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Dear .....

**Air Quality Issues in Brentford.**

1. The Brentford Community Council, which is the recognized Amenity Society for the Brentford area of Hounslow has considered the mounting concern that air quality here was a threat to the lives of our residents and in particular the elderly and our young children..
2. We are aware of the Mayor's consultation on the extension of the Low Emission Zone established in Central London and of the Government's consultations on National Issues. This letter is our response.
3. We are also aware of the Mayor's potential support for the declaration of an Opportunity Area centred on the A4/M4 corridor and the length of the north/south circular Roads linking the Chiswick roundabout with Kew Bridge. Such an Opportunity Area would promote high density employment and residential development and the consequent needs for local open space and schools.
4. We recognize that, while the only long term solution to ever higher pollution levels in London is the replacement of highly polluting diesel engines with more efficient alternatives, it is also necessary to take additional and more immediate action to reduce pollution in our very vulnerable area.
5. We propose that measures are taken to install additional monitors to record pollution levels throughout Brentford, to publicize the resulting records and to pursue action plans to reduce the movement of polluting vehicles at times when pollution levels are already excessive.
6. We support the Mayor's initiative to extend Low Emission Zones to Inner London and to areas in Outer London where pollution levels are high because of their proximity to highly trafficked roads.
7. However, we are concerned that if the north/south circular roads became the perimeter of an inner London Low Emission Zone the level of pollution could actually rise on these roads accelerating the increase of pollution levels in Brentford.

8. Additionally we recognize that the A4/M4 corridor is one of the main routes from London to the west and to Heathrow. which may be expanded. It would therefore be unrealistic to assume that pollution levels on these roads can be reduced in the short term.
9. We therefore propose that the Mayor is asked to withdraw his support for the intensification of development on the A4/M4 corridor and that the brief of the Current Review of the Local Plan for the Great West Road should be modified to ensure that it does not permit any development in the review area which could increase the already unacceptable level of pollution.
10. We are also aware that applications for such development has been submitted or is being prepared for submission for major sites in the Review Area and we ask that all officer reports on such applications should provide members of the public and the Planning Committee with full information on the pollution implications both within and in the space around any proposed development. Where these levels exceed the legal limits such applications should be refused.