

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: Sonata Persson

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Company/Organisation: ___Resident_____

Representing: _____Self_____

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
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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

CL7a, b, c

Yes

No

Do you consider the planning policy to be sound?

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.

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.

CL7a: I would like it noted that residents should be able to plant their gardens as they please. KC use the phrase 'artificially flat and sterile' in terms of the appearance of gardens and link this to garden basements. I would call this 'formal' planting of which there are many types, it is a planting style that is popular in London in gardens without basements. KC should not try to enforce their own idea of what gardens should look like.

I was surprised to find out from the RBKC website that it is possible to completely pave one's own back garden as it is permitted development. If this complete garden paving is allowed then how is it right for RBKC to use 'artificially sterile' as a reason to support this policy?

Additionally, drainage would be impacted by a completely paved garden. At least with a garden basement a good drainage design could be employed which would enable more than 50% of the garden to be used as a basement extension.

CL7b: With reference to the Alan Baxter & Associates report which states the risks and challenges of deeper excavations are acceptable. From an engineering stand point multi-storey basements should be permitted. I think the main reason for restricting the size of basements is the level of disruption to residents. I do not see why this policy should be included. Disruption should be tackled separately which I think it is under already existing policies. If disruption is not being managed then more of the same policies will not solve the problem. Why shouldn't residents be allowed larger basements, they are being penalised for RBKC's failings with current policy enforcement. Overall insufficient evidence has been provided that multiple level basements cause structural problems or longer construction periods than other basement or major above ground refurbishment works. Each application should be looked at and assessed individually.

My comments regarding larger excavations and policy enforcement apply to CL7a and CL7c.

Please attach additional pages as required

	Yes	No
Do you consider the Planning Policy Document to be legally compliant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

please attach additional pages as required

	Yes	No
Do you wish to appear at the Examination on any of these matters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please specify on what matter