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Dear Sir/Madam

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea – Partial Core Strategy Review: Basements, Conservation and Character, and Miscellaneous Matters

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's Partial Review of its Core Strategy (pertaining to the policies on Basements, Conservation and Design, and a range of Miscellaneous Matters). As the Government's adviser on the historic environment, English Heritage is keen to ensure that the protection of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of local planning.

English Heritage has reviewed the document in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which includes, as one of its core principles, that heritage assets be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, so that they can be enjoyed for their contribution to the quality of life of this and future generations. Having done this, English Heritage advises that we are broadly content with the soundness of the proposed revisions in terms of the historic environment.

We would ask the Royal Borough to consider the potential for a more detailed approach to matter of retrofitting heritage assets for improved energy performance, perhaps via a dedicated Supplementary Planning Document. We also note that the relevant reference (Footnote 20 on page 58, Miscellaneous Matters) is out of date and is probably best replaced with a reference to our website as follows: www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/saving-energy.

For the avoidance of doubt it must be stated that this advice is based upon information provided by you and does not affect our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to, any specific development proposal which may subsequently arise from this or later versions of the SPD, and which may have adverse effects on the environment.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Wade,

Planning consultation: Partial review of the Core Strategy with a focus on North Kensington.
Location: Kensington and Chelsea.

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 09 July 2013.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England does not consider that this Partial review of the Core Strategy with a focus on North Kensington poses any likely or significant risk to those features of the natural environment¹ for which we would otherwise provide a more detailed consultation response and so does not wish to make specific comment on the details of this consultation.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ Cases which might affect a SSSI, Natura 2000 site, National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or a large population of a protected species and/or cases or generic issues which affect a large suite of sites or may set a precedent and thereby affect a significant quantity of habitat across the country

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Dear Ms Tollitt

**Partial Review of the Core Strategy: Conservation and Design
Draft Policy for Public Consultation - December 2012**

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the draft document *Conservation and Design* as part of the partial review of the Core Strategy.

Much of this document falls outside of the remit of the Environment Agency, I have therefore only assessed the amendments to paragraphs that directly concern us. Where we have not highlighted specific issues it may be assumed that we have no comments at this stage.

Policy CR 5: Parks, Gardens, Open Spaces and Waterways (page 19)

We support the recommended changes and are pleased that the policy has been amended to highlight the importance of the boroughs waterways. However, it should also be noted that permanently moored boats should not have a detrimental effect on the biodiversity of a watercourse, including the foreshore and bank, nor should they, or their supporting infrastructure have a detrimental affect to the risk of flooding.

34.3.7 (page 29)

34.3.8 (page 29)

We agree with the proposed amendments to 34.3.7 and 34.3.8.

Policy CL 1: Context and Character (page 30)

We are pleased with the amendments made within this policy. Particularly sections 'D' and 'E' where the importance of the waterways and the requirement for future development to enhance the existing environment has been highlighted.

Further discussion

I hope that these comments are useful as you continue with the review of the Core Strategy. If you wish to discuss any aspects of the above, please contact me on the number below.

Yours sincerely

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