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### COMMENTS ON LAMBETH LOCAL PLAN:

I have read your local plan and there is not a single mention of Herne Hill. I am aware that parts of HH lies within the Southwark Council footprint, however, that is no excuse to abandon two-thirds or the town centre - nor indeed any of it. Why are you not able to cooperate with Southwark to help those struggling areas?

At present in Herne Hill we have a station square where five shops have had an expensive and lengthy-refit. Not only have we lost the shops that were there three years ago but we now have empty shells which have recently been taken over by squatters. The graffiti has begun - as it inevitably does on empty properties

The Bath Factory Estate is a total disgrace. It is covered with filth, rats and graffiti, abandoned cars etc....I understand that it lies within Southwark's village ward, and the land is owned jointly between Network Rail and a private individual. However, it looks onto Brockwell Park and makes up 50% of is laughably called a town centre. I do not criticise the traders as I am sure they are doing their best and should be supported. But you as a council have a moral and actual duty to help invest in Herne Hill in conjunction with Southwark.

I have witnessed some good things happening in the area - but these have primarily been private enterprise projects. I have also seen a rapid deterioration in the public spaces of the area. The graffiti has become endemic and nothing is done. The roads are filled with bins and no sanctions are taken. Croxted Road and Norwood roads (pavements and road markings) have been left to deteriorate. The road jams - especially at rush hour under the main bridge - have become a danger to all....apart from the pollution.

I apologise for sounding angry but Herne Hill has such potential and its not being taken care of. I think it suffers from being in two local authority areas but it cannot be beyond the wit of two councils to cooperate nor to put pressure on Network Rail to do something/ anything about the revolting state of the bridges and their graffiti-strewn buildings. I walk every day in pigeon droppings past a row of empty shops in the station. If you do nothing, this will all get worse. Im pretty appalled at the way we are treated in Herne Hill.

Catherine Sian James  
Resident of 21 years.