

Matter No: 1.1

Representor Ref: DS50

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Matter 1.1: Overall, have the two DPDs been prepared in accordance with relevant legal requirements, and the procedural requirements of the NPPF? Are they consistent with the NPPF and do they reflect the presumption in favour of sustainable development?

1. Our concerns are about the centre of West Ealing. West Ealing Neighbours (WEN) was formed in 2005. West Ealing Centre Neighbourhood Forum (WECNF) has operated as an Interim body since May 2012 and became designated by local government in March 2013. The lead up activities to the publication of these DPDs by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) began in 2007. At no time from 2007 to date has there ever been any meaningful engagement with WEN/WECNF during the formative process of West Ealing centre Development Sites plan making.

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Plan Making

Local Plans

Early and meaningful engagement with neighbourhoods, local organisations and business is essential.’

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8. Promoting healthy communities

69. ‘...local planning authorities should aim to involve all sections in the development of local Plans...’

2. Draft Development Site plans drawn up by the LPA are non-strategic. Their submission by the LPA for national approval infringes the NPPF:

‘NPPF

Neighbourhood plans

185. ‘...local planning authorities should avoid duplicating planning processes for non-strategic policies where a neighbourhood plan is in preparation.’