

Brentford

Community Council

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Dear Andrew,

Planning for a Better London.

The Brentford Community Council would like to comment on your consultation paper: Planning for a Better London.

The BCC is an independent Community Group representing local groups and individuals in the Brentford Area of Hounslow. Brentford is an area where there has been rapid development growth, overwhelming an historic centre and outstripping the provision of infra structure.

Our comments are as follows:

We generally agree with the approach set out, but we are concerned that the driving forces are seen as economic growth and population growth while we consider that these can only be satisfactorily achieved by ensuring the best use of land and resources. Without this constraint there is a danger that London will lose its character, become suffocated by un-restricted growth and lack the amenities and quality which now marks London out as a great City

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We think that the Mayor should adopt policies and use his powers to promote the best use of land. This should include policies to:

Identify areas where the existing character scale and density should be protected against excessive development

Enhance the Thames as a working and recreational river and to protect extensive riverside areas from over development using Conservation Area status.

Based on a close examination of Urban structure... to define limited areas where clusters of high buildings would be suitable and to ensure the rejection of such buildings outside these areas.

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Guide the capacity of sites to ensure that over-density does not produce buildings, which offer poor accommodation or which reduce the unique quality of the disparate centers which make up London

Ensure that development does not outstrip infra-structure.(public transport, cycle and pedestrian routes, roads, hospitals, schools and other, services and amenities).

Set and enforce standards for the affordability of housing to ensure that people of all incomes and family sizes have equal access to new and existing housing. This might be best achieved by supporting income rather than housing provision.

Promote the expansion of London to the East and inhibit growth to the west.

Promote an integrated transport plan for the UK linked to Europe including dedicated high speed rail and regional airports connected to a new airport hub east of London.

Require that all development plans are specifically designed to reduce commuter travel.

Guide detail plans to improve insulation, promote district heating, combined heat and power and other measures to reduce global warming.

We look forward to receiving your future consultation papers

Yours sincerely

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