Dear Mr Turner,

Planning consultation: Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Enterprise Review SEA/SA Scoping Report and Duty to Cooperate

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 02 September 2014 which was received by Natural England on 02 September 2014.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

The scoping report identifies the issues and areas that Natural England would wish to see considered by such a document together with identifying relevant and appropriate legislation and plans. Natural England is pleased to see reference to the London Plan, especially the Further Alteration to the London Plan.

Table 2 – Sustainability Appraisal Framework: SA Objectives (pages 20 and 21) list sixteen objectives which can be broadly supported especially Objectives 1), 3), and 8).

Subject to the above, Natural England has no further substantive comments to make in respect of the Enterprise Policies scoping report.

Duty to Cooperate

In respect of the questions raised under the Duty to Cooperate Natural England have no substantive comments to make, relevant policies, plans and programmes have been identified. The accuracy and scope of the report seems appropriate and has identified relevant programmes and policies, see above, similarly the sustainability issues are those that Natural England would wish to see considered by such a document and cover the areas we would wish to be assessed.

Natural England do not feel that this document requires an agreement to prepare a joint local development document, for the reasons above and the Council’s conclusion that the proposed revisions to the Enterprise policies will be unlikely to represent “strategic matters”.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries in respect of this response, please do not hesitate to contact us.
For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact David Hammond on 0300 060 1373. For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

We really value your feedback to help us improve the service we offer. We have attached a feedback form to this letter and welcome any comments you might have about our service.

Yours sincerely

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