The Framework for Southall: Summary
About Southall

Southall is one of the most diverse areas of London and home to the capital’s largest Asian community. It is also a rapidly changing place, with new communities, economic and social change and pressure for development in the wider area all playing a part.

Two things in particular are going to have a huge impact on Southall in the coming years:
• development proposals for a new mixed-use community on the site of the old Southall Gas Works;
• arrival of Crossrail in the next decade which will vastly improve transport links from Southall to Heathrow, the West End, the City and Canary Wharf.

Ealing Council is committed to helping Southall respond positively to these changes.

A document, Framework for Southall (February 2008), sets out proposals for how this might be achieved.
Our vision is to foster a stable yet diverse community with a strong sense of identity and local pride. Southall will have a broad retail and community offering suited to and accessible by people in and around the Southall area. It will be a well-connected place where it is easy and safe to get from one place to another.
The Framework for Southall – key themes

• **Retail and the town centre**
  Southall is already a major and thriving retail centre. The continuing success of its retail offer will be central to the prosperity of the town centre.

  Retail will also be part of the mix at the Gas Works site. This will be a lively urban quarter which will complement instead of competing with the existing retail centre.

• **Transport**
  Improving the transport network is key to making future development more successful. Our plan is to reduce congestion in Southall, improve transport connections and increase the flow of traffic and public transport. Southall train station area will be improved in preparation for the arrival of Crossrail.
• **Housing, public realm and community**
  We need to improve the stock of housing and have the right mix of housing, including more affordable homes and large family homes to help ease overcrowding. A large proportion of these homes will be built on the new Southall Gas Works site.

  As well as improving housing, there is also a need to improve the quality and quantity of open space. This improved open space will be designed to minimise crime and anti social behaviour.

• **Employment and local economy**
  Southall is expected to contribute many new jobs to West London in the coming years. It sits at an important point along the Heathrow to Paddington A40 growth corridor. The town centre will be actively promoted as a location for new and growing businesses.

  It is proposed that office space, leisure, media and creative amenities and conferencing/banqueting facilities be included as part of the Southall Gas Works site which will build on Southall’s Asian heritage. There is also a proposal to carry out an audit of services which assist those trying to get into employment.
• **Community services**

The Framework for Southall identifies the need for more community facilities. This includes health services, doctors, dentists, opticians, clinics, social services, libraries, community centres, banqueting and function suites and education and training facilities. A new primary school will be needed on the Southall Gas Works site to meet the needs of the new residents.
Areas for development
There are six areas in Southall which have been identified as key development areas.

1. Southall Gas Works site
2. Southall West
3. Glade Lane
4. South Road
5. Railway Station Central
6. Broadway

In these areas we plan to develop:
• new or improved housing
• changes to road layouts
• improved pedestrian access
• more and better open spaces
• new shops which will complement rather than compete with the existing town centre shops
• improvements to public spaces (pavements, shop fronts etc)