

Wandsworth Society

24th May 2019

Please reply to:
49 Wandsworth Common West Side
London SW18 2EE

To: Councillor Sweet (Chairman – Planning Applications Committee)
Cc: Planning Forum members

Dear Sir,

Re: Comments on the Draft Paper on Planning decision reforms from the Clapham Junction Action Group

The Clapham Junction Action Group (CJAG) submitted to planning forum members a draft paper dated 7th August 2018.

We believe the issues raised cover important aspects of the relationship between local societies and Council planners.

We would welcome a better dialogue with officers. We support the principle that public consultation should be improved and agree that:

- a list of recognised local groups should be prepared and that these groups are invited to discuss applications with officers at an early stage;
- representatives from recognised local groups should be given the opportunity to speak at PAC meetings on significant schemes (we support the use of video recording as it is already the case for several London Councils including Richmond, and Southwark).

We hope that in future the Local Plan will have unambiguous policies and will be enforced in making planning decisions. Far too often applications have been approved contrary to our understanding of what should have been allowed.

We would like to know your view on CJAG's proposals and our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Whyte