

Dear planning policy: we are responding to the consultation on the Central Ealing Neighbourhood Plan. We have been involved in the establishment of the Neighbourhood Forum in this area since its launch in 2012 and the development of the central Ealing neighbourhood plan. We confirm our support for the plan which is designed to place more detail on the outline strategy provided in the Council's own Local Plan. The neighbourhood plan attaches great importance to the protection of heritage assets and green spaces in the town centre and in particular emphasises the need to protect them where appropriate and ensure that any new development is sympathetic to the scale and heritage of the town centre conservation areas. We wholeheartedly support this approach which is designed to arrest the gradual deterioration of the town centre by recent developments and proposed developments which have been granted consent in the absence of any overarching masterplan for the town centre.

So far as the referendum area is concerned, we do not consider that this should be confined to the narrow neighbourhood plan area which has a small population of fewer than 2000 residents (although this is growing with the coming of new residential development, in particular flats, in the town centre). We consider that a wider area, such as that which was subject to public consultation in 2013 on the plan, should be consulted about the plan which is likely to have a substantial, direct and demonstrable impact on the wider area.

Regards

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