

London Legacy Development Corporation – Local Plan Review Examination

Matter 14 – Delivery and Implementation

14.1 Community Infrastructure:

(i) Is the Plan sufficiently comprehensive in its coverage of all key aspects of community infrastructure and services, and does it establish a **robust basis for implementation**?

29.The revised Plan’s Delivery and Implementation section uses the wider term ‘social infrastructure’ instead of ‘community infrastructure’. This is inconsistent with Strategic Policy 2 and with the Glossary which provides a comprehensive definition of community infrastructure, and many of these headings are not included. Although this could be claimed to aid flexibility, as in (ii) below, it also leads to vagueness, and could lead to insufficient protection of existing or provision of new community infrastructure.

30.There is no mention of faith facilities, which our consultation has shown local people are keen on.

31.Likewise with sports facilities. The coverage of community health facilities doesn’t include our area, yet our Neighbourhood Plan identifies sites for a multi-gym, green space, food growing and community centre all of which are important for health and well being. We are mentioned under Primary Schools, early years provision.

32.In general, we think that where a Neighbourhood Forum is active in drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan, that would seem the appropriate means to plan these facilities. As part of our Neighbourhood Plan, we provide a delivery plan for community infrastructure.

33.With regards to a ‘robust basis for implementation’, it seems to us to be very general. We notice a measurement of ‘net gain/loss of floor space’ (p.206) for community infrastructure. This is again vague and may not be sufficient. It may be considered flexible, but gives no assurance of specific facilities (e.g. youth, elders, faith, sports etc). We accept it may not be best to set up rigid requirements, but this may fall into the opposite fault of being too vague. Carpenters School will require extra provision if there are many extra homes. Protections should be in place for community amenities such as the local pub, the Carpenters and Docklands Centre and green spaces.

(ii) Is the Plan sufficiently **flexible** and consistent with national policy to set a framework for achieving the delivery of facilities and services to the community, as expressed in section 8 of *the Framework*?

(iii) Should the Plan include **clear development allocations** for schools and key community health facilities?

34. Yes. It is very important that development delivers community infrastructure (and not just housing). Specific site allocations will make it more likely this can be achieved.

14.2 Development Management: Does the Plan provide sufficient guidance to cover aspects for new development, such as high design quality and impact on living conditions for future occupiers and neighbouring residents?

14.3 Risk: Overall, does the Plan take sufficient account of uncertainties and risks?

14.4 Monitoring: How effective will the monitoring arrangements be?