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Siobhain McDonagh MP
House of Commons,
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Dear Ms McDonagh

Re: Resident, **Clay Avenue Mitcham Surrey CR4 1BS**

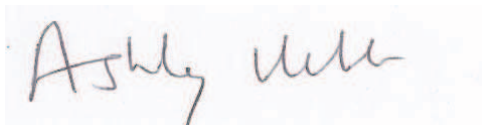
Thank you for your letter of 7th March to Mr John Hill on the concerns of your above constituent regarding the potential construction of a bus only street across Mitcham Fair Green.

Firstly it is important to stress, that although further consultation is planned on this proposal, an earlier Mitcham wide consultation determined that 71% of people supported this concept in order to enhance the regeneration prospects in Mitcham. This does give the council a significant mandate to take this proposal forward to a further design stage.

Secondly, although the funding for the Mitcham town centre regeneration scheme is multi streamed (including TfL, GLA, Section 106, borough capital) there is opportunity within this funding envelope to consider such matters as play areas and improved market stalls. In fact improved market stalls are likely to be a key element of the final scheme. However as explained to Ms Pannifex previously, although a play area is not ruled out, there are significant issues associated with the design, impact and upkeep of this area and also its role in terms of regeneration (which is the explicit objective of the scheme) and that these issues are still under consideration.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely



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