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Hello,

I am writing with comments regarding the draft Pimlico Neighborhood Plan. In brief, these include:

- I noticed that the plan groups private squares (Eccleston Place, Warwick Square) as 'local green space' even though only a tiny fraction of residents have access to them. These are private and distinct from publicly accessible green spaces; only publicly accessible spaces should be considered as community assets.
- There was mention of the benefits of being near Victoria and Pimlico stations, but not enough attention on the inadequate pedestrian links to these stations. Two examples:
 - Tachbrook Street is a major pedestrian thoroughfare for people accessing Pimlico station, however, the sidewalk, particularly on the east side of the street, is very narrow, with trees growing right in the middle of it. This causes challenging obstacles for the many seniors who live in the adjacent Lillington Gardens. Meanwhile the driving lanes are very wide, particularly for a street that has lower levels of traffic. Expanding the sidewalks would have significant benefits for both residents and visitors to the area.
 - Wilton Road is the main gateway for pedestrians walking from Victoria station to Pimlico, but this path, particularly Wilton Road north of Gillingham Street is, quite frankly, horrible - extremely narrow sidewalks, unwelcoming in general. I realise this portion is just above the study area, however, one's experience of Pimlico doesn't stop at Gillingham Street, and if the plan is going to mention the importance of being near Victoria station, it must acknowledge the actual connections to it
- The plan acknowledges the potential impacts of the proposed Nine Elms pedestrian bridge, but did not list its potential benefits. For a balanced view, I'd like to see mention of these.

I look forward to seeing the plan progress and to making Pimlico an even better place to live, for all its residents.

Best,
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Pimlico resident