

Council, Tuesday 15 December, 2009

Motion 3.4: Councillor Andreas Tambourides

Development Forums

Council notes that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Committee recommended in 2004/5 that Development Forums be created in order for planning applicants to productively engage with residents, which was consequently adopted by the Planning Department.

Council believes that developers who are preparing to submit major schemes for planning must engage openly and transparently with residents and other interested parties who would be affected by a development. This engagement should go further than existing exhibitions to full consultation and debate. A development forum in advance of the recent Planning & Environment Meeting held to consider the Brent Cross/ Cricklewood Planning Application. would have been very useful indeed in airing all the concerns of local residents in advance of the actual decision-taking meeting.

Therefore Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Planning and Environmental Protection:

- Ensure that the Planning Department encourages those making major planning applications to use the Development Forums
- Consider asking the government, after the election, that Development Forums become a compulsory requirement under more locally focussed planning laws

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.