

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.

Name: Mr Robert Morris

Company/Organisation: None – I am a householder/resident _____

Representing: Myself _____

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

The Executive Director of Planning and Borough Development
f.a.o The Policy Team
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
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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

Policy CL7

Yes

No

Do you consider the planning policy to be sound?

X

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.

Policy CL7

As someone living adjacent to RBKC who has been affected by basement developments I would like to comment on this document.

I believe that it seeks to address, ameliorate and largely overcome the problems experienced by residents with the large number of basements that have been developed over the last 5+ years and the increasing number that continue to be applied for. It recognises the effect that these developments has on the quality of life of residents particularly as they typically take between one year and 18 months to complete the building stage. They create problems with traffic, dust, dirt and noise. In addition there is no certainty of the long term cumulative impact that these excavations will have on structural stability or the water environment.

In my short street of some 50 houses over the past 5+ years there has been 12 basement extensions plus a further 2 in the pipeline. This has

degraded my quality of life during this period.

I fully support the Council's efforts to achieve a balanced approach on these developments so ensuring that residents have an acceptable quality of life.

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:

Positively prepared

Justified

Effective

Consistent with national policy

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.

But as a lay person I am unable to be sure that this is so.

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