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Dear Neighbourhood Planning,

I'm writing in response to the invitation to comment on the regulation 16 version of the Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood plan.

I want to express my support for the objectives of the Plan, and recognise the need to have a clear set of policies addressing the needs of residents and businesses.

Where businesses are concerned, I'm particularly keen on protecting small shops and supporting start-up businesses and social enterprises. These businesses more than any others are intrinsic to the history of our area. The area has always been dominated by small workshops, offices and service providers and these are important to the character of the area. I wouldn't support large scale redevelopment or developments which displace small micro businesses.

I also very much support the provision of new accommodation for those requiring small units, as set out in policies B1 and B2.

I'm also very aware of the huge need for affordable housing in the area. The Council's target of 35% of new provision has very rarely if ever been achieved. I therefore strongly support policy PR2.

Likewise, I support an increase in green space and play space in the area – an essential accompaniment of increased affordable housing provision.

Yours,  
Sue Blundell,

