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Subject: Islington Local Plan Site Allocations - Pentonville Prison
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to welcome the inclusion of Pentonville prison on the local plan and would like Islington Council to put pressure on the MoD to bring forward the planned timetable for the development of this site. This site, with its size and heritage, has the opportunity to be a game changer in the area assuming the site is planned and developed well as appears to be happening with the site at the former Holloway prison. The goal set out by Islington sounds like a good one;

Subject to justifying the loss of social infrastructure, a heritage-led, predominantly residential scheme delivering a significant amount of genuinely affordable housing, and including appropriate provision of community uses, open space and an element of business use, may be acceptable.

Seeing as the closure of this prison and the development of the site is almost certain to happen, I would encourage Islington Council to develop a local plan for this site whilst the prison is still open and in parallel to the plan and then build of the site at Holloway. Doing this will mean the council can develop the site much quicker than has happened at Holloway prison. This site has been closed and remained empty and on standstill for far too long since its closure as a prison. This delay is unacceptable and lessons should be learnt from Holloway, as should lessons which will undoubtedly be learned in the coming years from Holloway.

The development across the road from the prison and hopefully for what is being planned at Holloway, seem to be of a high standard. The development should of course include affordable housing but should also include through routes and green space for the residents of Islington. The site should also look to include connection with the Caledonian Estate considering the history of the estate with the prison.

Regards

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