



1). Summary and Overview

The following is Harrow Central Mosque committee's analysis and views on the Draft Local Plan, which in summary, they believe to be:

- Discriminatory to the deprived Wards in the borough, that have higher percentage proportion of people from Black, Asian, Multi Ethnic Groups and belonging to Religious groups, both of which are protected characteristic groups,
- If the plan progresses it will have greater impact on these already deprived Wards,
- Inadequate facilities, including parking, social, health and education are seriously lacking due to the number of housing targets crammed in that will not allow for space of these crucial services to be provided for the community and a better standard of life,
- The more affluent parts of the borough are protected and new housing is not targeted there,
- The community are requested to submit a response to Harrow Council, and can use Harrow Central Mosque's response. The response is requesting the Council to spread the housing targets and provide adequate facilities.

2). Analysis

1. Harrow Council is consulting on its Draft Local Plan; the deadline is **25th April 2024**. This is a very important document as it sets out the Council's approach for the development in the borough up to 2041 – the next 17 years.
2. There are a minimum of 7,500 homes targeted in the Harrow and Wealdstone Opportunity Area. This area includes the Mosque and the old Civic Centre site adjacent to it.
3. It argues that the Opportunity Area development should not have any new parking spaces, and expects all of the new residents to cycle, walk and use public transport.
4. The Committee of Harrow Central Mosque have analysed, scrutinised and examined the document and have the following strong views on it:
 - a. The Draft Local Plan discriminates against the more deprived Wards of Marlborough, Greenhill and Wealdstone (the Opportunity Area), by targeting the Council's Regeneration programme and its housing targets in those areas.
 - b. The housing targets should be spread across the whole of the borough, so not only one area is impacted. This includes the more affluent areas of Pinner, Hatch End and Stanmore.
 - c. The more affluent areas are targeted to be protected suburbs, including protecting its green spaces and heritage features. There is no mention of protecting and enhancing the characteristic of the Opportunity Area. This appears to be discriminatory.
 - d. Because of the vast housing targets in the Opportunity Areas, they will not include any parking facilities. This will put pressure on surrounding roads and those Controlled Parking Zones times will increase.
 - e. There will be a serious lack of parking facilities, given that:
 1. the old Civic Centre site will be redeveloped – the Mosque's worshippers currently park their cars there in evening and weekends.

2. the CPZ times on nearby roads will increase (so Worshippers won't be able to park their cars there – maybe until 11pm!)
3. Tesco development will take place, reducing its car parking spaces
4. Peel Road Multi-Storey Car Park is also targeted to become a housing site.
5. The above parking scenarios will impact:
 1. The **Worshippers** at Harrow Mosque, by not having parking spaces. This will lead to excluding the elderly, disabled, women and the general population for late prayers due to potential safety concerns when travelling at night.
 2. **Businesses** in the area who need parking spaces for their customers – without it, less customers will visit their businesses, that could lead to business closures.
 3. **Existing residents** in the area – with increased CPZ times, and possibility including all weekends and bank holidays, there will be an impact on their visitors and social gathering, meaning that they will have less family and friends over.
 4. **New residents**, who will not have adequate parking spaces and will therefore circulate around nearby roads until those CPZ time end.
6. Because of the impact on the deprived Wards and its residents, including with protected characteristic groups of race and religion who will also be impacted, the Mosque has drafted a response calling for a fairer, social equitable and pragmatic Local Plan, that takes into consideration the needs of the Worshippers at Harrow Mosque, local businesses and residents.

3). Submit Your Response by Any of the Following Ways!

We now need your support! And request you to submit a response to the Council. You can use the response drafted by Harrow Central Mosque, simply put your contact details on the drafted response and then submit it. You can submit a response by any of the following ways:

- 1). Download the response on Harrow Central Mosque website <https://harrowmosque.org.uk/> , complete your details on the last page, and then email it to Harrow Council at Local.Plan@harrow.gov.uk
- 2). Email Harrow Central Mosque at planning@harrowmosque.org.uk to request a copy of the response, complete your details on the last page and then email it to Harrow Council at Local.Plan@harrow.gov.uk
- 3). Visit Harrow Central Mosque to complete your details on a hard copy and we will then submit it to Harrow Council.

The deadline to submit response to Harrow Council is **25th April 2024!** Act now and influence the future of your area, homes and community.

Please also copy Harrow Central Mosque into the email to Harrow Council so we can note the number of responses submitted: planning@harrowmosque.org.uk