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**Ravensbourne Valley Residents**

**Response to consultation on SPD for Bromley Town Centre**

This is the first of a series of documents in response to the consultation by LBB on the future of Bromley Town Centre details of which can be found here. <https://bromleytowncentre.commonplace.is/>

There are 12 sections to this consultation. 10 refer to specific aspects of the proposed SPD one refers to the map and one allows for quick feedback.

In this document we provide our draft response for quick feedback (“Theme 1”) at <https://bromleytowncentre.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/quick-feedback/details>

***‘Do you think the Council should prepare detailed planning guidance for Bromley Town Centre?’***

Yes

***‘What should this guidance include?’***

The guidance should provide

* Clear suggestions as to the maximum acceptable height of new buildings in various parts of the town centre
* Controls over the impact on visual amenity by proposed tall buildings especially in connection with Conservation Areas and open spaces in the town and secondly on open spaces outside the town which would be harmed if there were tall buildings visible on the skyline
* For the preservation as far as possible of the historic environment, which is particularly important to the character and distinctiveness of the town centre
* For the use and protection of open spaces in the town, and which would especially guard against the ‘salami-slicing’ reduction of such spaces, which over a period of time (ie after much slicing) seriously diminishes the value of open space
* Guide alternative uses for vacant retail premises to allow for community and cultural uses
* Significant support and protection for cultural assets
* Should give clear guidance that replacement/new buildings must be beautiful and give clear design principles on how this is to be achieved
* Should support that in a specific area (eg Market Square and High Street north of this), all new buildings are of such a high quality that they are candidates for Local Listing at least.