buildings are not encouraged; rather, low- to- medium proposals are submitted, as befits the location adjacent to a grade II registered park.

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully,

Susie Barson.



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