INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON & CHELSEA'S CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH DAY HEARINGS 10am Tuesday 27 July 2010

Matters and Issues for Discussion

Matter 7 - Fostering Vitality

- Policy CF1, criterion (e) supports the establishment of a new centre at Earl's Court, specifying a neighbourhood centre. <u>Is there</u> evidence to support a more general indication of the order of centre?
- The affordable retail units in Policy CF2 is intended to ensure the continued supply of small units more likely to be occupied by start-up, independent or specialist traders, managed under the Council's Neighbourhood Shopping Policy. If implemented, would this lead to adverse effects on retail occupation making its objective ineffective and undeliverable?
- Para 31.3.23 states that ".the primary and secondary retail frontages equate to the core and non-core frontages.." of the Principal Shopping Centres as set out in the UDP. It also states these will be reviewed. Are the definitions of these frontages realistic, as required by PPS6, and are the thresholds in Policy CF3 supported by credible evidence?
- 4 Policy CF5 emphasises the protection of offices within town centres, but not at the expense of existing town centre occupiers who are in need of expansion. Is the emphasis too great and does CF5 provide sufficient flexibility to allow for the needs of other town centre uses?
- The Council is seeking to protect hotels across the Borough except in Earl's Court Ward. Policy CF8, criterion (a), which gives effect to this, is supported by para 31.3.48 citing problems caused by poorly run hotels and a concentration of hotels in residential areas. Is the loss of hotel bedrooms in Earl's Court Ward supported by substantive evidence of problems?
- 6 Any other relevant issues.

<u>Matter 8 – Better Travel Choices & An Engaging Public Realm</u>

1 Chapter 32, para 32.3.9 and Policy CT1, criterion (i), emphasises the importance of improving the north-south links across the Borough. How will this be achieved, and will there be consequences for the built heritage and the objective of renewing the legacy?

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- 2 Criterion (b) of Policy CT1 requires that new development should not result in any material increase in traffic congestion or on-street parking pressure whilst (c) requires that additional new residential development should be permit-free. Is the Policy, as drafted, unduly restrictive and contrary to national guidance?
- Para 32.3.10 has additional text referring to opportunities to provide cycle and pedestrian links within new developments along the western boundary of the Borough. Should an additional criterion be included within Policy CT1 requiring such provision in new developments?
- 4 Any other relevant matters.