

Actions noted for Matter 10 (Tuesday 1st May, 2018)

Unless a deadline for actions is specifically stated, the Inspector suggested that the Council should seek to respond to all action points as soon as is reasonably possible and that the deadline for these can be agreed as time progresses.

Matter 10: Green Wedges

- 1. Green Wedge Review (2017): The Inspector is going to produce a Note for Council to then respond to.**
- 2. Policy 42: Green Wedges: The Inspector asked the Council to make amendments to the Policy to enable greater flexibility to the forms of development that would be acceptable and in accordance with the objectives of Green Wedges.**

Taking account of the above, the Council propose the following wording amendments to Policy 42 of the Local Plan:

Policy 42 Green Wedges

Green Wedges protect important areas of green land within the Borough and seek to retain these areas as open and undeveloped.

The objectives of all Green Wedges situated within the Borough are to:

- Prevent the merging of settlements;
- Guide development form;
- Provide a 'green lung' between the urban area and the countryside; and
- Act as a recreational resource.

Due to the open and undeveloped nature of the Green Wedges, the Council will allow uses that are consistent with the following.

- Agriculture, horticulture and allotments, [including associated built facilities not accompanied by retail development](#);
- Outdoor leisure, recreation and sporting facilities, [including associated built facilities](#);
- Forestry and bodies of water, [including associated built facilities](#);
- Footpaths, bridleways and cycle ways; and,
- Burial grounds, [including associated built facilities](#).

The Council will support proposals that retain and enhance public access into the Borough's Green Wedges, as well as proposals that retain and enhance the role that the Green Wedges play in the Borough's Green Infrastructure Network and its biodiversity.

Road proposals or dedicated public transport routes within the Borough that are evidenced as being required will only be acceptable where it has been proven that there are no alternative routes outside of the Green Wedge. Any proposal that has an adverse impact effect on the Green Wedge ~~should provide appropriate mitigation measures to ensure that any adverse effects on the Green Wedge are kept minimal~~will only be permitted where there is a justifiable need which outweighs these impacts and where a Landscape Character Assessment has been undertaken to ensure that all detrimental impacts that a development may cause have been addressed and can be mitigated.