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Re PA21 Sherwood Library Site

Dear Sir or Madam

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I think the proposed development of this site needs to be looked at in terms of the trading situation in this end of Sherwood. This area is struggling as all the large stores are further up the road, mainly the other side of Winchester Street. This is a situation which can only worsen as the Post Office moves in March. Winchester Street acts as a barrier, as does the tram shed. Frankly, this end of Sherwood needs all the help it can get.

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I have no problem with the suggested possible future types of development – housing, shops, offices or a community building would all draw people to the area.

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The old social services building is an eyesore and probably not worth repairing. Anything to replace it would be an improvement.

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The library is the main asset in this end of Sherwood, so losing it would be a major blow. I think it is fine as it is. However, the staff tell me it is old and "past it". Rebuilding it with retail underneath, as at present, would be good. Building a larger unit on both the library and social services site would also be worth considering. The London Borough of Haringey rebuilt its central library as part of a complex which also contained a major supermarket and library use increased considerably.

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The key area for me is the Spondon Street car park. This is a vital facility for many local businesses. I know the Sherwood shopping area is designated as a secondary shopping area, but many of us draw customers from a wide area, so walking or public transport would not be feasible. I run the only retail Medical Herbalist between Sheffield and Oakham, so people travel miles for my less usual products. As a result of working with a couple of local business owners, I am now used by a large number of British Pakistanis, some of whom travel from Wakefield and Bradford to see me. Several of my customers have severe health problems and are, therefore, unable to use public transport. As well as people coming to the shop, we do home deliveries to a number of elderly and people with disabilities so need somewhere to park whilst loading our vehicle.

If the car park goes, there is no possibility of anyone being able to park on Mansfield Road as the shop is next to a busy junction. The amount of car parking on Spondon Street is very limited. Any additional building on the potential development site would add even greater strain on the limited amount of parking available.

If Spondon Street car park were to disappear, I really do not see how my business would be able to survive.

Yours Faithfully

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