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Dear Roehampton Team

Regenerating Roehampton: the Alton Master Plan

As the Amenity Society for Putney and Roehampton, we welcome the Council's fresh attempt to secure regeneration for Roehampton. We hope that the Alton Master Plan exercise will achieve positive results for the area. We will be following the process closely and wish to continue to contribute to the deliberations.

The Society's comments of 19 September 2012 (attached) on the previous regeneration proposals for the centre of Roehampton still stand. We accept the need for some redevelopment of parts of the Alton area. In looking at the wider Alton West area, we make the following comments on issues of principle:

Open spaces: the council's surveys show that when people in Roehampton are asked what they like about living in the area, they invariably reply "the green open spaces and the trees". The Master plan will need to show how these green spaces can be retained. They are vulnerable, as has been shown by some recent developments in Roehampton Lane.

Heritage assets: the Alton Estate contains the borough's largest conservation area and an impressive collection of listed buildings. The Master Plan will need to demonstrate how these heritage assets are to be protected and enhanced.

Housing Stock: The existing community on the Alton Estate contains many vulnerable and less-affluent people whose housing needs require careful consideration. The Master Plan will need to show how any provision of new housing meets the needs of all sections of the community.

Accessibility: Walking and cycling in the area need to be encouraged – by physical changes which provide new ways of moving about the area. This should not include greater opportunities for the use of cars. Danebury Avenue should not become, once again, the dangerous 'rat run' it has been in the past.

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The options: Redevelopment and change in the area need to be gradual and in harmony with the established character and form of Alton West. Generally the Option 2 proposals appear to seek to satisfy this need.

The Society's involvement in this regeneration process can be expected to become greater as the council's proposals emerge and more specific ideas are offered for comment. We look forward to learning about the preferred option in the next few months.

Yours Sincerely

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enc. PS letter of 19/9/2012.