

# **The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**



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KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA

## **Key Decision Report dated 2 April 2012**

**For Decision by Councillor Ahern, Cabinet Member for Planning Policy**

**Report by the Executive Director, Planning and Borough Development**

## **RESPONSE TO CITY OF WESTMINSTER'S DRAFT CITY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 I am writing to seek your approval to make representations on the City of Westminster's Draft City Management Plan (Draft CMP).

### **2. Background**

2.1 The City of Westminster adopted their Core Strategy in January 2011. They have now published a consultation draft of their 'City Management Plan', the document which contains the more detailed development management policies required to implement their Core Strategy.

2.2 As a neighbouring borough, this Council has been given the opportunity to formally comment on the draft document. Westminster City Council has indicated that they will take comments into account before preparing the next iteration of their City Management Plan expected in the Autumn of 2012. There will be a further opportunity to comment at this time.

### **3. The issues**

#### *Car parking*

3.1 The Draft CMP includes significant changes to Westminster's policies on residential parking policy and public car parks. These changes would greatly increase the number of off-street car parking spaces in Westminster and, it is considered, would inevitably produce additional traffic congestion within Central London including the Royal Borough. Accordingly an objection to the proposed CMP is recommended.

#### *Design Quality*

3.2 We are generally supportive of the approach taken to views and tall buildings within the draft CMP. However, we have suggested adding a specific reference to the need to have regard to sensitive

views within neighbouring boroughs. This is considered to improve the effectiveness of the existing policy. A formal objection is not raised.

**4. Financial and Property, Legal, Sustainability, Risk, Personnel and/or Equalities Implications**

4.1 The Key Decision relates to comments relating to a policy document in a neighbouring Borough. It will, therefore, have no Financial and Property, Legal, Sustainability, Personnel and/or Equalities Implications. No additional costs over and above existing staff time have been incurred in the preparation of this response.

**5. Risk implications**

5.1 All threats and opportunities identified to the proposals in this report have been considered and risk mitigation actions addressed where appropriate.

**6. Recommendation**

6.1 I recommend that the attached response to the Draft City Management Plan is submitted to the City of Westminster's planning team.

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**FOR COMPLETION BY AUTHOR OF REPORT:**

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