

Matter 9 - Protecting and Enhancing Ealing's green and Open Spaces

Issue 11.

Is the strategy addressing assets that are outside the Ealing Council boundaries, but that are historically owned by the Council and under its management, e.g. Gunnersbury Park?

Justifications for adding this issue in Matter 9:

- Gunnersbury Park is not within the boundaries of Ealing, but its ownership and management is shared between Ealing Council and Hounslow Council.
- The Environmental and historical importance of this park requires Ealing Council co-manages this asset in accordance with planning regulations
- Gunnersbury Park is on the border of the two Councils; hence it is an asset in use by Ealing residents.
- The impact of any development within the park would affect the setting of Ealing Council.
- Potential loss of any part of the park that is currently identified as of historical importance and MOL would be unacceptable
- The co-management responsibility requires that the Borough of Ealing Council secures the continued integrity of the park as it exists, and it is and it will be the guarantor of the existing integrity
- It is good practice and the Borough of Ealing responsibility as a neighbouring authority to ensure the protection of an asset that is both historic and MOL

Answers to Questions 1-10:

- 1) Yes, it is clear
- 2) Hopefully the plan will ensure that more land will be included within the Green Belt boundary
- 3) Hopefully all the developments will meet all the requirements within the Green Belt policy (PPG2)
- 4) The London Plan clearly establishes that MOL is afforded the same level of protection as Green Belt land, and as such no further definition is required and no further change is recommended
- 5) Allotments are considered an acceptable and appropriate use within MOL, and as such it would be encouraged in Gunnersbury Park
- 6) The supporting and adequate paragraph has been provided (see attached proposal of amendment previously submitted to Ealing Council). No further justification is needed.
- 7) Not relevant to the proposed issue 11 and the proposed amendment
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- 9) Provided that paragraph 5.2(h) as proposed (see attached document) is adopted and the full historical and environmental value of Gunnersbury Park is fully acknowledged.

Of note, the document produced in July 2009 by Jura Consultants "Gunnersbury Park Option appraisal" contains options for the park development that are not in accordance with the principles established by the MOL, and do not fully recognize the heritage value of green spaces

- 10) Not relevant to the proposed issue 11 and the proposed amendment