



# Canning & Clyde Road Residents Association

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Dear Sir / Madam

**London Borough of Croydon  
Planning Application 02 / 3668 / P  
Arrowcroft 'Arena' Scheme East Croydon**

We remain very concerned that the London Borough of Croydon has enthusiastically granted permission for this scheme without any apparent feasibility / impact study on the commercial viability of the (latest) 12,500 seat arena nor indeed how this number of people will travel to arena events.

The suggested building of another platform at East Croydon Station does not address the problems of the already limited line and signalling which are already working to capacity.

Travelling to the arena by car seems a similar improbability because of an inadequate road infrastructure and road access for that volume of people, let alone parking, which has been discouraged by Croydon Council.

We also think that their retail, supermarket and other shops scheme is in direct conflict with very new and significant developments, one of which has already happened and the other coming on stream soon, both within walking distance of the proposed development.

We are concerned that in the Council's eagerness to see an arena in Croydon, it is prepared to compulsory purchase the site using our money, when it is currently in such financial dire straits.

Given all of the above, it does strike us that the viability and desirability of the whole of this Arrowcroft plan need a closer look before it is too late. Please will you agree to determine this by an inquiry?

We look forward to your early reply.

Yours faithfully

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**Chairman**

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