

## **The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**

### **The Land on the North West Side of Warwick Road Planning Brief Supplementary Planning Document**

#### **Statement of Sustainability**

The Sustainability Appraisal was prepared alongside the SPD in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) requirements under the SEA Directive.

This statement;

- explains how environmental considerations have been integrated into the SPD;
- explains how the environmental report has been taken into account;
- explains how the opinions of consultees have been taken into account;
- gives reasons for choosing the SPD as adopted over other alternatives; and
- explains what measures are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental impacts of the SPD.

#### **How environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan or programme;**

The SPD was written with sustainability as the main objective, to achieve the best outcomes by bringing together the four sites, and consulting with the community and service providers such as education, health services and the police to identify holistically what would be needed to create a sustainable community.

The SPD also has sections dedicated to environmental issues such as sustainable design and green transport opportunities.

#### **How the environmental report has been taken into account;**

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been taken into account. It made 16 recommendations for change and page seven to nine of the SA identify how the recommendations have been incorporated into the adopted SPD.

#### **How opinions expressed in response to the consultation were taken into account;**

Consultation on the draft SPD ran from Monday 10th September, 2007, to Monday 22nd October, 2007 and then with some amendments and the inclusion of a masterplan, for a further four week period from Tuesday November 13th until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

The Sustainability Appraisal document was made available alongside the SPD. No comments were received on the Sustainability Appraisal and the

comments received on the draft SPD and the Council's responses are detailed in the SPD's Statement of Consultation. The Statement of Consultation and the SPD are available for viewing on the Council's website, in the Planning Information Office and the libraries.

**The reasons for choosing the plan as adopted, in light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with;**

The SPD takes into account Government policy guidance, the London Plan, current UDP 2007 policies and the guidance and the objectives of the RBKC Sustainability Appraisal.

There were two options; draft and adopt an SPD for the site, expressing the Council's preferred options for the four sites together, or to not produce an SPD and allow for the four sites to be developed separately, which may mean that the development of one site would compromise the expectations of another and there would be less certain development outcomes, relying on the UDP and emerging LDF policies which are not specific to the site.

The Council is seeking to create the right conditions for a sustainable neighbourhood with a sense of identity and place, creating a mix of uses that will support this aim and to create a model template for exemplar architecture and a coordinated and holistic sustainable development in the borough. The adoption of the SPD was considered to be vital to this objective.

The SA highlighted that the absence of a site specific SPD:

"...may result in a lack of joined-up development, which may have negative impacts on the local economy, local distinctiveness, provision of open space and social and community facilities. In addition, the potential opportunities for inclusion of waste minimisation and recycling facilities, energy efficiency measures, on-site energy generation, flood attenuation measures and traffic minimisation gained from a larger site may be lost due to smaller individual sites being taken forward."

**The measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan;**

The SA recommends that in order to ensure significant adverse effects do not occur as a result of the development, the following indicators could be monitored:

- Dust, NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> emissions;
- Traffic flows;
- Recycling rate;
- Affordable housing completions;
- Unmet demand for education and health facilities following development; and
- Open space provision per 'x' residents.

The Council's existing monitoring framework will analyse the above and details on progress of planning applications on the site.