

SUMMONS ITEM 11(ii)

FULL COUNCIL 24th April 2006

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

Protecting the local environment and quality of life in Brent

Council notes

- that traffic congestion in Brent has increased by around 3 percent since the last local elections, and continues to increase – compared to a static position across London and a fall in nearby Boroughs
- that there are around 7 per cent more cars in Brent than in 2000
- the link between poor health, particularly respiratory diseases, and air pollution in Brent, brought about by increasingly clogged-up streets.

Council also notes that the biggest causes of these factors have been the Labour Government, Labour Mayor of London and Labour Council imposing increased density developments across Brent, their willingness to build on playing fields and Green Open Space, and their obsession with creating monstrous new “landmark buildings” rather than protecting existing residents’ rights.

These Labour policies are destroying Brent, and the quality of life for local people.

This Council therefore resolves :

1. To stop the building of Tower Blocks in Brent by withholding planning permission for the unwanted 28-Storey Tower in Wembley and two eight, nine- and ten-storey blocks of flats on the playing fields behind Copland School.
2. To turn down any revised plans for a 26-storey Tower Block or anything similarly excessive in Queen's Park.
3. To oppose Ken Livingstone’s and Brent Labour’s plans for even greater density developments in Brent, such as the plans to increase the size of the 214-flat Barham Park Estate in Sudbury to almost 500 units.

4. To campaign for sustainable local development that takes account of the existing local infrastructure and the needs of the whole local community, and which protects our local environment, including Open Spaces and Playing Fields.
5. To revise Brent Planning Policies to protect against any further overdevelopment being imposed on Brent residents.
6. To introduce a direct link between the level of further residential or major commercial or industrial development that the Council will allow in each area of Brent, and levels of traffic congestion and gridlock in the area.
7. To call on Ken Livingstone and central Government to assist the Council in reversing the unacceptable increase in cars in local streets, and to reduce congestion and air pollution in Brent for the benefit of all residents of the Borough.