



## **BARNET COUNCIL APPROVE BRENT CROSS CRICKLEWOOD**

- **Resolution to grant consent at Barnet Planning Committee**
- **Cross-Party support at committee**
- **Decision followed a special two-day committee hearing**
- **Major milestone passed in the creation of a new town centre**
- **£4.5bn regeneration plans will deliver 7,500 homes, 27,000 jobs, three schools, a new train station, a new bus station, six bridges, new open space**

Following a special 2 day hearing, the Barnet Council Planning Committee last night resolved to grant consent for the £4.5bn Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration.

**Jonathan Joseph from the Brent Cross Cricklewood Development Partners said:**

*"Clearly we are delighted with this cross-party decision which is an important milestone in the creation of a new town centre at Brent Cross Cricklewood.*

*"For too long this part of Barnet has been neglected and our plans will see significant investment in new transport and community facilities, including new buildings for 3 schools, new health facilities and major improvements to Clitterhouse Playing Fields as part of a network of green spaces.*

*"We will deliver 7,500 new homes, help create 27,000 jobs, transform Brent Cross Shopping Centre and create a brighter future for current and future residents alike.*

*"We have much detailed work still to do but this is great news for people across North West London."*

**Barnet Council Leader, Cllr Mike Freer, said:**

*"I am pleased that the committee resolved to grant outline planning permission, and over the coming years we look forward to working with our development partners to deliver good infrastructure, quality homes, a new town centre and a vibrant, sustainable place for people to live and work in.*

*"This is a once in a generation opportunity to secure significant investment in a part of our Borough that needs a major boost. It will enable us to deliver our policy of creating successful suburbs, while at the same time safeguarding the environment."*

The Section 106 package is the largest in Barnet's history, delivering just under £1bn on community and transport infrastructure including:

- More than £500m of investment in transport, and £189m on environmental measures
- £200m for road improvements including around £50m at Staples Corner
- £109m on community infrastructure including new health facilities and state-of-the-art new premises for three local schools
- £112m on cleaning up the land and disposing of waste

The plans will also see the replacement of the existing Hendon Waste Transfer Station – where most of the waste goes to landfill – with a state of the art new Waste Handling and Recycling Facility which will create a Refuse Derived Fuel, used in the Combined Heat and Power Plant to generate energy.

## Notes to Editors

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1. The Brent Cross Cricklewood Development Partners comprise the owners of Brent Cross Shopping Centre – Hammerson and Standard Life Investments UK Shopping Centre Trust – and a separate joint venture between Hammerson and the development company Brookfield Europe. All three principal partners are world-class companies with a formidable track record at home and abroad.
2. The regeneration area covers over 151 hectares, bordered by Brent Cross Shopping Centre in the North, The A41 (Hendon Way) in the East, Cricklewood Lane in the South and the A5 (Edgware Road) in the West. The A406 (North Circular Road) also passes through the site East to West, as does the Midland Mainline rail infrastructure North to South.
3. The BXC scheme will provide 27,000 jobs and 7,500 homes. It is based around six core themes:
  1. **Great Parks and Green Open Spaces**
    - The creation of substantial new parks with a range of landscaping and habitats and the complete re-profiling of Clitterhouse Playing Fields with new sports, play and changing facilities.
  2. **A High Street of Character**
    - Lined with trees, shops and cafés, connecting the mainline train station and commercial district in the West to Brent Cross Shopping Centre and the bus station in the North, passing through a series of new public squares and over a new bridge across the A406.
  3. **Beautiful Residential Streets**
    - Distinct residential neighbourhoods providing 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes including affordable housing and new children's play facilities, maximising density especially where close to major infrastructure.
  4. **New Schools, Jobs and Community Facilities**
    - New schools with enlarged capacities and modern facilities will be built for Whitefield School, Mapledown School and Claremont Primary School, as well as a major new Health Centre, second GP surgery, a new sports and leisure centre, library and community centre. The thousands of permanent new jobs created will be supported by local training and placement programmes.
  5. **A Thriving Shopping Destination**
    - Brent Cross will be transformed to form a key part of the new town centre, with new shops opening out into a pedestrian-only High Street and public square. Cafes, restaurants, a cinema and other leisure facilities will overlook a substantially improved River Brent and remain open into the evening.
  6. **Easy to Get To and Easy To Get Around**
    - A completely new train station on the Midland Mainline will be built, located next to a new a freight facility too. Brent Cross Bus Station will become a new, much larger facility and new road junctions and pedestrian bridges off the A41 and Edgware Road will create additional routes to and from the area.
4. To view the plans visit [www.brentcrosscricklewood.com](http://www.brentcrosscricklewood.com)

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