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Dear Marilyn and Robert,

**Planning Applications in Brentford:
Brentford School for Girls.
Views of The Planning Consultative Committee BCC.**

The Committee met on February 28th and received a presentation from the headmistress and the architect for a theatre centre within the school grounds

There was unanimous support for the initiatives the school is taking to have special status in English, Drama and IT.

The idea of a flexible theatre space was welcomed and it was hoped that as Brentford develops the new facilities would help the school to work more closely with local residents and that local people might be able to use them at suitable times.

The headmistress was invited to come to future meetings of the BCC and to involve the BCC in her future plans from the outset.

The design of the theatre was accepted by a majority of members.

It was felt that the planning of the theatre facilities were imaginative.

There was doubt about the location of the 6th form centre over the theatre both because it raised the building a further floor and because windows from the centre would look into the houses in Clifden Road, although this might be considered to be from an acceptable distance.

Noise may also be a problem in the summer for residents in Clifden Road.

The use of "chain mail" cladding was questioned as it did not relate well to either the traditional buildings in the area or the other recently built buildings in the school.

On balance the design was accepted by the BCC, although amendments to meet these points would be welcomed.

Yours sincerely

Denis Browne
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