

Discussion Paper: Brentford Town Centre
Planning Consultative Committee June 11 2018**BCC 837**

I have listed below some of the issues that face our town centre. The BCC may want to consider whether we should initiate a public debate on future plans:

1. Brentford Town Centre should be the vibrant centre of our community but for years it has been going down hill and there appear to be no co-ordinated plans to ensure it's future.
2. Short Term Problems. Our supermarket is closing and those without cars may not have any suitable facilities for some years.
3. One bank is closing. The post office is on a development site and there are no plans for it to be re-located.
4. There are planning consents for development on the South Side of the High Street, phase one by Ballymore and for the Council's own development. There is also a consent for the Morrison site and there has been an exhibition for the redevelopment of Roman House. But there are no firm timetables for any of these projects.
5. There are proposals for bicycle superhighway 9 which have been out to consultation, but no amended proposals or timetable.
6. Bus services are not centred on the town centre to increase the catchment area for shops and services.
7. No improvements have been proposed for the link between Brentford station and the Town Centre.
8. There is currently a review of the retail needs of the Hounslow centres including Brentford. As planning consents exist for retail on both the South Side of the High Street and on the Morrison site what scope is there for developing a coherent retail offer if it is demonstrated that on-line shopping has significantly reduced the need for new retail floorspace.