



Mr S Barton,
London Borough of Ealing
By email

Our Ref:
Date:

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10 March 2026

Dear Mr Barton,

Examination of the Ealing Local Plan 2024-2039 (the Plan)

1. We write to set out our opinion on Additional Modifications and to give further clarity on next steps.

Additional Modifications

2. As set out in our Guidance Note [E15]¹, Additional Modifications (sometimes referred to as Minor Modifications) are changes which do not materially affect the policies in the Plan. They can be made by the Council on adoption and are not a matter for the Examination.
3. Notwithstanding that they fall outside the scope of the Examination, we expect that it would help the Council for us to express our opinion on which of the suggested modifications contained in the current version of document [S25] (last updated November 2025) we would regard as Additional Modifications. Our opinion is in the **Annex** to this letter and is based on our reading to date. We may change our view at a later point, including indicating that other suggested modifications may be regarded as additional. The final decision on whether to take any Additional Modification forward rests with the Council.
4. When we spoke on the concluding day of the Block 2 Hearings, the Council indicated that they may wish to consult on Additional Modifications alongside any Main Modifications we may indicate are needed for soundness. While this is a matter for the Council, it is vital that any such process is distinguishable to all from any consultation on the Main Modifications. We must also not be asked to consider any representations that relate to Additional Modifications or disentangle consultation responses that may refer to both.

¹ Document reference from the examination webpage - https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201164/local_plan/3428/new_local_plan_regulation_22_%E2%80%93_index_of_examination_documents

Next steps

5. The Council's last update indicated completion of all the Block 2 actions by the end of February. We would be grateful for an update.
6. In addition, once all the actions are completed, can we ask for :
 - a. a further update to document [S25] to move all the modifications indicated in the **Annex** to this letter to a separate schedule, reflecting our opinion that they are Additional Modifications.
 - b. Submit a separate schedule containing all the Council's suggested modifications advanced in the responses to the Block 2 actions. The schedule should be clear about whether the suggested modification amends or supersedes any of the modifications in [S25].
7. Once the Block 2 actions are complete and we have updates to the proposed modifications we will write again to the Council to indicate whether the Examination can formally move forward to the Main Modifications stage.
8. In the meantime, please contact us via the Programme Officer if we can be of further assistance.

Darren McCreery and Carole Dillon

INSPECTORS

Annex – Inspectors opinion of which suggested modifications in [S25] can be regarded as Additional Modifications

SMM1	SMM43
SMM2	SMM44
SMM3	SMM45
SMM4	SMM53
SMM5	SMM54
SMM6	FSMM11
SMM7	FSMM13
FSMM2	FSMM14
SMM8	FSMM15
SMM9	SMM74
SMM10	SMM79
SMM11	SMM82
SMM12	SMM97
SMM16	SMM107
SMM21	SMM122
SMM23	SMM125
FSMM4	SMM126
SMM26 (noting that the LPA do not intend to take this forward)	FSMM30
SMM29	SMM132
SMM30	SMM134
SMM32	FSMM38
SMM33	SMM135
FSMM7	FSMM41
SMM34	SMM139
SMM35	FSMM44
SMM36	SMM145
SMM37	FSMM48
SMM38	SMM146
SMM40	SMM148
	SMM150