

Local Plan Partial Review Issues and Options Consultation Summary



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

Section 13: Climate change: energy and water housing standards

Issue 1: Energy

Option 1

The Council should delete references to the Code for Sustainable Homes and any other standard such as BREEAM related to residential development from Local Plan policy.

Option 2

The Council should keep references to the Code for Sustainable Homes and any other standard such as BREEAM related to residential development in Local Plan policy.

17 responses. Key points:

- Joint Scrutiny Committee:
 - It was noted that Building Regulations would apply in terms of energy in the future. Building Regulations apply more consistently as there is no room for negotiations on a case-by-case basis as opposed to planning policies.
 - Cllrs Pascal and Mason expressed concern over the Government's recent policy changes over zero carbon homes targets.
- Discussion Group: Support for following national standards to ensure consistency across Boroughs.
- More respondents selected option 2 rather than option 1. Option 1 is favoured by planning consultants.
- The Mayor of London has responded that the Code for Sustainable Homes has been withdrawn by the Government and therefore Kensington and Chelsea's existing approach will have to be amended. BREEAM remains an appropriate sustainability tool for other forms of development. They have also referred to the fact that until the amendments to the Planning and Energy Act 2008 commence local authorities can set energy efficiency standards that exceed the Building Regulations. The Mayor of London will continue with its existing policy to seek zero carbon homes from late 2016 and further guidance will be produced on this issue.

Issue 2: Water

Option 1

The Council should not include a specific policy on water consumption in new dwellings in the Local Plan.

Option 2

The Council should include a specific policy on water consumption in new dwellings in the Local Plan.

14 responses. Key points:

- Joint Scrutiny Committee: Members had no strong views on options 1 or 2 (page 212 of the report) on specific policies on water consumption in new dwellings.
- Discussion Group: Support for following national standards to ensure consistency across Boroughs.
- More respondents selected option 2 rather than option 1. The Mayor of London has stated in his response that *“The borough should adopt the higher optional water standard, or refer to emerging London Plan policy 5.15B. In this regard the evidence the Mayor prepared for his MALP was found to be proportionate and sufficiently robust by the Inspector, will support this approach.”*