Culture and community

Ealing has a long cultural heritage in film, music, performance and comedy. It is home to a diverse community and serves as the hub for a wide surrounding residential area as well as housing two important further education establishments.

There is strong local demand to draw on its artistic traditions and develop activities in the town's designated cultural quarter. Based around the long derelict cinema site, this would provide a wider range of attractions for all.

We need to plan for what is needed to make a good day or night out in Ealing, so the town is not only somewhere to work or shop, but a real centre of excellence for culture and education. This should include a safe and welcoming evening economy.

The centre also has to cater for a growing population and anticipate the needs of all age and social groups. This means identifying where provision can be made for more early years' schooling, physical and cultural recreation for the young and the old, healthcare and police services.

Your ideas on what is needed has produced as many as nine issues, covered by four of our vision objectives. The options are set out on the two next pages; please tell us your choices.

Your choices (*one per question*)

Objective 1: to be a regional centre of excellence for culture and education

Q1. How can we maintain and enhance facilities for arts and cultural activities, particularly performance arts?

(a) Rely on existing provision in or outside the area. — 6 (2.7%)

(b) Incorporate improved facilities in any development of the Town Hall, available at affordable prices. — 32 (14%)

(c) Identify site(s) within the town centre/Cultural Quarter which could include arts facilities, and use funds from commercial development to help set them up. — 190 (83.3%)

Q2. How can the centre of Ealing be improved to capitalise on its cultural history and enhance its attraction to visitors?

(a) Do nothing — 11 (5%)

(b) Improve information services and other facilities, including wayfinding, through developers' contributions to public realm improvements. — 209 (95%)

Q3. How can we meet the need for early years childcare and primary schooling, to meet planned population increases ?

(a) Make no specific plan, but hope that a Free School provider will find a site, or that primary schools further from the centre can accommodate the increase. — 37 (19%)

(b) Reserve alternative site(s) within the town centre such as the Perceval House car park or current police station. — 158 (81%)

Objective 2: to deliver a safe and welcoming evening economy

Q1. How can we maintain a balance between growth in licensed premises and preservation of local amenity?

(a) Make no plan and rely on market forces. — 14 (6.4%)

(b) Give new guidance to potential applicants. — 204 (93.6%)

Q2. How do we achieve a rich mix of uses within the Town Centre to promote a safe and welcoming environment?

(a) Make no plan and rely on market forces. — 16 (7.5%)

(b) Develop supplementary guidance to encourage and support mixed uses. — 198 (92.5%)

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Your choices *(one per question)*

Objective 3: provide new leisure and recreational facilities

Q1.   How do we provide accessible, affordable indoor and outdoor sporting facilities for all ages and groups in the community?

(a)   Rely on existing private and public provision, including that in neighbouring areas.   **21 (9.5%)**

(b)   Encourage provision of permanent and temporary facilities within community and public areas.   **87 (39.3%)**

(c)   Require new developments including hotels to provide indoor facilities open to all at affordable prices, and/or to make a contribution to the provision and maintenance of outdoor facilities within reasonable distance.   **113 (51.3%)**

Objective 4: be an integrated and balanced community, catering for diverse and changing needs across all ages and social groups

Q1.   How do we ensure there are sufficient primary healthcare facilities to serve the current and future population?

(a)   Leave it to the appropriate health care trust.   **32 (14.5%)**

(b)   Ensure there is enough space in the town centre for health care before approving any significant increase in housing.   **188 (85.5%)**

Q2.   How are facilities to be provided for older, disabled and vulnerable people to enable them to continue to live as integrated members of the town centre community?

(a)   Rely on existing requirements for mixed communities with a range of housing types across the borough to meet need.   **16 (7.3%)**

(b)   Ensure mixed and affordable housing quantities approved for town centre residential developments are actually delivered.   **127 (58%)**

(c)   Require developers to co-operate with voluntary and faith bodies to enable flexible community-use facilities, particularly for minority and disadvantaged groups.   **76 (34.7%)**

Q3.   How can access to police services be made for residents and visitors?

(a)   Make no plan for police front counter services after closure of the present service at 67-69 Uxbridge Road.   **10 (4.6%)**

(b)   Make the building an asset of community value and redevelop it for retained counter service and/or other community use.   **113 (51.6%)**

(c)   Find other sites in the area for public police service.   **96 (43.8%)**