

# Mr David Trodden comments

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**Social mix:** I have not found any reference to the **social mix** to be maintained in any new development.

Taking the Earls Court Masterplan site as an example to apply this principle neither the developer nor either of the two councils (Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham) seemed to have this aspect on their agenda. I live in Philbeach Gardens, Earls Court which has an excellent mix from one or two houses where one family lives in the whole house, to private rented, & some social rented housing aimed at different vulnerable groups. There are singles, families, & elderly on this street with backgrounds from many different parts of the world & I am very proud to say that I love living in such a socially mixed community.

Again considering the Earls Court Masterplan site in particular there should be adequate planning for eco-friendly developments including medical centres, schools, post office, sports halls (that allow basket ball & volley ball so that Earl's Court's Olympic legacy continues, as well as housing that will be occupied by people with the same social mix as Philbeach Gardens.

A friend lives in a newly created village in the heart of Trier (Germany) & he tells me that the municipal authority of Trier had a plan for the mix of different types of family units that they wished to achieve to ensure this newly built group of properties immediately became a village. He is delighted to live in this newly created 'village'.

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**Land lying fallow:** this may relate to Policy H4 page 160 **Meanwhile use** - while awaiting longer-term development.

The former site of Earls Court Exhibition Centre has a significant footprint which is likely to lay fallow for some time while the RBKC planning body re-appraises the development of this site. Could we please ensure that this site is meanwhile used for the good of the people of RBKC & surrounding Boroughs for culture, sport and entertainment. It would be a disgrace if a car park or a shipping container park were to be the permitted use in the meantime of this centrally located (adjacent to Earls Court tube) 22 acre site.

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### **Comment covers Culture**

We were promised a venue would be included in the plans for the redevelopment & that it would attract nearly as many visitors as the now demolished Earls Court Exhibition Centre did (three million per annum).

On page 8 of the RBKC Local Plan 2015 it stated: "Earl's Court will remain the location for a large convention centre or exhibition function."

However in the RBKC Local Plan Partial Review Draft Policies Regulation Consultation dated 18 October 2016 this had changed to:

“Provide a replacement cultural destination within the Earl’s Court and West Kensington Opportunity Area.”

In January 2017 RBKC Council approved a “cultural venue” comprising an astonishing, risible 644 sq m with two minor side pavilions when the Exhibition Centre was 40,000 sq m in size. The Mayor now has the opportunity to revise the many, serious errors underpinning the Earls Court Masterplan and to ensure a vibrant mix of housing, trade, culture, entertainment, health facilities and sport for all.