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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Sustainable development

5.1 This chapter contains one policy addressing the following policy theme:

- SD1: Sustainable Development;

Questions:

QSDa: Are there any other sustainable development policy themes you think OPDC's Local Plan should be addressing?

QSDb: Do you agree with the chapter's preferred policy option? If not, what might you change?

QSDc: Are there any other policy alternatives that could replace the chapter's preferred policy?

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EVIDENCE BASE

Table 3: Sustainable development Evidence base

Supporting study	Description	Status
Integrated Impact Assessment	<p>Ensures the contents of the draft Local Plan consider, support and enhance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ the component environmental, social and economic elements of sustainability; ■ equality for all; and ■ physical, mental and emotional health and well-being. <p>Ensure the contents of the draft Local Plan are screened for any impact on Natura 2000 sites.</p>	Draft completed



SD1: Sustainable development

KEY ISSUES

1. If planning policies and development decisions do not contribute to delivering the three elements of sustainability, Old Oak and Park Royal will not be able to deliver long-term sustainable neighbourhoods and thriving communities.

POLICY CONTEXT

National

5.2 The NPPF sets out the three elements of sustainable development that informs the need for the planning system to perform a number of economic, social and environmental roles which “should not be taken in isolation, because they are mutually dependent”.

Regional

5.3 The London Plan sets out a range of policies for realising London’s sustainable development with regard to economic, social and environmental sustainability.

PREFERRED POLICY OPTION

- a) When considering development proposals, OPDC will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). It will always work proactively with applicants jointly to find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible, and to secure development that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area;
- b) Planning applications that accord with the policies in this Local Plan, the London Plan, the West London Waste Plan and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans will be approved without delay, unless material considerations indicate otherwise;
- c) Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision, then permission will be granted unless material considerations indicate otherwise –

taking into account whether:

- i) Any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the NPPF taken as a whole; or
- ii) Specific policies in the NPPF indicate that development should be restricted.

JUSTIFICATION

5.4 The United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development's (WCED) report 'Our Common Future' (published in 1987) defines sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

5.5 Achieving sustainable development in Old Oak and Park Royal means delivering development that complies with the NPPF and the relevant policies set out in this Local Plan and the London Plan (and, where relevant, with policies in neighbourhood plans) as a whole. As such, OPDC will work with partners to deliver this fundamental requirement to ensure Old Oak and Park Royal delivers long-term sustainable communities and neighbourhoods.

ALTERNATIVE POLICY OPTION

5.6 Achieving sustainable development is a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). To ensure the draft Local Plan is consistent with the NPPF, alternative policy options are not considered to be appropriate.

