



Geography

1. Introduction

Hounslow is a wedge-shaped London borough, bordered in part to the south by the River Thames, to the west by Heathrow Airport, to the north by Ealing and Hillingdon and to the east by Hammersmith & Fulham. The environment and the population of the Borough are diverse. The Council's strategic publication, [Changing Hounslow](#), calls it a borough of contrasting character and fortunes. Each of the local areas and communities is very different in character and that each has [unique needs and priorities](#). The Council has grouped the areas into five localities – Central Hounslow, Chiswick, Heston and Cranford, Isleworth and Brentford and West Area.

2. The Local Picture

Local residents are given a greater say in Council affairs by five 'Committees', set up to address the unique challenges and needs of their area through setting local priorities and actions. These groups are known as Area Committees and cover the areas of Central Hounslow, Chiswick, Heston and Cranford, Isleworth and Brentford and the West Area.

The Committees are made up of councillors and members of the public with detailed knowledge of their local area. They are responsible for monitoring local service provision including planning and highway related matters; and for other local decisions that may be delegated by the executive. Each Area Committee is committed to providing clear, accountable and community-based leadership.

The priorities of the Committee Areas include:

- Central Hounslow – Tackling crime; reducing traffic; improving schools, health and wellbeing, community facilities and the environment; and developing the Town Centre.
- Chiswick – Reducing crime; supporting a local regeneration area; improving elderly services, the streets and the sense of community; and increasing the use of green spaces.
- Heston and Cranford – Improving health, access to local service, crime rates and the environment; providing positive activities for young people; addressing community severance; and mitigating the impact of Heathrow Airport.
- Isleworth and Brentford – Improving air quality and access to the river and canal; reducing traffic; providing positive activities for children and young people; and increasing community safety.
- West Area – Improving elderly services and overall health of the area; building a stronger sense of community; reducing crime; and providing positive activities for young people.

Meetings of the five Area Committees are open to the public and provide opportunities for consultation and discussion, and for local people to contribute to the decisions that affect their area.



3. Summary of Need

The table summarising the needs in this area has not been completed as it is not applicable to 'Geography'.