

MR Ian Pirie comments

Page: [Policy G1 Green infrastructure](#)

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I strongly support what is said about green spaces - in addition, boroughs should ensure that there is adequate public transport and cycling or walking routes to access green spaces. This especially the case for an outer London borough like mine (Havering).

Green urban areas need to be created, with trees and shrubs and green walls etc to reduce air pollution.

Page: [Policy G2 London's Green Belt](#)

Section: [8.2.2](#)

I strongly support 8.2.2 - in our borough (Havering), open spaces that have been left to go 'wild' are often seen as opportunities for gravel/mineral extraction, and their environmental/biodiversity importance is ignored.

Quotas for mineral extraction are in conflict with preserving green belt in our experience.

Page: [Policy G3 Metropolitan Open Land](#)

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Excellent! However, I am not sure that any spaces in Havering are designated MOL - boroughs must be made aware of this policy.

Page: [Policy G4 Local green and open space](#)

Section: [N/A](#)

Strongly support Policy G4, especially the points about accessibility of green spaces.

Page: [Policy G6 Biodiversity and access to nature](#)

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Strongly support the view that mitigation should only be used in exceptional circumstances.

Page: [Policy G7 Trees and woodlands](#)

Section: [N/A](#)

I strongly support this. How can boroughs be made more aware of the importance of trees (including trees in roads and in housing developments)?

Page: [Policy S13 Energy Infrastructure](#)

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Solar panels should be supported. Supporting text in 9.2.3 should be moved into Policy S13

Page: [Policy S15 Water infrastructure](#)

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Rivers and waterways are an important part of our natural environment. I was not aware of the existence of Catchment Partnerships etc until I joined Havering Wildlife Project, and I am quite sure that the vast majority of the public are not aware of their existence. These bodies should get a more public profile, and be more publicly accountable.

Caring for wildlife in and alongside our rivers should be a priority (e.g. removal of mink).

In our borough there is uncertainty over the responsibility for putting right domestic misconnections when the householder refuses to undertake the work.

Page: [Policy SI10 Aggregates](#)

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I object to the apportionment of 1.75mt of aggregates to Havering. We have a number of sites where minerals have been partially extracted and then left as green space - a local company repeatedly finds sites to extract minerals from, and little or no importance is attached to the ecological value of the site.

As stated before, this policy conflicts with the aim of preserving the green belt.

Page: [Policy SI16 Waterways - use and enjoyment](#)

Section: [N/A](#)

Why is there nothing here on the ecological aspect of waterways? The public would enjoy our rivers if the wildlife (voles, fish, birds such as the kingfisher, ducks etc etc) is flourishing, and if the river banks are accessible.

The importance of rivers, when properly managed, to prevent flooding?

Page: [Policy T2 Healthy streets](#)

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10.2.6 is of central importance, but also contains the potential conflict: how can London expand and at the same time have healthy streets, where the best means of access is walking/cycling? Congestion charge and Low Emissions Zones are a start, but more needs to be done to remove the need to use the car.