

Shane Baker, Development Control
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By email: Shane.Baker@hounslowgov.uk

Dear Shane,

**Proposed Development: Citroen Site Capital Interchange Way,
East Brentford,**

The Planning Consultative Committee of the Brentford Community Council met on Monday September 11th. The first item on our agenda was intended to be a pre-apps presentation of the designs for new housing on the L&Q Citroen site in East Brentford.

The presentation was to have been made by Ed Tibbetts the project Design and Planning Manager, who did attend the meeting.

However, although Mr Tibbetts reported that L&Q was able to tell us of the support for the 40% affordable housing proposed and for some features they intended to incorporate in their designs, he did not present any plans or schedules to describe his scheme.

When it was explained to him that this information had been specifically asked for and that the meeting with the BCC was intended to inform members and generate informed discussion, he replied that L&Q did not intend to present any plans until they had submitted a formal application to the Council for planning consent.

In effect, L&Q were not holding any meaningful consultation with the BCC before submitting their application.

The BCC has been discussing pre-apps development proposals with applicants since 1988, which have had the potential to allow applicants to amend their schemes in response to these consultations.

The BCC have then reported their views to the applicants, the planning officers and members and confirmed that the proposals have been the subject of effective consultations.

We are aware that pre-app consultations are being encouraged nationally and by our Council.

I am writing to you to report that L&Q are making a mockery of consultation and that any credit they seek as good consultants when they submit their application should be discounted.

We request the Council officers involved in the consideration of this scheme to ask the applicant to share full information, including plans, elevations sections and schedules before the designs have reached the stage when they are ready to submit as a formal application. Only then can a meaningful consultation take place.

Yours sincerely

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