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Subject: CJ station redevelopment

Thanks so much for such public-spirited action on this subject. Regarding ideas for the re-development of Clapham Junction station, I agree with Pat Johnson that the most important improvement would be the enlarging the width of the tunnel, increasing the number of turnstiles, and opening out the station entrances and the passageways into the station. As a daily commuter, I approach and leave the station with dread at the overcrowding and do worry what would happen in the event of a crisis such as a bomb or fire. I also believe that escalators and better access to platforms for the disabled is important, as I see people struggling with luggage and prams up and down the stairs every day, and I am unable to take my mother, (who is in a wheelchair) into London which is a great shame.

Given that the site of the station is so large, I could see a two-storey development on top of the station if this were feasible from an engineering perspective, providing a department store (John Lewis please), shops, restaurants and maybe even a cinema complex for local residents. I don't feel strongly as to whether or not it should look modern or traditional (there would be a more compelling case for a traditional low-rise development on Northcote Road which has more of a village atmosphere), but surely it is possible for modern developments not to look ugly these days? Look at the King's Road development near Sloane Square which has been developed most sympathetically to the area in my view, and is a pleasure to visit. This would also protect commuters from the elements during the winter (most welcome).