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Dear Mr Lerner

**Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
Core Strategy  
Statement of Common Ground**

Thank you for your letter of 5 March addressed to Les Morris, who has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I confirm that we are content with the statement of common ground and return the completed endorsement.

If you need to contact me by post, please reply to me at :

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Yours sincerely

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**Declaration**

National Grid, a major landowner of the Kensal Gasworks Strategic Site confirm that the attached statement is an accurate representation of our position and we consider that the Local Development Framework Submission Core Strategy to be sound in respect of matters relating to National Grid and we make no representation to the contrary.

*Signed on behalf of the National Grid:*



Print Name: RICHARD ATKINSON

Date: 13/03/10

*and Countersigned on behalf of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea:*



PETER LERNER  
Executive Director of Planning and Borough Development

Date: 20 March 2010

## **Statement of Common Ground between the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and National Grid (page 2 of 3)**

### **Context**

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. It sets out the areas of agreement between the above two organisations and has been produced to aid the Inspector in their consideration of the Core Strategy.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea considers that the Core Strategy is a sound document as submitted to the Secretary of State. Any improvements set out in this Statement are clarifications to the approach set out in the Core Strategy and have been agreed to ensure that the Core Strategy accurately reflects the Council's intentions.

### **Matter 1**

The Kensal Gasworks Strategic Site allocates land for development which is in the ownership of National Grid.

### **Resolution**

National Grid supports regeneration initiatives such as Kensal Gasworks. However, work to decommission the gas holders at Kensal (within the Kensal Gasworks Strategic Site) has not commenced.

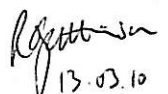
The decommissioning of Kensal gas holders is being considered by National Grid, but due to the timescales involved we are unable to provide a clearer strategic direction for development.

It is unlikely that any the site defined as the West Site (as shown on the Site Plan on page 130 of the Proposed Submission) will come forward as a development site until 2017 at the earliest. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea are aware of this and the allocation as written in 20.3.6 of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy allocates this land for development as part of Phase 2 of development. National Grid confirm that this would be the most likely scenario.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea correctly acknowledge that part of the site will be required for continued use by National Grid, however, we can agree that this should not preclude development elsewhere on the strategic site.

### **Matter 2**

Various power supply routes run beneath the Strategic Site, some of which may need to be accessed by National Grid as part of vital maintenance. Therefore development on site should reflect this potential need for access.

  
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**Resolution**

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, as part of the site specific Supplementary Planning Document production process, must ensure that all supply routes needed for essential maintenance will remain accessible. This was raised by National Grid in response to the Draft Core Strategy (summer 2009). In response to comments made by National Grid, the Royal Borough have confirmed that further discussions between parties will be undertaken as part of the Supplementary Planning Document production process and as part of masterplanning to ensure that the requirements of the National Grid are built in to the design of the site.

*Royal Borough*  
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