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Dear Katherine

I have been contacted in recent weeks by my constituent Mrs Jenny Duval, of *Friends of Manor Park Village*, of 48 Durham Road, Manor Park, London E12 5AX, and other residents to express concerns about planning application 18/02736/FUL for the Earl of Essex public house in Manor Park, which I understand is to be considered by the planning committee on Monday. I write to support their concerns.

The fear is that the proposal is insufficiently sympathetic to this very striking, grade II listed building which dominates Manor Park Broadway. In addition, residents are deeply worried that the existing building is being over-developed and cluttered with residential units. These would make it impossible to realise the building's potential as a much-needed, modern, family-friendly public house of a kind which is becoming increasingly popular in Newham. They also point out that there is no car parking provision in the plan.

I note that a large number of public objections have been lodged to the application. When the Elizabeth Line starts serving Manor Park station in a few months time, the area around the station – including the Earl of Essex – will become much more accessible from central London. Overnight, the area will become a much more attractive place to live. The Earl of Essex will be key to the successful regeneration of this neighbourhood, and I do hope the Council will withhold permission for development until it receives a proposal which reflects the building's true potential.

I would be most grateful if you can ensure that this letter is brought to the attention of planning committee members.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN TIMMS MP

Cc Mrs Duval; Manor Park Ward Councillors