

Further Change to Policy W1 proposed following October 2011 consultation

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Introduction

At the Hearing sessions held in September 2011, the Council announced that it would be consulting upon:

- 1. A report that summarises the stages of the sustainability appraisal process for the Core Strategy with particular reference to the changes post submission;
- 2. All suggested additions to the 'living changes document' CD12.4 made since the hearings held in May 2011. For the avoidance of doubt, this referred to all those changes numbered S300.46 onwards.

The consultation was for a two week period starting on 10th October 2011 and closing at noon on 24th October 2011.

In response to the consultation, Royal London Asset Management submitted a representation (CD12.4.11) seeking a clarification to Policy W1 as follows:

"Policy paragraph 1.12 delete the word "listed" in line 3 and replace with the word "identified" to make it clear and beyond any doubt that the exception for W1.3 developments includes Davenport Green."

The Council accepts that this clarification is necessary to make it clear that Policy W1.12 refers to Davenport Green as well and not just to the employment places listed in the bullet points in Policy W1.3. This does not change the meaning or intention of Policy W1.12.

This proposed change will be added to the Schedule of Proposed Changes (CD 12.4) at 300.123 as follows:

W1.12 In determining applications for non employment uses on unallocated employment sites, sites outside of the Strategic Locations and employment places listed identified in W1.3, developers will be required to provide a statement to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, demonstrating that:

The Council does not consider that the change presented in this document would alter the overall thrust of the Council's policy position. It does not therefore consider that, should this further revision to the Plan be accepted by the Inspector, there would be significant procedural implications.