

Day 2 Wednesday 10 Oct 2018 14:00hrs

Matter 5: Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Protection

Attendees: LBE, Savills for Thames Water,

Issue: Whether the policies in the Plan are consistent with the aim of the Framework, to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change?

1. The Environment Agency have stated that the 2013 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) is not up to date. This forms part of the evidence base on which the AAP has been progressed. In light of this, how has the Council ensured that the AAP has been advanced on a sound basis?
2. Is the application of the sequential test a realistic or appropriate approach, for Meridian Water, given the high densities proposed? How will it work in practice ?
3. How does the Plan strategy in relation to flood risk reflect cumulative flood risk and the aim of reducing flood risk?
4. Does the Plan take adequate account of the operational needs of Thames Water? (Discussion here of proposals in the SoCG.)
5. With regard to the potential for disturbance impact to the Walthamstow Reservoirs SSSI/ Lee Valley SPA/Ramsar site, does the Plan take an acceptable approach to mitigating any likely significant effects?
6. Would the wording proposed in the relevant Plan policies be an effective means of achieving the aims and objectives of the Plan?
7. With regard to Policy EL19 – Picketts Lock. Does the policy accord with the Framework with regard to considerations of openness? Furthermore, the range of uses proposed is very specific. Can the Council explain why?