

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING – 29 JANUARY 2014**

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Question by: Mr Larry Culhane

To: The Leader of the Council

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**QUESTION**

"At the last Council Cabinet Meeting on the 6th January, you and your fellow Conservative councillors unanimously voted to use Beaumont Avenue and Aisgill Avenue for "Heavy vehicle access to the depot during the Earls Court development". The report detailed how the residents in Beaumont Avenue and Aisgill Avenue (along with all the routes leading up to that area) will have to suffer the following:

"Large 77ft long articulated lorries will access the neighbourhood approximately 6-9 times a day from Beaumont Avenue."

"Very long 99ft lorries will need to access the site approximately 4 times a year."

"There are also 60 parking spaces on the LUL depot site for transit vans that will need to access/egress the site throughout the day."

The report confirmed that there has been extensive consultations with CapCo, the developer but absolutely none with residents. Will the Council now accept this was a mistake, that this will blight this neighbourhood during the works and that this decision should be overturned with a new route and a new plan devised in consultation with the local residents that will be affected?"

**ANSWER**

The questioner is incorrect in his statement that the Cabinet has voted to use Beaumont Avenue and Aisgill Avenue for heavy vehicle movements.

What the Cabinet agreed on 6 January was to undertake mitigation measure to protect residents from the effect of additional vehicle movements requiring access to and from the Lillie Road Depot of London Underground during demolition work of Earl's Court 2 to enable the Earl's Court development, which will be of huge benefit to local residents.

The Beaumont Avenue entrance to the depot has been in existence for many years and the Council has no powers to prohibit its use but we have secured funding from Capco for the mitigation measures, which will protect residents' and visitors' parking and ensure that road safety is not compromised.

No decisions have yet been taken on how demolition and construction traffic for the Earl's Court development will access the site, and in due course the developers will have to submit to the council a Construction and Logistics plan detailing vehicle routes, types, numbers and operating hours.