

GWC OA summary for BV meet 19/09

The Council have prepared a Local Plan review for the Great West Corridor (GWC) with Site Allocations which will transform the area known as the Golden Mile.

This has been identified as an Opportunity Area by the Mayor of London's office to meet future housing demands and employment opportunities.

The Plan area - a relatively narrow strip along the A4/M4 corridor from Gillette Corner to the North Circular and then to Gunnersbury Station.

The Plan area excludes Brentford Town Centre and other areas of Brentford to the north and south of the GWC.

The plan sets out the Council's vision and opportunities for growth over the next 15 years and will seek to deliver:

At least 7,500 new homes and 17,600 new jobs in Great West Corridor

The proposed period of the Plan is 2019-2034

The proposed period of the London Plan is 2019-2041

However, the Local Plan seeks to deliver virtually all of the proposed housing and commercial floor space in the period 2019-2029.

There are two new major transport links being proposed to support the development -

A West London Orbital Overground rail extension to Hounslow, including a new station at Lionel Road in the Great West Corridor.

Plus a New Golden Mile station providing a passenger shuttle service from the Great West Corridor to the Crossrail line at Southall.

However, partners including TFL and Network Rail, who would be involved in the delivery of transport infrastructure have yet to commit themselves to the necessary investment.

Planning for infrastructure is a key requirement of the effectiveness element of the test of Local Plan soundness.

Needless to say, we have a great concern that as so often in the past, the rate of development will outstrip the provision of supporting transport and social infrastructure.

This Plan will shape our urban environment, both inside and outside the Plan area, for the next 15 years and beyond.

It's hard to get excited about plans like this and the Draft London Plan, but now is the time to influence the Plan, before planning applications come in to implement its policies

We shall be following the outcome of the Inspectors report with great interest.

BV has composed extensive comments to this consultation which we'll share along with those of Brentford Community Council.

