

## **Examination of the Partial Review of the Kensington and Chelsea Core Strategy:**

### **Miscellaneous Matters**

#### **Matters, Issues and Questions for Examination**

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##### **Introduction**

The Inspector invites succinct responses to the following specific questions that relate to the matters and issues that are central to his examination of the partial review. Comments unrelated to these questions should not be submitted. All existing representations will be taken into account and should not be expanded or repeated, although may be cross-referenced where relevant.

Respondents should only answer those questions relating to the subject of their original representation(s), but the Council should answer all the questions.

The questions reflect, and should be answered with reference to, the soundness criteria set out in the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 ("the Framework") ie that plans should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Further information about the Examination, Hearings and the format of Written Statements to be submitted in response to these questions is set out in a separate Guidance Note.

##### **Background**

As set out in the Local Development Scheme (adopted November 2012), the Council is carrying out a number of partial reviews to the core strategy that was adopted in 2010. The purpose of the "miscellaneous matters" partial review, which is the subject of this Examination, is to cover a range of issues not addressed in the other topic reviews. It deals with a number of "saved" Unitary Development Plan policies, and issues arising from the publication of the Framework in 2012 and recent changes to the development plan regulations.

Some representations suggest that certain parts of the adopted core strategy that are not covered by the miscellaneous matters partial review, or any of the other partial reviews, ought to be reviewed. However, that is a matter for the Council to consider and to address and set out in future versions of the Local Development Scheme.

*This Examination will, therefore, focus only on the parts of the core strategy that the Council is proposing to change in the miscellaneous matters partial review. The changes are clearly set out in the publication planning policies document (MISC01). The Examination will not consider any other policies or parts of the core strategy unless these are directly and reasonably related to the miscellaneous matters subject to the partial review.*

## **Matter 1: Purpose and nature of the miscellaneous changes to the core strategy**

*Issue 1.1: Whether the miscellaneous changes are consistent with national policy and guidance relating to the form and content of local plans.*

1. Do the miscellaneous changes bring the core strategy up to date and in line with the objectives of national policy and guidance in terms of setting the scene (chapter 1) and providing a practical and flexible framework for decision making?
2. Do the miscellaneous changes properly reflect the Framework's presumption in favour of sustainable development as stated in paragraph 1.1.6?

## **Matter 2: Climate Change**

*Issue 2.1: Is the revised policy CE1 adequately justified by proportionate evidence?*

3. What is the up to date evidence upon which revised policy CE1 is based, and does this provide a reasonable justification for the policy?
4. Is the evidence adequately reflected in the reasoned justification?

*Issue 2.2: Is revised policy CE1 consistent with national policy?*

5. Are the Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM targets for new buildings and extensions (policy CE1 part a) and for conversions and refurbishments (policy CE1 part b) aspirational but realistic?
6. Is revised policy CE1 consistent with the Government's zero carbon buildings policy as required by paragraph 95 of the Framework?

*Issue 2.3: Will revised policy CE1 be effective in ensuring that development makes an appropriate contribution to meeting national targets to reduce carbon dioxide emissions?*

7. To be effective, should the policy include more challenging targets for later parts of the plan period which runs to 2028?
8. Will the proposed monitoring indicators and triggers for review provide an effective mechanism to ensure that development achieves the highest possible standards of sustainability throughout the plan period?

## **Matter 3: Noise and Vibration**

*Issue 3.1: Will policy CE6 be effective in controlling the impact of noise and vibration both during the construction and operational phases of development?*

9. Should policy CE6 define what is meant by "local noise and vibration standards" and "unacceptable noise and vibration impacts"?