



**TRAFFORD**  
**COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO MAIN  
MATTERS, ISSUES AND  
QUESTIONS**

**MAIN MATTER 7**

**TOPIC PAPER**

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## Policy R1

### MAIN MATTER 7.1

**What is the justification for policy R1.6 bullet point six, which seeks to protect, preserve and enhance the wide range of heritage assets listed in Trafford's Urban Historic Environment Characterisation Report? Is this an unduly onerous requirement?**

#### Council's Response

- 7.1.1 The Council has assumed that bullet point 6 has been referred to in error, and it should have read bullet point 7.
- 7.1.2 The Policy intends to protect preserve and enhance heritage assets including those identified in bullet point 7 relating to "other sites" of significant historic designed landscapes. These designed landscapes are a particular character type covering ornamental, parkland and recreational land and will be identified through a local list and the Trafford Urban Historic Landscape Character Report (CD8.10.2). The Council is intending to set up a database using the Report to enable developers to identify significant features in specific locality of a development.
- 7.1.3 It is suggested the policy is reworded to make this clear as detailed in suggested change 200.34 in CD12.4.
- 7.1.4 The Council considers that its desire to ensure that all the borough's heritage assets are safeguarded for the future accords with national planning policy (particularly that contained in PPS5) and that this provides sufficient justification for this element of the Policy. The fact that the Policy will be selectively applied means that it is not unduly onerous.

#### Suggested Change 200.34

*Other sites, ~~identified in the Historic Character report or on a local list, of significant historic designed landscapes~~ of significant historic designed landscapes identified on a local list or from the Trafford Urban Historic Landscape Characterisation Report ;and*

### MAIN MATTER 7.2

**Does the requirement of policy R2 for development to protect and enhance the natural environment of the Borough exceed the requirements of PPS5 and legislation? If so what is the justification?**

#### Council's Response

- 7.2.1 The Council considers that PPS5 (Planning for the Historic Environment) is not applicable to the consideration of this Policy.

Instead, as stated in the policy's supporting text at paragraph 22.2, the Council considers that it is justified through PPS1 paragraph 17 (CD2.1.1):-

- 7.2.2 With regard to other planning policy and legislation, the Council considers that this Policy is in conformity with the key principles of PPS9; the NERC Act (2006) and the guidance from DEFRA, written to assist in implementation of that Act (CD12.25 paragraph 9A page 3).

### **MAIN MATTER 7.3.**

**Clarification is necessary as to whether policy R2.1 will apply to all planning applications. If so, this may be an unnecessary and unreasonable requirement of some proposals due to their likely negligible impact having regard to their location/scale.**

#### **Council's Response**

- 7.3.1 Policy R2.1 will apply to all development. However guidance as to how developers address this requirement will be provided as part of an emerging validation checklist through the development management process. At present the agreement guidelines are in draft form but will set out what detail is required in a supporting statement, this will vary dependant on the application.

- 7.3.2 Suggested Change 200.35 in CD 12.4 details that wording is added to the policy justification in paragraph 21.22 to make this.

#### **Suggested Change 200.35**

[Guidance is also set out in the Development Management Application Validation checklist on the appropriate details to include in a supporting statement to meet Policy R2.1.](#)

### **Policy R3**

#### **MAIN MATTER 7.4**

No Questions.

#### **Council's Response**

- 7.4.1 None.