

Public Examination of Enfield's Development Management Document (DMD)

Enfield Council's Response to MIQs raised by the Inspector

MATTER 5: TRANSPORT AND PARKING

Question 1: Do the focused changes Nos. 12-17 overcome the concerns of the Greater London Authority that Policy DMD 45 sets a tone which encouraged car parking provision in all developments regardless of their location, nature and scale, contrary to the London Plan?

LBE Response

- 1.1 Yes. The Council has taken into account the comments received from the GLA and has taken the opportunity to put forward changes to DMD 45 to make it clear that car parking will be assessed in line with the London Plan standards and that parking below the standards will be accepted where public transport accessibility is good. The focused changes now make clear that all developments will be assessed individually having regard to their site specifics (location, access to public transport etc.). The Council received confirmation on the 13th March from the GLA that the issues raised by TfL have now been addressed.

Question 2: Is the approach to limited parking or car free housing development consistent with reducing the need to travel by private car whilst avoiding increased on-street car parking in unsuitable locations?

LBE Response

- 2.1 DMD 45 with the additional text provided in FC 12 clearly sets out the Council's approach in securing limited parking and car free development by way of legal agreements (residents' Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) exclusion) in sustainable locations and where development would otherwise impact on traffic flow or parking. However, locations with low public transport accessibility or located a long distance from local amenities will still need to demonstrate how any impact on on-street parking will be mitigated and may be required to contribute toward new or extended CPZs, as set out in the amended policy.

Question: Do focused changes Nos. 18 & 19 ensure that Policy DMD 47 should secure a safe environment for pedestrians and children when new roads, access and servicing are provided?

LBE Response

- 3.1 The focused changes ensure that all new developments will be required to provide a safe, attractive and convenient environment for all (including children and disabled people).

Question 4: Are focused changes Nos. 20 & 21 justified, and necessary to explain the role of transport assessments and travel plans in line with the NPPF?

LBE Response

- 4.1 Yes, the Council considers the additional change will provide clear guidance as to what will be expected from these documents on a local level.