

My comments concern Brimsdown.

I have been working in Bilton Way Brimsdown since 1964, not for the same company, so have a long experience of working and the problems in Brimsdown.

Most of the plan seems aimed at new development not existing business but there are some issues causing difficulty to both old and new.

More bus routes and more frequent buses are needed. I live in Bush Hill Park and it takes 1 hour 20 minutes door to door by bus. In the case of the return journey, the 491 stops outside our factory but is often full which entails a long wait for the next one which may also be full. Buses running along Meridian way to and fro from Brimsdown would help those of our staff who live south of us.

Congestion holds up, lorries, buses, cars. The problem goes back to the time of the GLC when Ken Livingstone refused permission to make the North South Route an adequate highway with good connection to the M25. The consequent congestion is expensive, pollution causing, and makes the area difficult to work and function in. Anything you can do to alleviate congestion for all categories of vehicle would be helpful to everyone. Goods need to flow back and forth and staff need to arrive in good time. Unless the road was considerably widened, cycle lanes would make the situation worse.

The brewery near the flagpole roundabout is an asset for Enfield but their use of water has caused the pressure of our own supply to drop and our sprinkler alarm often sounds as a warning that the pressure is too low. Thames water are very difficult to get hold of and your help in this matter would be appreciated. This is an example of how I would very much like to see the LBE working with business, helping them, making them feel wanted and welcome. There would be many mutual advantages arising from a spirit of co-operation and I would like to see this come about.

You mentioned high rise. We have considered it. In our case it would be to allow us to use much higher racking in the warehouse but the cost would be prohibitive for us and we would have to vacate the site during construction. We have planning permission to build a second story on the offices in both 68 and 78 Bilton Way but cannot find a builder to do this!!!

