

LDF Core Strategy Independent Examination

Matter 4 – Climate Change and Sustainable Development

Statement by Ealing Friends of the Earth (105), Brent River & Canal Society (175) and Ealing Wildlife Network (172)

Representation 208 – Sustainability and transport

This representation had been deemed Matter 2, but may be considered pertinent to Matter 4. We therefore reproduce the representation here.

Question 1 asks: “Does the Core Strategy provide an appropriate, effective and soundly based framework for providing access to jobs and services, including the provision of an efficient, safe and sustainable transport system to meet the needs of all transport users, which is fully justified and supported by robust, up-to-date and credible evidence and consistent with national policy?”

We see nowhere in the LDF a plan to achieve significant modal shift away from car to more sustainable forms of transport. On the contrary, with the high levels of car use encouraged by the new car parking standards and the planned increase in population and housing, it appears almost certain that there will be significant increases in traffic. This will mean more congestion, slower journeys, increased danger, more air pollution, increased emissions of greenhouse gases and a lower quality of life for all.

While there are plans to increase train capacity elsewhere, eg in the Mayor’s transport strategy, there is no evidence that this will prevent a significant increase in road traffic in Ealing. There is a Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for transport in Ealing as well as chapter in the DM document, but this provides no suggestion that road traffic and congestion will not increase. There is, in any case, no reference to the LIP in the strategy.

The population and housing policies in the strategy will tend to increase traffic and congestion and the LDF lacks policies to prevent this. Increased traffic and congestion will reduce quality of life and for this reason the LDF is unsound.

Sustainable development (no representation no.)

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