



Ballymore Properties Limited; Brentford High Street Contact Report

Regarding:
Brentford Community Council

Date:
Thursday 28th May 2009

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1. Introductions

JT introduced the new team at BPL and outlined the approach which would be implemented.

Purpose of meeting with the Community Council at this stage to tour the site, to listen to views and to get a feel for the views of

2. Site Walk Around

BPL led the tour round key parts of the site and discussed issues as they arose.

NM led on the history of the site and relevance of key aspects to Brentford.

Discussion focusing on:

- Johnsons Island
- MSO Marine and the need to ensure the business can be



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- The position of the Brewery Tap
- The need for a clear strategy on heritage and retention/demolition of any buildings

3. Discussion

Discussion regarding the needs of Brentford. Key issues and problems identified included:

- The lack of integration of Ferry Quays
- The perceived poor quality design & architecture of Ferry Quays
- The need for more transparency in the decision-making process
- The need for a 'heart' for Brentford
- Opportunities for opening up access to the waterways and improving pedestrian links
- The need for design and densities which are sympathetic to the surrounding area

Discussion also took place around the lettings strategy of BPL and the need for empty units on the High Street to be re-let to ensure it can continue. Also need for diversity of retail offer – Butterfly Girl highlighted as a positive new entrant to the local market.

Discussion regarding the future consultation process and possibility of workshops – this was viewed as a positive idea but needs to be different from the work already taken place, take into

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account the High Street Steering Group Vision document and avoid consultation fatigue.

Discussion regarding the importance of the waterway to the site and flooding issues. BPL in discussion with relevant parties regarding flooding.

4. Next Steps

BPL indicated intention to meet with key stakeholders over next 3 months. Will then take a view on the next steps for the proposals, timescales and subsequent consultation.

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