

MATTER NO: 6. 5

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‘Policy 2. 5 (e) and (g) provide a wish list of changes/development to occur over the lifetime of the plan. There is no indication of how/when such features will be provided and whether they will be justified and effective’.

1. Of equal importance with regards to the ‘wish list at (g) there is no indication of where some of the named facilities will be located in Ealing town centre to service the needs of the residents in the 2,600 new homes..

2. There is no firm spatial allocation for a new health centre in Ealing town centre.

3. After no hotels operating or being built in central Ealing in living memory, 2010/11 saw the building and opening of a Travelodge (99 rooms) at 77 Uxbridge Road. Currently being built are the Ealing Hotel (50 rooms) in Bond Street and a Premier Inn hotel (165 rooms) at 22-24 Uxbridge Road. Earlier this year The Drayton Court Hotel in The Avenue was converted back to a small hotel (27 rooms), which it had not been for over 80 years. Planning permission has also been granted for a new hotel (129 rooms) at the old Westel site (32 -38 Uxbridge Road). I’m not entirely sure what a ‘boutique hotel’ actually is, but from zero hotel rooms in 2010 to 470 hotel rooms in 2012/13 Ealing centre would, on the face of it, appear to be well served with hotel space and does not need this ‘boutique hotel’.

4. Although ‘..a comprehensive range of...sport...facilities’ is alluded to, there are no space allocations for such in Ealing town centre. Apart from a new 24 hour gym at 96 - 122 Uxbridge Road opening in November 2011, there is no space allocated for new facilities for such sports as badminton, indoor climbing, indoor tennis, five a side football, snooker, table tennis, squash or ten pin bowling.

5. There are no spatial plans for an Arts Centre. The massive success of the West Ealing Arts/OPEN centre in its temporary home of 113 -115 Uxbridge Road very adequately illustrates the local demand for such a permanent facility. For example, within weeks of its opening the centre attracted over 100 paying attendees to an opera. See

www.openealing.com

Discussions have begun between West Ealing Arts and A2Dominion about WEA having a permanent home in the new GMLE but there are many financial and governance hurdles to be surmounted to achieve this. The Council is not driving this particular spatial opportunity.

The London Plan

Policy 3.16 Protection and Enhancement of Social Infrastructure
Strategic

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'London requires additional and enhanced social infrastructure to meet the needs of its growing and diverse population.

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Boroughs should ensure that adequate social infrastructure provision is made to support new developments'.