

**Ealing Local Plan Reg 19 Submission.**

**Part A Original submitted 10 April 2024 11 :45am at Perceval House**

**Representing Ealing Save Our NHS**

**Part B**

**Re Paras 18 EA and para 2.9 2.23 SP2.2**

**To quote "Over the life-span of the Local plan....likely to experience a continual aging population." Nowhere in this Plan do I see a proper response to this democratic fact. Many residents my age use a car or share a car to access activities and to attend medical appointments. I am 77. The plan seeks to support local assets, 20 minute neighbourhoods, but does not explain how these will work. At a recent LBE meeting about 20 minute neighbourhoods the facilitators were unable to explain 20MNs. Is it just words? Building on car parks reduces choice and quality of life for those over 70. 20 minutes is a long walk if you are waiting for a hip operation. This initiative diverts from two items that need attention here in West Ealing namely Step-free access to Northfields Tube station and improvements to Jacob's Ladder. Such improvements would make life easier for everyone not just the elderly.**

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**Re Para 3.45**

**"Ealing has a wealth of designated heritage assets...etc " but strangely no conservation officer. Just words We have lost 1930's facades in W13 and all officers and members can say is that these are not important. Some heritage assets such as the Town hall and Victoria Hall are not properly used.**

**Willing to speak on this topic.**

**Part B**

**Para E1H unsound**

**The Uxbridge Road is dangerous for cyclists**

- 1. Potholes/poor road surface**
- 2. Buses stopping and starting**
- 3. Vehicles parking turning stopping starting doors opening etc**
- 4. Smart phone users don't look**

**A much better route exists parallel to the Uxbridge Road. It is :- Ealing Common, Grove Road, Mattock Lane, Leeland Terrace. LBE produced a very poorly designed crossing at Northfield Ave**

**Willing to speak on this issue**

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**Para SP2.2**

**The Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and is pledged to make Ealing carbon neutral by 20230. However its track record is poor. A recent development in Somerset Road W13 demolished a sound building and replaced it with a number of flats including 3 TROGLODYTE flats with external light shafts. This involved large numbers of lorry trips through the borough. Sites demolished and left vacant**

for years. Again not green. Victoria Hall and the Town Hall closed...asset not used for no good reason. Houses nearing competition supplied with gas C/H. LBE will have to completely change to reach this goal.

Willing to speak to this issue

## Part B

### Para 01HA Ealing Hospital

Proposal to build residential on visitor and staff car parks and reinstate some podium parking

What is podium parking?

1. Many residents and politicians marched 12 years ago to protest against the "Shaping a Healthier Future" Tory plan to close Ealing hospital. We were told London was "over-bedded"
2. It is now far from being surplus to requirements it is completely full, evidenced by a friend who had to spend a night in Anaesthetic as there were no spare beds in the hospital and lengthening waiting lists.
3. Now investment is being made to expand investigation and testing facilities. This is the future for the NHS. To get to problems before they demand expensive intervention. For elderly patients that means many more short visits.
4. This makes the patient car park vital. Friends and neighbours cars support the ambulance services in transporting patients for these short visits. They need places to park. The demand will only increase.
5. Ealing hospital is adjacent to very deprived areas, populations with particular medical problems and "hard to reach" groups.
6. Much of the recent debate about the NHS includes
  - The need to cope with an increasing aging population
  - Recruitment and retention of staff
  - Emphasis on early diagnosis and intervention by testing
7. Ealing Hospital is uniquely placed to service a very large population because of its outstanding communication links including the Uxbridge Road with its many bus services and now the Elizabeth Line with station at Hanwell
8. The current crisis in the NHS is the recruitment and retention of staff. Ealing planners may be able to work at home at leave at 1500 but hospital staff work shifts and are on call and need staff car parking. The current proposals ignore these issues
9. The plan puts in jeopardy the future expansion of medical facilities at this site and should be dropped now.
10. The many residential proposals in the local plan again point to increasing and expanding local medical facilities not limiting them.
11. Please change this part of the plan to allow for the possible expansion of Ealing Hospital as an important element in future NHS provision in this and surrounding boroughs. Please remove the residential proposal.

Willing to speak against this proposal.