

Public Inquiry - 28th July

The Public Inquiry into the Linden Homes application to develop the Campion House site opens Tuesday 28th July. It will be held at the Civic Centre, Lampton Road and will last for four days.

The Inquiry will start at 10.00 each day and will go through to about 4.00. Lunch breaks tend to be decided according to how the proceedings are going.

The Inquiry will take place in the Council Chamber. If you can get to the Inquiry but only for a limited time it will be possible for you to enter or leave the space set aside for the public at any time.

The Latest Stage

This Inquiry is the latest stage of our three-year campaign to make sure that the development at Campion does not harm the area.

The opposition of residents, together with the councillors on the **Sustainable Development Committee (SDC)**, stopped two awful applications that would have blighted the area. It has been hard work and most of us can think of other things we would prefer to do with our time. But having got so far it would not make sense to give up now.

Better But ...

The current application to develop the site is the third. Like the first two it was refused by the **SDC**. Linden Homes appealed to the Government Inspectorate over the second application. After a six-day Inquiry the Inspector rejected the appeal saying that the development would have been completely inappropriate for the area.

Our campaign leading up to that Inquiry was therefore fully vindicated.

The current application is a big improvement on the previous designs which were drawn up with no concern for the area.

If you can ...

Please set some time aside to attend part or all of the Inquiry. Attendance by residents will help to show the Inspector that we have not lost interest in making sure that this development does not spoil the area.

The new designers tried to recognise the character of the area. We believe they could not do so adequately because of pressure from the developer to achieve housing density that is too high for the area.

Open Space

Our argument is that there are no good grounds for building on protected open

space. On environmental and other grounds it is essential that London's open space is no longer bargained away with each new development.

Family Homes

Reasons

The current application is better than the previous two but it still suffers from major problems. These all result from one thing: trying to put many homes onto the site.

- 1. Protected open space should not be used for built development.*
- 2. There are too many 1/2-bed flats. We need family housing.*
- 3. There are important design features (e.g. large blocks) that are out of character with the area.*

The area is recognised to be suburban in character. It consists mainly of family homes and the majority of these are 2/3 storey houses.

It is inappropriate to propose a development which consists of over 70% 1/2-bed flats.

Inquiry Documents

The Council has agreed to put the documents in Osterley Library. They will also be on both the our website and that of the Council:

http://planning.hounslow.gov.uk/planning_search.aspx

(Enter postcode TW7 4NN)

Please Attend the Inquiry

The Inquiry is in working time so many residents will be unable to attend. If you can possibly attend all or some of the Inquiry please put the time aside to do so. A good turnout will help to make it clear to the Inspector that we still want a development that doesn't harm the area.

Getting to the Inquiry

The Civic Centre

Campion House



Disabled car parking facilities are available to members of the public in the multi-storey car park and there is a lift from the ground floor to where the Inquiry will held. The public car park has limited space and is metered with a maximum stay of two hours. The Picadilly line will get you close to the Centre (Hounslow Central). Buses along the London Road can take you to the Blenheim Centre or to the end of Lampton Road.