

**To The Mayor of London**

**DRAFT BCC 675**

Dear Sir,

**Consultations on FALP 2014:**

**Response adopted by the Brentford Community Council. March 27 2014**

1. The Brentford Community Council is the local Amenity Society for the Brentford Area of Hounslow.
2. The BCC is affiliated to the London Forum and supports their views on your strategy to meet the London wide housing crisis in broad terms.
3. The BCC is also currently engaged in responding to the consultations on the new Local Plan for Hounslow, which has amended its proposals to take account of the 75% increase in the Mayor's targets for the annual rate of new housing in our borough.
4. The BCC expect to respond to the Hounslow consultation by April 22 2014.
5. We have noted that the Hounslow Local Plan proposes to concentrate most of the increased housing sites in Brentford, which the Local Plan (Key diagram page 31, volume 1) describes as an "area of significant growth, investment and regeneration"
6. We have also noted that Brentford has recently experienced 40% growth and is already under-provided for schools and other infrastructure, while the sites to remedy these shortcomings are disappearing to residential development.
7. We expect to object to those proposals, which suggest new housing on "un-designated" sites. It is unlikely that the required quantity of housing can be met on such sites while meeting the requirements of the London Plan on density, character, physical form and factors such as daylight, privacy and amenity space.
8. At the same time, this residential development will itself remove the few remaining sites on which new schools and other infrastructure could be provided.

9. This lack of clarity over site allocations will both blight non-residential development over the plan period (2015/30), and result in over-dense and substandard residential accommodation without the necessary support infrastructure.
10. We wish to support a housing strategy which will meet these increasing pressures without blighting the lives of both new and existing residents.
11. We are equally conscious of the need for a developed strategy to house our growing population and to provide all with decent housing in a sustainable environment, but we cannot support detail proposals which will threaten the character of established communities like our own.
12. At the completion of the Hounslow Local Plan consultation we will send them and you the responses to both consultations.
13. Please will you therefore register this letter as our formal objection to the current FALP proposals.

Yours sincerely

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(London Borough of Hounslow)