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Answers to **Basements Publication Questionnaire**

FINAL RESPONSE

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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.

Q1

State planning policy or paragraph number to which you are referring

CL7

Q2

Do you consider the planning policy to be sound?

Please select one option.

YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

The policy is a pragmatic reconciliation of the need to develop further residential space in the Borough and protect the amenity of residents and neighbourhood groups, as expressed in consultation, during the construction process (Paras a,b,c) . The policy applies protection to trees (para d) and heritage assets as widely defined (paras e,f,g,h). It acknowledges wider environmental responsibilities during basements' construction and occupation phases (paras i,j,k,l,m,n)

Q3

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

Please select zero or more options.

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

Q4

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

Please select one option.

YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NO	<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.

Accords with the London Plan on climate change mitigation (paras a,b,c,i,j). Accords with the London Plan, NPPF, & RBKC Core Strategy CR6 on preservation of trees and green space. Accords with NPPF and RBKC Core Strategy CR4(g) on preservation of heritage assets. Accords with RBKC Core Strategy CE2 on Sustainable Urban Drainage, and with widely consulted environmental legislation on development impacts (paras j-n). The consultation process has been extensive and thorough.

Q5

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

Please select one option.

YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify on what matter

Basement development impacts during construction.

Q6

General Comments