

Response Form

Partial Review of the Core Strategy for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea with a focus on North Kensington

Development Plan Document policies

All representations **must** express a view regarding the soundness or legal compliance of a planning policy. If the representation does not comment on soundness or legal compliance, or deal with how a policy can be altered to make it sound the representation will **not** be valid.

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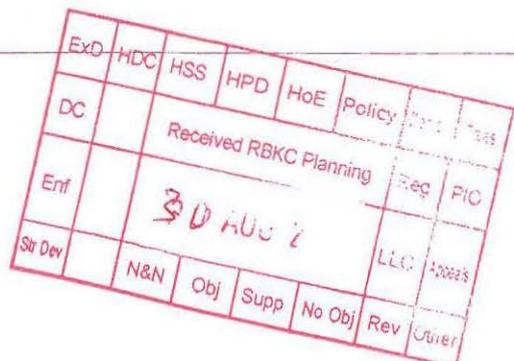
Company/Organisation: **Private RBK&C Resident**

Representing: _____

Please complete the form and email it or send it to:

The Executive Director of Planning and Borough Development
f.a.o The Policy Team
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Publication Stage Representation Form

To be **“sound”** the contents of a local plan should be POSITIVELY PREPARED, JUSTIFIED, EFFECTIVE and consistent with NATIONAL POLICY.

“Positively prepared” means that the planning policy needs to:

- be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to objectively assess development and infrastructure requirements, including those of neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so.
- It must also be consistent with achieving sustainable development.

“Justified” means that the planning policy must be:

- founded on a proportional evidence base
- the most appropriate strategy has been selected when considered against the reasonable alternatives.

“Effective” means that the planning policy must be:

- deliverable over its period
- based on effective joint working on cross – boundary strategic priorities.

“Consistent with National Policy” means that the planning policy should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

It must also be **legally compliant** which means that the planning policies have been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements.

State planning policy or paragraph number to which you are referring

BASEMENTS policy CL7

Yes

No

Do you consider the planning policy to be sound?

Please tick box as appropriate

If you have selected YES and you wish to support the soundness of the planning policy, please give your reasons below. Please be as precise as possible. Please make it clear which paragraph number or Policy box number you are commenting on.

Basement excavations have caused the most appalling problems over the last few years for many residents of this borough. In my capacity as manager of the Ledbury Mews North Residents Association I have been made aware of the anxiety of many mews residents regarding the inevitable degradation of the quality of life in the mews while work is in progress and the likelihood of unacceptable levels of collateral damage they are expecting as a result of the imminent subterranean development at no6 Ledbury Mews North. So far, almost all have been single basements. But there is an alarming trend towards double or deeper basements which are likely to cause even more damage and nuisance. It seems entirely reasonable and proportionate therefore, that the Borough should restrict basement development to single basements (paragraph b) and that it should impose requirements on developers – which do not seem particularly onerous – to minimise the construction impacts on

neighbours and the risk of significant damage (paragraphs k-n).

please attach additional pages as required

If you have selected NO to the planning policy being sound do you consider the planning policy to be unsound because it is not:

Positively prepared Justified Effective Consistent with national policy



Please give details of why you consider the planning policy to be unsound and / or suggest changes as to how it could be made sound. Please make it clear which paragraph number or Policy box number you are commenting on.

Please attach additional pages as required

Yes

No

Do you consider the Planning Policy Document to be legally compliant?

Please give the reasons for your choice below and be as precise as possible. Please make it clear which paragraph number or Policy box number you are commenting on.

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Do you wish to appear at the Examination on any of these matters?

Yes

No

X

Please specify on what matter