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I welcome any improvement to the station itself that will:

a) help me get me and my luggage to and from street level more easily than I can at present, and

b) impose some discipline on opposing human traffic flows especially in the tunnel and on the stairs - trying to get up stairs to a platform where a train has just disgorged a crowd is frustrating when you were hoping to go with that train. Writing "Keep Left" all over the place has no effect.

For the area in general I don't want more shops, offices (only exception would be a Citizens' Advice Bureau), bars or restaurants. Personally I want:

a) a decent swimming pool, with sauna and steam room. We can't all afford a private gym and Latchmere "leisure" pool is awful, Balham pool is very good but not easily accessible from my area by public transport, so I presently swim and exercise three times a week at Putney's excellent pool. I'd like to go more frequently, but even with the very good train service from Clapham Junction, it's a schlep; and

b) a cinema (preferably one that doesn't sell popcorn). At present we have to schlep up to Wandsworth town or over the Common to Clapham Picture House, a valued facility but could be more local.

For my community I want affordable rented housing - but not tower blocks. Any development should have a scale that complements existing Victorian/Edwardian buildings and combines respect for people and their needs with imagination.

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