I wish to take part at the oral/examination/public hearings.

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Blackpool Road Business Park

The proposal for redevelopment of this site is not justified because the existing uses and other alternatives for the site’s development have not been discussed with business or community stakeholders. It therefore does not take into account the benefits of retaining existing uses or potential alternative uses that might be developed on this site to meet the needs of the local economy and community.

Existing Uses There are several existing uses on the site which are viable and meet important needs. There is no justification offered for removing these.

The Old Mill Building is a spacious sturdy Victorian industrial building, and a significant local heritage asset that should be preserved. It is a family church of Community Outreach Ministries, operating as a local community centre which is a valuable community asset.

BuildBase is a builders merchants, established on this site for about 40 years. It is very well used by the many artisan and creative small businesses in Peckham as well as mainstream builders. BuildBase have said they have not been consulted by the Council, and that they have no desire to sell the business or leave the site.

The Bus Garage provides an important depot for local buses. The New Southwark Plan shows that there is no plan for the bus depot to be moved.

Council street works department has a depot on the site, which would have to be relocated.

Two storey housing: this is a small block with small flats run by the Council.

Blackpool Road runs east to west through the site and is an important part of the local pedestrian and road traffic network.

Proposed changes to make the NSP sound:

The site should be removed from the New Southwark Plan.

Alternatively, I will be willing to take part in council consultations with the local community about the future uses of this site to develop plans to include in the New Southwark Plan. These should provide for the existing viable uses of the site and create opportunities for other uses compatible with existing viable uses and the surrounding residential area.