

**RESPONSE TO LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION  
WARWICK ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WRRRA)**

This is a submission on behalf of Warwick Road Residents' Association (WRRRA) about Ealing Council's Consultation Local Plan (CLP).

1. We believe that that the Local Plan process has been a major missed opportunity for Ealing Council to engage with the Borough's communities, which it could have done before producing the draft rather than after. We also note that the draft plan makes no mention of and ignores the content of Neighbourhood Plans.
2. Those of us who have lived here for more the 10 years since the previous local plan was published have been concerned at the deterioration of the town centre with its growing number of boardedup shops and unsympathetic developments. We are disappointed that the new Plan in its draft form contains aspirations for the town centre but no actual strategy, making it likely that the decline will continue.
3. The draft Plan paves the way for more tower blocks on sites that shouldn't have tall buildings. It considers that only buildings of 21 stories or higher should be regarded as 'tall' which is clearly absurd.
4. Through the de-designation of Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) and making much of it available for development, the CLP will bring about a reduction in green space around the Borough, including the Old Actonians sports ground which is in our neighbourhood. The details in the draft Plan are clearly at odds with the 'Vision' in the Plan Summary: 'Make provision for necessary physical, social and green infrastructure.'
5. We are concerned that little consideration has been given in the draft Plan to the infrastructure requirements of the significantly increased local population.
6. WRRRA shares the view of other residents' groups that the CLP is unsound in terms of contradictory and missing evidence, housing targets that are only deliverable with severe damage to green space, infrastructure, and heritage and conservation, and policies that lack clarity and precision and are therefore far too open to interpretation.

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