

Actions noted for Matter 13 (Wednesday 2nd 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 13: Green Infrastructure

- 1. Policy 8: Green Infrastructure: The Inspector asked the Council to further amend Policy 8 having made suggested minor modifications to the policy in their previously submitted Matter 13 Statement.**

Taking account of the above and following on from the discussion during the hearing session, the Council propose the following wording amendments to Policy 8 of the Local Plan:

Policy 8 Green Infrastructure

The Council will seek a net gain in Green Infrastructure through the preservation and enhancement of open spaces and assets that comprise the Borough's Green Infrastructure and its network.

All new development [resulting in a net gain in residential dwellings and / or other forms of development, such as employment, retail and commercial floor space](#) must contribute towards achieving this net gain. Green Infrastructure assets will be created, preserved, managed and ~~where necessary~~ enhanced by:

- safeguarding and enhancing existing Strategic Green Infrastructure assets / corridors;
- [contribution towards](#) the creation of new multi-functional areas of green space;
- seeking opportunities to link fragmented habitats, protect vulnerable habitats and integrate biodiversity within communities;
- seeking the creation of new strategic and / or local Green Infrastructure assets / corridors within all new development;
- actively promoting the restoration, re-creation and enhancement of existing Green Infrastructure assets / corridors and the biodiversity that they support;
- not allowing development that compromises the integrity of the existing overall Green Infrastructure network;
- protecting and conserving species and sites of ecological and geological significance;
- ~~using developers contributions to~~ facilitate off-site improvements to existing Green Infrastructure assets / corridors, particularly their quality and accessibility;
- where relevant working in partnership to enhance the value of Strategic Green Infrastructure assets / corridors that are also of significance outside of the Borough, such as the Grand Union Canal and River Sence (including their riparian habitats).