

MINOR ALTERATIONS TO THE LONDON PLAN HOUSING STANDARDS

SUGGESTED CHANGE HSC6 - DELETE THE MINOR ALTERATIONS PROPOSED TO POLICY 5.2 MINIMISING CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

On 10 July 2015, in its 'Fixing the Foundations' White Paper the Government announced that:

The government does not intend to proceed with the zero carbon Allowable Solutions carbon offsetting scheme, or the proposed 2016 increase in on-site energy efficiency standards, but will keep energy efficiency standards under review, recognising that existing measures to increase energy efficiency of new buildings should be allowed time to become established

The proposed minor alterations to policy 5.2 were both predicated on the introduction of 'zero carbon' and Allowable Solutions from 2016 and 2019. In the light of the Government's announcement the proposed alterations to policy 5.2 are now out of date.

It is not possible to formulate a suggested change to Policy 5.2 to fully address the government announcement without considering further evidence, conducting a further viability assessment and undertaking additional consultation and impact assessment – such a change would effectively represent a full further alteration. Furthermore, the necessary additional evidence gathering and public consultation could not be completed in time for an October EiP, and at the time of writing Government has not translated its White Paper statement into national planning policy. It is therefore not proposed to put at risk the Housing Standards elements of the proposed MALP by causing delay to the EiP timetable through introducing at this stage a further alteration to Policy 5.2 and its supporting paragraphs.

The consequence of deleting that part of the minor alterations proposed to Policy 5.2 is that this policy reverts back to the March 2015 London Plan.