

**Addendum to Beddington & Wallington Local Committee:  
Public Questions  
22 January 2019**

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*This addendum contains questions from Members of the Public received and answered since the last committee meeting on 30 October 2018*

**1. Question asked by Kim Buckle, local resident**

Has a study been done with regard to the extra omissions that construction traffic and building works will produce? Referring to the Mayor of London Omissions Policies, why would the Council force us to have more vehicle movements on a daily basis from school buses, parents, private taxis that ferry the children to and from the school and also the workforce causing extra congestion in an already over congested roads as the number of schools in the area are already causing traffic to come to a standstill at peak times. There is a case study now on going about a young girl whom has died through omissions and not forgetting that the Major is extending the low emission zones to every borough inside the M25.

**Reply by, DfE Department for Education**

The planning application will include an air quality assessment as part of the submitted documents for Sutton Council to assess in its role as the Local Planning Authority for the proposed development. As part of this, the application will be expected to address all relevant environmental and transport issues, both during construction and operation, including any comments by local residents and others during the consultation process. It is accepted practice for schools to include a travel plan to minimise traffic movements to and from the school and such a document will be included in the submission.

## **2. Question asked by Kim Buckle, local resident**

What is the environmental plan for our wellbeing as there is a report by the Government that open spaces promotes wellbeing, healthy and happier lifestyles. Erecting buildings on open space green belt detracts from the wellbeing of the community.

### **Reply By, Duncan Clarke, Planning Manager**

In the council's Local Plan (adopted 2018), the council was under pressure from the Government and The Mayor of London to increase its housing supply, which it did by an amount that would preserve the suburban character of the borough. However, the council recognises that increases in population will require supporting social infrastructure, such as schools and health centres. In the plan, the council adopted a brownfield first policy for these large infrastructure facilities but could not accommodate all the necessary infrastructure on brownfield land and so some greenfield land has had to be used. In the Local Plan, the council identified the former Sheen Way Playing Fields for a much-needed Special Education Needs school but the allocation also states that any development should retain as much of the former playing fields as possible and enhance the former playing fields into a public park with formalised public access. These open space improvements mean the well-being benefits of the remaining open space will be improved.