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Dear Sir / Madam,

Having read the Catford regeneration proposal and the supporting traffic research I would like to register my disappointment that the re-routing of the south circular to go behind the Lawrence Building site is dismissed in pretty much one paragraph and didn't even seem to be considered in the traffic impact research.

The common theme throughout all of your documentation in this process and from my own anecdotal evidence of living in the area is that car traffic through the centre is the number 1 blight on the centre of Catford by some distance. The reasoning that re-routing of the south circular would leave a gap that is too small for development but too large to be a public space seems to be nonsensical - how can a public space be too big?

With some imagination the centre of Catford could be turned into a vibrant and create centre for the whole community in that space. E.g. performance, markets etc. I suspect that the real reason is cost and the complication of having to work with multiple agencies - reasons that you do allude to in the document. A real shame that this can't be done as it will essentially render all of the other improvements less effective.

I hope someone will look again at this issue but I fear that it is too late.

Kind regards,

James Darrall