

Mr. Ben Thomlinson
PPS
By email

Ref: BCC 644c dmb
September 27 2013

Dear Mr Thomlinson.

Housing Strategy Consultation 2014-2018.

The Planning Consultative Committee has asked me to send you the following comments on this paper:

1. We welcome your identification of housing needs. These include both those who can bring significant purchasing power to the rejuvenation of Hounslow, and to Brentford in particular, and those who need affordable housing.
2. We regret that recent housing development in Brentford has concentrated on housing for sale (often sale to rent) which has neither provided a stable sustainable community nor provided sufficient housing for those who require affordable accommodation.
3. We support your policy of achieving 41% affordable housing in the period 2014/18.
4. As Brentford is identified in the draft Local Plan as (outside Hounslow Town Centre) the principal housing led growth area in the borough we would ask that all developments with over 10 units should provide at least 41% affordable housing.
5. In order to ensure that this target is being achieved we would ask the council to monitor and publish an annual report on affordable housing.
6. Housing Development must be planned in holistic terms. No new development should be consented until the land and finance for the necessary infrastructure are in place. This will include provision of open space, schools, health, traffic/transport and leisure and for the special needs of the increasing numbers of elderly and disabled.

We request that you advise us in good time of all your consultation proposals.

Yours sincerely

Denis Browne, Chairman, Planning Consultative Committee BCC.

PS. As we have agreed that sustainable housing can only be achieved when land is available for other necessary uses to compliment housing development you will share our concern that the Brentford Police Station site is now on the market with no planning guidance..

As you know the Police Station site is shown in the emerging local plan as a school site.

I have therefore copied this letter to Mr Aled Richards and to Mrs Marilyn Smith.

Yours sincerely

Denis Browne
Chairman, Planning Consultative Committee
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