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Dear Lesley,

Brentford Action Area Plan: Consultations. Response by The Brentford Community Council.

I am enclosing a copy of your completed questionnaire and our comments (Ref:BCC 305), which were adopted last week by the Planning Consultative Committee of the Brentford Community Council as the views we would like you to record as our collective response.

You will note that our paper (BCC 305) considers the Sustainability Appraisal and concludes that the major issues in Brentford arise directly from the large (120%) and continued expansion of the community proposed for the period since the last census (2001) until the end of the plan period (2021).

It is our view that this large and rapid change will place considerable strains on every aspect of our community life from the social, health and leisure services to all aspects of the physical infra-structure.

We urge the Council to examine this impact and to ensure that the necessary site reservations, capital investments, revenue consequences, recruitment and training programmes as well as all the necessary constraints are in place before further increases in our already expanded population are agreed.

We are further concerned that the changing scale and physical character of Brentford is being proposed piecemeal without an Urban Design or traffic context.

We consider that the traffic plans should be updated and that the Urban Design studies should be in place before further development is carried out.

Turning to your questionnaire we have found that few of the questions could be answered "agree" or "disagree". In nearly every case the qualifications (set out in BCC 305) are the response. The only box given where qualifications are important is "agree, subject to changes below". In many cases these changes are so fundamental that the word "agree" is inappropriate.

The BCC appreciates the huge task you have undertaken. While many of the sites shown on your plan are committed, some, like Commerce Road, Gillette, Alfa Laval and the Diamond and even the South Side of the High Street, may not yet be fully defined.

We hope you will take full account of the views we have expressed on these sites, where there may be an opportunity to better relate the development of individual sites to the Action Area as a whole and to the needs of residents.

Yours sincerely

Denis Browne
Chairman, Planning Consultative Committee
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Enc: Questionnaire for the BCC
Paper: BCC 305, setting out views of the BCC.