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My name is David Greenwood and I speak on behalf of 3,600 local residents who have signed the petition opposing your Planning Policies for Shirley and six of the Shirley Resident Associations, all of whom are backing the 'Save Shirley' campaign. This represents a large percentage of your constituents.

This is a non-political campaign, I am not a politician nor a planning officer but I have been a Croydon resident for 46 years and care about where I live.

We strongly oppose the re-designation of local areas for intensification associated with the gradual change of the area's local character.

This proposed intensification will allow high density 4 storey blocks of flats and housing to replace semi-detached houses and bungalows, without any provision for off-street parking.

We **Object** to the complete **deletion** of any standards for private communal open space for Flats and HMO's. This will create a claustrophobic and overbearing impact.

These policies will change the Character of Shirley and place **planning blight** on these designated residential areas for the next 20 years.

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We call on Croydon Council to retract its demands for intensification around Shirley and for the re-designation of Metropolitan Open Land for residential developments.

We object to the unrealistic loss of specified amenity space for housing and flats and the **ridiculous** and **unequal** allocation of children's play space.

We object to the de-designation of Metropolitan Open Land as this will **destroy** the Green Grid and open space Links from Shirley Hills to Ashburton playing fields and Country Park.

We object to the re-designation of the Green Belt and areas of archaeological importance, allocated to traveller sites. Section E of the National Planning Policy states that Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are **inappropriate development**.

We object to the loosening of policies allowing Back Garden Developments. This is completely against the statements in the National Planning Policies which requires Local Planning Authorities to **RESIST** garden Developments and prevent garden grabbing.

These plans will allow the Council to concrete over Croydon – allowing urban sprawl from the Northern Ward to the furthest Southern Wards.

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This will totally change the character of Croydon to the detriment of everyone who lives here. Croydon Planners should target existing Brownfield sites before wrecking residential areas.

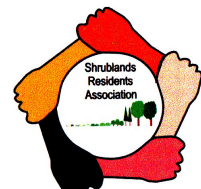
It is not possible to list all the detrimental policies in the three minutes allowed.

In conclusion

These proposed policies are unfit for purpose and are fundamentally flawed. They use vague and subjective statements which give no substantive grounds for planning officers or members of the Planning Committee to manage or refuse inappropriate developments.

As you can see, we have strong support from your constituents and we expect our elected councillor's to support us and reject these plans. They are not fit for purpose and will destroy Shirley.

Residents' Associations backing the Save Shirley campaign:



Bishops Walk and Shirley Hills