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Dear Nick,

**LB Barnet draft new Local Plan: Proposed Main Modifications (May 2024)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on London Borough of Barnet Main Modifications version of the Local Plan.

It is noted that the current consultation is in relation to the proposed main modifications following the draft Local Plan's Examination in Public, and as such any consultation responses should be focused on the legal compliance and soundness of the main modifications. Specifically, LB Harrow wish to make representation to Main Modifications 20 and 21 which relate to the Edgware Growth Area.

Policy GSS05 deals with the Edgware Growth Area within the draft Local Plan, which includes the Edgware Town Centre that crosses the borough boundary and into the London Borough of Harrow. The Edgware Growth Area is also subject to the Edgware Growth Area Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which is a cross-borough SPD adopted by the London Boroughs of Barnet and Harrow. The purpose of this SPD is to guide development across the Edgware Growth Area / Town Centre within both boroughs and is a material consideration when determining applications within the geographical scope of the SPD. By reason of this being a cross-borough SPD, associated mapping within the document demonstrates that the SPD area is set across the administrative boundary of both LB Barnet and LB Harrow.

Main Modification 20

Main Modification 20 relates to Policy GSS05 Edgware Growth Area, and this is linked to Main Modification 21 (Planning Policies Map). LB Harrow remains neutral in relation to Main Modification 20 as proposed with regard to Policy GSS05.

Main Modification 21

Main modification 21 seeks to amend the planning policies map to remove any land that falls outside of the LB Barnet borough boundary, specifically relating to land within the administrative boundary of LB Harrow within the Edgware Town Centre. It is noted that mapping set out within the Edgware Growth Area SPD shows land within the LB Harrow as this is part of the geographical scope of the SPD. LB Harrow support the proposed main modification to the planning policies map to remove any land that falls outside of LB Barnet's administration as LB Barnet local plan policies are unable to be applied outside of its administrative boundary.

By reason of this amendment, there may however be confusion with the publicly accessible maps as set out within the Edgware Growth Area (SPD), which sets out the geographical scope of the SPD that does lawfully cross the administrative boundary into LB Harrow as the SPD was prepared and adopted by both boroughs. It is recommended that clarity is provided either within the supporting text or footnote to Policy GSS05, to set out that the Edgware Growth Area SPD will remain a material consideration within its geographical scope (including LB Harrow land as shown within mapping in the SPD), but policies within the LB Barnet Local plan are unable to apply within the LB Harrow administrative area.

We trust the above comments are of assistance. The LB Harrow welcomes ongoing dialogue with the London Borough of Barnet through Duty to Cooperate discussions and seeks to work proactively to address strategic cross boundary matters that may arise as each borough's Local Plan progresses. Furthermore, LB Harrow looks forward to ongoing consultation in relation to planning applications along the administrative boundary.

Please note that this is an officer response only. [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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