



Ealing Council is consulting with the public on its Local Plan. This (the so-called Regulation 19 consultation) is the last opportunity you have to comment on what the Council is planning to do with your Borough over the next 15 years.

The feedback we've had so far on the consultation has highlighted the problems people face in understanding the Local Plan. While the Council says it will affect every aspect of everyday life in Ealing, the documents are almost impossible to read, and it seems to have been made as difficult as possible for people to comment on them.

Many people have legitimate issues to raise. They can be grouped into 10 broad areas:

1. The Plan itself is verbose and repetitive. It is simply impenetrable to the vast majority of Ealing residents unfamiliar with planning jargon or issues.
2. Ealing's housing target of more than 40,000 homes over the next 15 years is excessive and undeliverable. But if it were to be delivered, it would create unmanageable population growth of more than 80,000 people (more than the population of Guildford) according to GLA projections.
3. The infrastructure plans to support this very high growth rate are sketchy at best.
4. The plan's proposals for wholesale redevelopment of relatively new and serviceable buildings will exacerbate climate change.
5. Valuable areas of Metropolitan Open Land (London's equivalent of Green Belt) are to be lost. A new policy of 'enabling development' will justify developing them in the Council's interests.
6. There are no policies to protect the Borough's heritage.
7. Tall building heights, especially in Ealing and Acton, are excessive and unjustified.
8. There is no vision or strategy for the near total redevelopment of Ealing Metropolitan Town Centre that the Plan envisages.
9. The Plan's 82 individual development sites have the potential to have considerable impact on the Borough and the proposals for them are totally insufficient.
10. Ealing's proposals for monitoring the plan are no more adequate now than they have been over the past 10 years.

Ealing Matters thinks that both a large number of comments are needed to reflect the extent of concern about the plan across the Borough, but also more detailed responses to the individual policies made in the required way. So we have come up with a 2-pronged approach before the **6.00 pm deadline on 10 April**:

1. Ealing Matters will assemble a set of responses worded, as best we can, to meet the [requirements for responding](#) that the Council demands. Given the amount of work involved Ealing Matters may not be able to circulate these responses ahead of the closing date, but they will be based on the points outlined above.
2. As many people as possible – groups or individuals – need to email comments written in their own words on whatever aspects of the Local Plan concern them to [localplan@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@ealing.gov.uk). Assuming you agree with them, we ask you to say that you support Ealing Matters' concerns about the plan in your email. Please copy your email to Ealing Matters at [info@ealingmatters.org.uk](mailto:info@ealingmatters.org.uk).

The main thing, however, is to say something by **10 April - 6.00 pm** about the Borough in which you live. If you care about Ealing this is your last chance to influence the way it is changing.