

The Coalition for a Sustainable Brent Cross Cricklewood Plan



The huge £4.5 billion development being planned at Brent Cross makes promises, without any commitment to deliver 7,500 dwellings (80% flats), and 27,000 jobs in a new business district. But all this will add an extra 27,000 car journeys every working day. It is not just a shopping centre which will double in size, but a whole new town, with 22-storey office blocks.

A rapidly growing group of councillors, politicians, residents' associations and other local groups (see page 3 for a list) is calling for a public inquiry. **Our sole objective is to get the current outdated car-based plans rejected, and replaced by something better and more sustainable.**

Neighbouring Camden and Brent Councils have unanimously voted against the development, due to the increased traffic, the lack of clarity in the plans, and the impact on local high streets. But the plans were approved at Barnet's planning meeting on 19 November 2009, by just 8 members of the planning committee. A formal complaint has been lodged, about the stated claim in the meeting that Brent had dropped its objections – we have seen correspondence from Brent that proves this is not true.

The plans were not submitted to the Mayor of London and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government at the end of February 2010. On 12 March, Boris Johnson rubber-stamped (his words) the plans, then on 15 March, John Denham put on a stop notice, to allow his Department more time to consider the thousands of pages submitted. In June, Eric Pickles, the new Conservative Secretary of State, allowed Barnet to progress the planning process.

The Coalition objects to the plans on aspects of the following:

Transport - 20 percent more road traffic, based on Barnet's own estimate of over 29,000 extra cars each day on local roads (including West Hendon). The threat of closure is hanging over Cricklewood and even Hendon stations, if a new Brent Cross Thameslink station is built, as promised. Most of our members are in favour of the North West London Light Railway, largely funded by developments in Barnet.

Pollution - including vehicle emissions, dioxins, and toxic unmonitored nano-particles from a large-scale waste-combusting 'gasifying incinerator', around-the-clock traffic, gantry and railway-marshalling noise, and light pollution from railway and waste depots.

Environmental Sustainability - including carbon footprint increases, and unsound aspects of the proposed waste processing combustor and heat-and-power plant. None of the housing has solar panels or microgeneration, and will be built to category 3 (code for sustainable homes) - whenas by 2016, all private housing will have to be category 6, i.e. carbon zero.

Lack of Social Sustainability - including the impact of brutalising building massing, alienating metal bridges over main roads instead of ground-level crossings, and lack of facilities for youth. 80% of the housing is flats, and very few are family homes with 3 bedrooms or more. Social housing makes up only 13% of the total.

See for Yourself

Latest news is on our Coalition Blog: <http://brentcrosscoalition.blogspot.com/>

Facts about Brent Cross and the Coalition are at:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brent_Cross and

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coalition_for_a_Sustainable_Brent_Cross_Cricklewood

Brent Friends of the Earth's campaign and press cuttings archive: www.brentfoe.com and <http://archive.brentfoe.com/press.html>

For transport details: www.barnet.gov.uk/developmentframeworkchapter_5.pdf

To see plans for the North West London Light Railway: www.bettertransport.org.uk/london_local_group

The developer's website is www.brentcrosscricklewood.com.

For planning documents:

<http://committeepapers.barnet.gov.uk/democracy/meetings/meetingdetail.asp?meetingID=5751>

The section 106 agreement click [C/17559/08](#) or go to

<http://www.barnet.gov.uk/online-services/planning-applications.htm> note password etc click [view planning applications and appeals](#), type in [C/17559/08](#) then the View Documents tab.

The GLA and TfL responses to the plans are at

<http://www.london.gov.uk/olc/docs/brent-cross-report.pdf>

What You Can Do

- tell your friends about the petition, email them the link to:

<http://tinyurl.com/BXpetition> it takes less than a minute to sign

- Write to your local newspapers telling them your views, and respond to blogs and internet articles.

- join our Facebook group <http://apps.facebook.com/groupsplus/group.php?id=4462>

Contact bxo@brentfoe.com for a list of newspaper contact details and forums and any other queries or offers of help

Who are we?

Residents' associations representing thousands of residents across Brent, Camden and Barnet:

- Cricklewood Community Forum
- Child's Hill CLAN
- NW2
- Humber Rd Residents
- Dollis Hill DHRA
- Pinemartin close (PCRA)
- Railway terraces RCA
- Brent Terrace RA
- Fordwych RA
- Gladstone Park Consultative Committee
- Mapesbury MapRA
- plus the Federation of Residents' Associations in Barnet (representing the 12 largest residents' associations in Barnet)

Groups

- Brent Cyclists
- the North West London Light Railway (NWLLR) group
- Brent Friends of the Earth (FoE)
- Barnet & Enfield FoE
- Camden FoE
- Alexis Rowell (10:10 Council's Co-ordinator and former Chair of Camden Sustainability Taskforce)
- Barnet TUC
- Brent TUC
- The Bestway Group
- The Residents Association of Barnet RAB

Political

- Sarah Teather (Lib Dem MP for Brent Central)
- Navin Shah (Labour London Assembly Member for Brent and Harrow)
- Dawn Butler (former Labour MP for Brent South)
- Darren Johnson (Green London Assembly Member)
- Jean Lambert (Green London MEP)
- Brent Central CLP Labour Party
- Brent Green Party
- Barnet Green Party

Councillors

Lib Dem and Labour councillors from Brent and Camden

Brent

Dollis Hill	Alec Castle LD, Javaid Ashraf LD, Jack Beck LD
Stonebridge	Anne John L
Kensal Green	James Powney L
Harlesden	Janice Long L
Brondesbury Park	Mark Cummins LD Claudia Hector L

Camden

Fortune Green ward:	Russell Eagling LD, Nancy Jirira LD, Flick Rea LD
West Hampstead	John Bryant LD
Haverstock Ward	Matthew Sanders LD

Possible

Cricklewood Town Centre project