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Conservation and Design Statement of Consultation

Partial Review of the Core Strategy

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1.0 Consultation Overview

This consultation statement describes the consultation process for the development of updated policies relating to conservation and design in the *Renewing the Legacy* and *An Engaging Public Realm* chapters in the Core Strategy.

1.1 Range of Consultation

The Council has undertaken a range of consultation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations). This statement meets the requirements of Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

It describes the three consultation stages in the preparation of the Conservation and Design policies.

- Conservation and Design Draft Policy Consultation – 6 Dec 2012- 31 Jan 2013 (Regulation 18 Consultation)
- Conservation and Design Draft Policy Consultation –9 Jul - 3Sep 2013 (Regulation 20 Consultation)
- Conservation and Design Publication Policy Consultation – 12 Feb – 26 Mar 2014

1.2 Who was consulted?

The Local Planning Authority invited all those bodies and persons on the Local Development Framework database to make representations (892 by letter and 616 by email). This includes both general consultation bodies and specific consultation bodies. The specific consultation bodies consulted included the Environment Agency; English Nature, English Heritage and the Mayor of London (GLA).

Additionally all members of the Tenants and Residents' Associations database were invited to make representations (734 by letter and 418 by email).

1.3 How the bodies and persons were invited to make representations

The consultees were invited to make representations:

- through a specific consultation portal
- in writing to the Executive Director of Planning and Borough Development
- by email or an attached document
- through consultation workshops
- through a designated working group

1.4 Consultation Stages

Consultation on Draft Policy: 6 December 2012 – 31 January 2013

In October 2012 a public meeting was held to discuss the policy review. This was attended by 22 people. Feedback from this meeting fed into the draft policy, which was consulted on between 6th December and 31st January. A workshop meeting, attended by over 20 people, was held on 14th January 2013.

In addition 172 responses were received via the Council's website or in writing from 13 respondents commenting on behalf of amenity societies and statutory bodies.

A working group meeting was held on 16th May with members of the public as a result of the workshop sessions; comments from this were taken into account as part of the policy development.

First Round Publication Stage Consultation: 9 July – 3 September 2013

An eight week consultation period was held between 9 July and 3 September 2013. Comments were received on the soundness of the policies from 20 respondents in writing and through the Council's website.

Final Publication Stage Consultation: 12 February – 26 March 2014

A further eight week consultation period on the publication policies was held between 12 February and 26 March 2014. Comments were received on the soundness of the policies from 32 respondents in writing and through the Council's website.

2.0 Summary of the main issues

The majority of comments concerned the Renewing the Legacy chapter, in particular draft policy CL5 Living Conditions drew many responses. Some respondents thought we could be stronger on amenity issues – resisting roof terraces and being stricter on the impact of new development – but others recognised that the Borough is a dense urban area, and that some of these restrictions would be too onerous. The proposed policy is considered to strike a balance, requiring issues of daylight and privacy to be observed in any new development.

There was concern that reference to the protection of specific views in the UDP policies had been lost in the proposed draft policy. The Council has adopted a Building Heights SPD, which identifies these views; this does not therefore form part of the policy update. In addition there was some concern that some existing policies had been lost, particularly relating to amenity issues. These policies are considered to be covered by the reorganisation which has created several shorter more specific policies. These have been simplified for ease of use.

In the policy relating to design quality there is concern that the policy on eyesores leaves the Council vulnerable to substandard development.

In relation to An Engaging Public Realm, many respondents felt very strongly about the quality of the Borough's streetscape, especially with regard to street furniture and advertising. The comments wanted to ensure the policy would uphold the quality of our street environments.

3.0 How the issues have been addressed in the DPD

Some minor revisions were made to the reasoned justification and policies on the basis of representations on the draft policy. These were primarily corrections and clarifications, amending errors in the draft policy. There were further changes as a result of the publication policy consultation though none of these are considered to change the direction or intention of the draft policy.

A detailed response to all the representations has been included in separate documents. Please refer to the table of consultation comments.

A separate document highlights the Council's recommended changes to the policy as a result of responses to the final publication policy consultation.