

SUMMONS ITEM 9(ii)

FULL COUNCIL 31st October 2005

Motion selected for debate by Councillor Paul Lorber, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group.

Save Queen's Park And Kilburn From Tower Blocks Blight

This Council notes:

1. That it is widely recognised that residential tower blocks have failed.
2. Tower blocks are being pulled down throughout Britain and in many parts of Brent.
3. That local people prefer to live in low-rise homes with gardens and open space.
4. That Brent residents in Queens Park and Kilburn, do not want their area taken over by massive Tower Blocks.
5. The concern expressed at the recent Kilburn and Kensal Green Area Forum at a recent application for a massive 26-storey tower block in Queens Park.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To ask Officers to review Council's Policies with respect to the requirement for adequate local infrastructure to be in place before large numbers of new homes are built in the area covered by the Kilburn and Kensal Forum, and to bring a report and recommendations on these to the next Full Council meeting ;
2. To review particularly aspects such as the numbers of School places available or projected in the area to meet different types of new Housing development ; the suitability of local public transport links ; and any resulting need for greater numbers of car parking places to be stipulated for new developments to ease on-road parking ;
3. To consider the adequacy of the current UDP in its area and site-specific proposals to protect and sensitively develop the character of the Kilburn and Queens Park area, and to bring forward any appropriate recommendations to this end.
4. As a matter of Policy, to oppose the building of unsuitable massive tower blocks throughout Brent.