



Ealing's Local Plan

Responses from Ealing Transition Initiative

- It is imperative that the Plan reflects the urgent need for immediate change in all areas of the Ealing community.
- We are concerned that the stated vision behind the plan and the unstated assumptions which underpin it appear to reflect unsustainable 'business as usual' in the midst of a Climate Crisis.
- Local Plans should include an understanding of the baseline CO2 emissions within the council area, and the emissions inherent in future development within the plan period.
- The Plan should clearly demonstrate how it will contribute to a 100% reduction of emissions of CO2 by 2050 as required by the Climate Change Act.

Growth

- More growth inevitably means more consumption, construction, energy use, land use and so greater negative impact on our climate. The alternative model provided by 'Doughnut Economics' which ensures no one is in the hole in the middle without essential resources, whilst not exceeding the planet's boundaries, would be a more appropriate model.

Good jobs

- Currently the trend in employment is dominated by exploitative models with zero-hours contracts, casualisation, illegal practices and widespread modern slavery.
- Existing economic and commercial models are visibly in crisis, evidenced locally by empty shops, massive growth in online shopping, working online from home and crises in major local industries (e.g., Heathrow).

Our view

- Support for sustainable and regenerative jobs needs to be facilitated within our local communities, serving and supported by local people thus enhancing mutual accountability and quality of employment.
- Any essential new building projects need to meet criteria of zero carbon emissions during construction and subsequent use and actual on-site energy generation. It is essential they do not disrupt or risk the destruction of green spaces or green corridors that allow the movement of flora and fauna.
- Encouraging large corporates to locate in Ealing and/or facilitating easy commuting away from our community is likely to continue to perpetuate inequality.

- The theme of the 20-minute community (15 minutes in Paris) should be a keynote development priority underpinning local jobs and economic resilience.

Tackling the Climate Crisis

- This is hardly acknowledged in the Local Plan beyond the title.

Our view

- This Local Plan needs to be clearly defined as a plan to reduce climate-damaging emissions and to develop community resilience to climate change, particularly given the forecast increased risks of flooding, heatwaves and as is currently apparent, food and energy insecurity.
- ‘Health and Wellbeing’ outcomes need clear definitions in terms of ensuring community and natural environment resilience in the face of these issues.
- All open space should be designated as of strategic importance to climate adaptation and nature restoration with commitment to preserving and enhancing natural space.
- Specifically, there should be cessation, and where feasible, restoration, of all paving of land surfaces, plus large-scale re-wilding to facilitate flood management and biodiversity enhancement.

Fighting inequality

- Inequality needs to be reduced rather than ‘fought’.
- Inequality is magnified by insecure and exploitative employment, poorly insulated and maintained housing, lack of social housing, high energy costs and pollution which is highest in the poorest areas.
- Community wellbeing in the face of the climate emergency needs resourcing through localised 20/15- minute accessible community hubs for support, as currently exemplified by the warm spaces, food banks & pantries, health, child-care support and social interaction spaces.
- The Plan needs to prioritise community cohesion and support, a key demand from the consultation across the borough.
- All these aspects of inequality should be addressed within the Local Plan through applying the key principles outlined above.

Our Vision

- Enabling quality employment support and security *within* our community.
- Protecting our community through climate-ready adaptation actions.
- Developing the fabric of community support.
- Commitment to championing equality in all areas.

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