

Matter 13 – Green Infrastructure

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Local Plan Examination Matter Statement



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Borough Council*

Q1. Policy 8 'Green Infrastructure' makes reference to seeking the creation of new strategic and / or local Green Infrastructure assets / corridors within all new development (my emphasis). Is this realistic and justified, for example in the case of a house extension?

Council response;

1. No. The Council considers that it would not be appropriate or realistic, for example, for house extensions to contribute towards the net gain in green infrastructure. In producing Policy 8 Green Infrastructure, the Council considered that 'all new development' related to development where there was either a net gain in residential dwellings or a net gain in other forms of development, such as employment use, retail use, commercial use. It was not intended to take account of an extension to an existing residential dwelling.

2. To ensure clarity, the Council would propose to amend the 2nd paragraph of the policy wording to:

Where relevant, all new development must contribute towards achieving this net gain.

115 words not including title.

Q2 - What is meant by 'or change' in the context of Policy 10 'Public Realm'?

Council response;

3. In the context of Policy 10 Public Realm of the Submission Local Plan, 'change' was used to take account of proposals that sought refurbishment and / or regeneration opportunities that would not necessarily comprise of 'development' per se. The term was used to comprise, for example park regeneration / refurbishment projects.

4. On reflection, the Council considers that further clarity could be added to the wording of Policy 10 Public Realm and would propose the following amendment.

*'All proposals for large scale development and / or ~~change~~ **refurbishment and / or regeneration**, must incorporate high quality public realm on-site and / or contribute towards public realm improvements off site.'*

108 words not including title.