

BV VISION COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO GWC CONSULTATION

1. Accessibility and connectivity.

Brentford residents are being asked to accept a huge amount of new development. What guarantees are there that the essential infrastructure improvements will be delivered in a timely manner?

If they are delayed, further congestion, overcrowding and pollution will be inevitable

2. Missed opportunity to develop Brentford Town and its offering to the GWC OA

The document makes scant reference to the existing town centre, as if the GWC is a Greenfield site, rather than part of an established urban neighbourhood. Development of the GWC should enhance and reinforce the existing town. As they stand, the proposals are more likely to diminish the opportunities for growth within the town centre.

3. Develop local economy in the wider Brentford to retain funds other than just the immediate GWC catchment.

It is not clear how CIL and S106 receipts arising from all this development will be allocated. Infrastructure and social facilities will be needed in the town as a whole, not just within the GWC boundary

4. Create a local Neighbourhood Plan encompassing the proposed central element of the GWC OA but extending fully to incorporate Brentford North and Brentford Town centre to the south.

The plan should seek to integrate the GWC proposals into the area, rather than creating a separate cluster around an arterial route

5. Recognise the full potential of the town centre through its rich heritage by improving connectivity North and South.

The north south routes, such as Boston Manor Rd/Half Acre, are of poor quality at present. What will be done to improve them to encourage access and movement, as well as create new connections? The creation of a route on the old railway embankment is an exciting idea.

6. The A4 (main thoroughfare of the proposed GWC) is a hostile street which needs addressing particularly through accessibility North and South.

The aim to “green” this route is laudable, but what technical studies have been done to achieve this? Is extensive tree planting possible on this route – underground services etc?