

## Response Form

### Partial Review of the Core Strategy for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea with a focus on North Kensington

#### Development Plan Document policies

All representations **must** express a view regarding the soundness or legal compliance of a planning policy. If the representation does not comment on soundness or legal compliance, or deal with how a policy can be altered to make it sound the representation will **not** be valid.

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**Company/Organisation:** N/A

**Representing:** Private RBKC resident

Please complete the form and email it or send it to:

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## Publication Stage Representation Form

To be **“sound”** the contents of a local plan should be POSITIVELY PREPARED, JUSTIFIED, EFFECTIVE and consistent with NATIONAL POLICY.

**“Positively prepared”** means that the planning policy needs to:

- be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to objectively assess development and infrastructure requirements, including those of neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so.
- It must also be consistent with achieving sustainable development.

**“Justified”** means that the planning policy must be:

- founded on a proportional evidence base
- the most appropriate strategy has been selected when considered against the reasonable alternatives.

**“Effective”** means that the planning policy must be:

- deliverable over its period
- based on effective joint working on cross – boundary strategic priorities.

**“Consistent with National Policy”** means that the planning policy should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

It must also be **legally compliant** which means that the planning policies have been prepared in accordance with legal and procedural requirements.

**State planning policy or paragraph number to which you are referring**

Basements

**Do you consider the planning policy to be sound?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Please tick box as appropriate**

**If you have selected YES and you wish to support the soundness of the planning policy, please give your reasons below. Please be as precise as possible. Please make it clear which paragraph number or Policy box number you are commenting on.**

**34.3.48**

**During the excavation of No 93 Blenheim Crescent W11 2EQ between 2009 and 2011 the noise produced by pile-drivers, compressors, and Kanga drills, whether singly or simultaneously, over an elapsed period of two years was at times so intolerable that it was impossible to have telephone conversations or even to listen to the radio. All this happened despite the developer of 93 Blenheim Crescent being bound by the rules of the Considerate Contractors Scheme.**

**Excavations such as those that were carried out at 93 Blenheim Crescent were also undertaken at Nos. 75, and more recently at No 137 Blenheim Crescent. Each of them involved periodic closing of the footpath and parking spaces being taken up by lorries delivering concrete or removing spoil.**

#### **34.3.52**

**At 91 Blenheim Crescent apart from the noise, the vibration created by the construction machinery specified in 34.3.48 above caused extensive penetration of dust and grit into cupboards, pots and pans, toasters, cookers, drawers and carpets, and onto bookshelves, ledges, and architectural features such as cornices, mouldings etc.**

#### **34.3.71**

**Cracking experienced in our house (91 Blenheim Crescent W11 2EQ) was in places more than could be repaired through normal decoration. In several instances the insertion of lengths metal helical rods reinforced with special epoxy glue was required. At one point during repairs we were obliged to move out of the house for six weeks. The total cost of repairs and redecoration was in excess of £50,000.**

#### **34.3.72**

**In July 2007 At least fourteen of my neighbours suffered severe flooding in some cases involving sewage overflowing into their basements. Heaps of polluted carpeting and furnishings waited for collection in the street as people, many elderly, struggled to return to normality. Since then there have been several further instances of flooding, which though less severe have occurred more frequently. Furthermore the introduction of concrete roofs to new basements lying under the existing garden would further reduces soil permeability, thus placing adjoining properties at greater risk of the flooding experienced in July 2007. In that year Thames Water reported that the permeability of ground in the Borough had decreased by 17% in the previous decade. It can only have been further reduced since then.**

#### **34.3.73**

**Construction and traffic see 34.3.48 above.**

**please attach additional pages as required**

**If you have selected NO to the planning policy being sound do you consider the planning policy to be unsound because it is not:**

<b>Positively prepared</b>	<b>Justified</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Consistent with national policy</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please give details of why you consider the planning policy to be unsound and / or suggest changes as to how it could be made sound. Please make it clear which paragraph number or Policy box number you are commenting on.**

**Please attach additional pages as required**

Yes

No

Do you consider the Planning Policy Document to be legally compliant?

**Please give the reasons for your choice below and be as precise as possible. Please make it clear which paragraph number or Policy box number you are commenting on.**

**I consider it to be legally compliant because RBKC's legal officers would not risk wasting ratepayers' money by ignoring legal requirements.**

please attach additional pages as required

Do you wish to appear at the Examination on any of these matters?

Yes

No

Please specify on what matter