Dear Mr. Barton

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended)
Ealing Council Local Development Framework: Core Strategy (Pre Examination Amendments)

Revised statement of general conformity with the London Plan

Thank you for your letter of 16th September and the attached “Core Strategy Submission Document with Minor Track Changes.” Some of the amendments in the document are intended to address my previous concerns of non-general conformity with the London Plan. (Opinion of 27 October 2010). I am thus taking this opportunity to issue a revised opinion on general conformity.

On 28 September 2011, I considered a report on this matter, (reference PDU/LDF09/LDD01/01) This letter, together with the report constitutes my formal response to your schedule of changes. Please note that this includes representations relating to a revised opinion on general conformity with the London Plan, as well as other representations to clarify, or improve policy within the Core Strategy.

As you will be aware, all development plan documents must be in general conformity with the London Plan under section 24 (1) (b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. My opinion of 27th October 2010 highlighted two areas of non-general conformity. These related to:

- Map annotations:
- The Development Strategy Map1 “West London Growth Corridors” does not clearly identify the Strategic Industrial Locations of Great Western and Park Royal.
• The Development Strategy Map 2 “Key Diagram” does not clearly identify Opportunity Areas (Southall and Park Royal) or Strategic Industrial Locations (Northolt, Greenford, Perivale Great Western and Park Royal).

• Socially Inclusive Design

• The development strategy does not identify the requirement for all new housing to be built to “Lifetime Homes” standards and that ten percent of new housing should be designed to be wheelchair accessible or easily adaptable for residents who are wheelchair users.

Following our productive meeting of 13th of September and the pre inquiry “minor track changes,” the Council have added all the industrial locations and opportunity areas on the relevant maps. I can confirm that the latest amendments relating to map annotations, if incorporated into the document before adoption, would bring the core strategy into general conformity with my London Plan.

It is acknowledged that the Socially Inclusive Design policies would be more appropriately located within the Development Management DPD rather than the core strategy and I look forward to seeing my policies reflected in that forthcoming policy document.

If you would like to discuss anything in more detail, please contact Christine Mc Goldrick (christine.mcgoldrick@london.gov.uk / 020 7983 4309) who will be happy to arrange a further meeting.

Yours sincerely

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