

OPDC Local Plan

Statement of Common Ground

Between

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation

and

Historic England

12 February 2019

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared between the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and Historic England. It seeks to help to inform the independent examination of OPDC's Local Plan and will be submitted to the Planning Inspector.
- 1.2. It sets out where issues have been resolved and includes Historic England's agreement in relation to the Planning Inspector's proposed amendments in relation to Inspector's Question 3 in relation to Policy D8.

2. Background

- 2.1. OPDC and Historic England have worked closely together throughout the development of Policy D8.
- 2.2. In response to the Regulation 19(2) consultation, Historic England requested that Policy D8 was amended to strengthen and clarify its implementation. OPDC agreed to make these amendments which were included in the [Proposed Minor Modifications Schedule](#) (KD4). These are also set out in table 1 below.
- 2.3. Following OPDC's response to Inspector's Question 3 in relation to Policy D8, the Inspector set out some proposed modifications to the policy and asked that these were discussed with Historic England.

3. Areas of agreement

- 3.1. Historic England agrees with the proposed minor modifications set out in table 1 below.

Table 1 Proposed Minor Modifications

Consultation reference	Summary	Agreed modification
2/D8/4	Policy D8 relating to designated assets should be strengthened	OPDC will give great weight to the conservation and enhancement of the significance of designated heritage assets, including their settings. Proposals harming the significance of a designated heritage asset will require clear and convincing justification should be justified having regard to their heritage interest, reasonable alternatives to avoid or mitigate harm and delivery of public benefits;
2/D8/6	Supporting text currently makes reference to NPPF guidance for heritage assets. Legislation should also be referenced.	Designated heritage assets within the OPDC area consist of Statutory Listed Buildings and conservation areas. These benefit from protection in the

		<u>NPPF and legislation, which should be implemented alongside policy D8(b).</u>
2/D8/8	Registered Parks and Gardens should be referenced in first column of table 5.1	These includes proposals for designated statutory listed buildings and structures, Registered Parks and Gardens locally listed buildings and structures, and conservation areas. areas of local character and other buildings of local heritage interest.
Inspector's Question 3 relating to Policy D8	Proposed amendments to Policy D8 by the Planning Inspector.	(c) Proposals should: (i) reflect in their design a positive response to non-designated heritage assets; and (ii) avoid an unjustified adverse effect on the significance of non-designated heritage assets; (d) proposals to demolish a building in a Conservation Area will only be permitted after approval of and commitment to the construction of a replacement building; (e) Proposals that affect or have the potential to affect archaeological heritage assets will be supported, where they demonstrate the appropriate level of investigation and recording.

3.2. Historic England agrees with the Inspector's proposed modifications to Policy D8(c), (d) and (e). These modifications are:

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(i) reflect in their design a positive response to non-designated heritage assets; and
(ii) avoid an unjustified adverse effect on the significance of non-designated heritage assets;

(d) proposals to demolish a building in a Conservation Area will only be permitted after approval of and commitment to the construction of a replacement building;

(e) Proposals that affect or have the potential to affect archaeological heritage assets will be supported, where they demonstrate the appropriate level of investigation and recording.

4. Signed confirmation

4.1. The contents of this Statement of Common Ground are agreed for the purposes of the OPDC Local Plan Examination.

Signed on behalf of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation		
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