

PLANNING APPLICATION PUBLIC COMMENT

Application number: PP/17/01637
Site Address: Site A (Portobello Green Arcade), Site C (Acklam Car Park) and Site D (Acklam Village), LONDON, W10 5TZ
Proposal: Mixed use development under and next to the Westway flyover to provide new arts, culture, enterprise, retail and affordable housing development, including:
Site A - refurbishment (including demolition) at for shops use Classes A1 and A3, and/or Class B1 business use; demolition of building accommodating market storage and outdoor advertising board,
Site C - erection of 4 storey building for Class A1 shops use and 13 x Class C3 dwelling houses, including change of use of private car park;
Site D - for Class A1 shops and/or Class B1 business use, and/or Class D1 non-residential institutions use; Class A4 drinking establishments and/or Class D1 non-residential institutions use, market facilities and associated new access from Acklam Road; public realm works, including demolition of existing planters and hoarding; retained use of public realm for market stalls and tables and chairs; new cycle parking; and other associated works (Major Development)

Comment received: From: RAP 23 - Reduce Air Pollution on the 23 Acres of Westway Trust land.
Already, this year, there has a been major black alert for air pollution lasting several days on this site and other parts of London. Details are available from the Mayor's office.
The housing development will result in increased costs to the NHS and RBKC Community Care budget. It is less than 100 metres from the Westway so:
More women will have miscarriages and still births.
Children born to parents in the housing and growing up there will have smaller lungs and as a result smaller brains and will be less intelligent.
There will be:
An 11% increase in dementia for residents in the proposed housing compared to housing 300 yards away.
Increased heart, and lung disease.
Increased use of asthma pumps.
Shorter life expectancy.

More land is given over to golf courses in Surrey than housing. 50% of those golf courses are expected to close in the next twenty years. The answer to South East England's housing shortage is not increased density in a city suffering major social problems. Rather towns like Woking and Reading should be expanded by 100,000

housing units each and their local economies developed to reduce the need for commuting.

The retail development fails to utilize the site well or protect visitors from pollution. By extending the development out to the original building line and the brick wall, and building up to the level of the Westway, substantial planting can take place on the roof, thus protecting visitors and residents from pollution. Solar and wind power should also be provided. This vegetation, wind and solar power would also act as a land mark to traffic on the Westway. This site was exclusively for community use by children and young people. It should return to being 100% community use. Air filtering equipment to remove 2.5 pm particles should be put into all the new community buildings.

This land, being a brown field site next to and partly under an urban flyover is of great interest to architectural schools in universities throughout the world. Rather than retaining a bland corporate architect and consultants who spin the truth, Westway Trust should create an international architectural competition to attract ideas for global excellence in terms of greening, the built environment and community use. Westway Trust makes a profit, so it does not need extra rent. This is a golden opportunity for RBKC to show case it's environmental and community credentials to the world.

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