

Local Plan Independent Examination

OPDC Response to Matter and Issue 2a

Matter 2a. Whether the Plan has been positively prepared in the light of alternative, community-led visions (derived from the second Key Issue of table 5 of Key document 5 identified at Regulation 19(1) stage)

Although I am content with the officers' response to this Key Issue set out in Appendix E to Key document 5, a Hearing session will be required if respondents exercise their right to be heard.

OPDC response:

- 1.1. OPDC considers that the Local Plan has been positively prepared and has taken into account the community-led vision proposed by the Grand Union Alliance in its regulation 18 consultation response, and that the Local Plan reflects the aspirations and needs set out in the Grand Union Alliance's vision.
- 1.2. OPDC recognised the level of work and thought undertaken by the Grand Union Alliance in developing its community-led vision and considers its content to be valuable and appropriate to inform the Local Plan.
- 1.3. OPDC officers carried out a comprehensive analysis of the content of the Grand Union Alliance's community-led vision. This analysis demonstrated that the vision:
 - a) contained similar aspirations to that of OPDC for Old Oak and Park Royal;
 - b) included some content that officers considered would be more appropriate for inclusion in policy wording;
 - c) overall, did not reflect OPDC officers' aspirations to produce a succinct vision statement but had the potential to inform content across the whole plan.
- 1.4. Accordingly, the content of the Grand Union Alliance's vision has been used to inform the Spatial Vision as well as content of the policies and parts of the supporting text. The vision was particularly important in helping to inform and shape the Spatial Vision and Spatial Vision Narratives in Chapter 2 of the Local Plan.
- 1.5. This process of embedding the community vision was presented to local communities at the Spatial Vision engagement event for the Regulation 19(1) consultation held on 5 July 2017.
- 1.6. To help demonstrate how the community vision has informed the content of the Local Plan, table 1 below sets out the text of the vision and then identifies where, in each case, this has helped to inform the Local Plan. This demonstrates how the Local Plan has been

positively prepared having been shaped and informed by the community-led vision and objectives.

Community-led vision	Local Plan content informed by the vision
<p>The OPDC area has exemplar, sustainable, well-connected and walkable lifetime neighbourhoods supporting both new and long established residential communities, well linked with surrounding areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Spatial Vision Narrative 13 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP7 • Places Chapter • Policy D2 • Environment and Utilities Chapter • Transport Chapter
<p>OPDC neighbourhoods promote cohesive communities, foster diversity, interaction and social capital. They provide the homes, local jobs, training, amenities and services, green and play spaces and accessible social and community infrastructure, including schools medical facilities, places of worship and retail that meet the lifetime needs of local communities, and that comfortably accommodate those who work, spend leisure time or pass through in the area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 3 • Spatial Vision Narrative 8 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Spatial Vision Narrative 11 • Spatial Vision Narrative 12 • Spatial Vision Narrative 14 • Spatial Vision Narrative 15 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP3 • Policy SP4 • Policy SP5 • Policy SP6 • Policy SP8 • Policy SP9 • Place Chapter • Policy D2 • Policy D3 • Policy D4 • Policy D9 • Policy EU1 • Employment Chapter • Housing Chapter • Policy TCC4
<p>Locally distinctive neighbourhoods provide high quality and sustainable urban design, exceptionally high quality architecture and buildings that relate sensitively to the built and natural environmental qualities of long-established residential and business areas within and surrounding the OPDC area. Hard and soft landscaping of all the new developments have been of high quality and has developed and matured successfully.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 9 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP8 • Policy SP9 • Places Chapter • Policy D1 • Policy D2

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy D3 • Policy D4 • Policy D5 • Policy D8 • Policy EU1 • Policy EU2
Valued buildings (listed and otherwise), features, social facilities and amenities that have had long-term importance to communities' sense of place and history have been retained and integrated into new developments and enhanced with additional facilities or have been re-provided in close proximity to the communities using them The characteristics of previously designated conservation areas have been respected, protected and enhanced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Spatial Vision Narrative 12 • Spatial Vision Narrative 14 • Spatial Vision Narrative 15 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP4 • Policy SP9 • Places Chapter • Policy D8
The life chances of residents, particular those of relatively deprived areas in and around the OPDC area, are increased via the delivery of strong local economic activity and employment and support for an integrated approach to skills, training and apprenticeships through to longer-term skilled employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 12 • Spatial Vision Narrative 14 • Spatial Vision Narrative 15 • Policy SP5 • Employment Chapter
Long-established Park Royal Strategic Industrial Location businesses are successfully sustained alongside new industry. New start-up workspaces and affordable business premises have been protected. Long established and valued retail shops and services including local hospitals within and on the boundaries of the OPDC area are sustained and enhanced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 7 • Spatial Vision Narrative 8 • Spatial Vision Narrative 14 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP5 • Place Policies P4, P5, P6 and P7 • Policy E1 • Policy TCC1 • Policy TCC2 • Policy TCC4
Large-scale natural environmental infrastructure that is valued by local communities in and near to the OPDC area as well as by people across London – specifically Wormwood Scrubs and the Grand Union Canal – have been sensitively enhanced while their integrity has been protected. Nature is thriving throughout and beyond the OPDC area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 5 • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 9 • Policy SP8 • Place Policies P3 and P12 • Policy EU1 • Policy EU2
Appropriate means of transportation and movement in, and to and from, the OPDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1

<p>area are provided putting pedestrians central to a user hierarchy to support the provision of walkable, lifetime neighbourhoods. Access to extensive new transport infrastructure sensitively interacts with local neighbourhoods and local transport needs. This has meant that the needs and user experience of the through traveller and that of the local user has been carefully considered and their differing requirements catered for.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Narrative 4 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Spatial Vision Narrative 13 • Spatial Vision Narrative 15 • Policy SP1 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP7 • Places Chapter • Policy D2 • Transport Chapter • Policy DI1
<p>The architectural design and detailed planning of transport infrastructure buildings are extremely high quality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Policy SP1 • Policy SP2 • Policy P1C1 • Policy D2 • Policy D4 • Transport Chapter
<p>Key multi-use catalyst buildings supporting the local community and also attractive to visitors are situated in Old Oak North and a new historic and cultural hub (focused in part on the physical re-use and memorialisation of the industrial heritage of the area) developed beside the Grand Union Canal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 3 • Spatial Vision Narrative 9 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP6 • Policy SP9 • Policies P2 and P3 • Policy D8 • Policy TCC8
<p>Careful consideration of phasing of the development within the OPDC area has meant that individual neighbourhoods have been completed with an appropriate compliment of social and community infrastructure and amenities. Reasonable protection from undue disruption in the construction has also been achieved. The creation of detailed coping strategies, relating to the existence of a transient workforce in and around the OPDC area throughout the duration of construction has assisted in this respect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 9 • Spatial Vision Narrative 13 • Spatial Vision Narrative 14 • Spatial Vision Narrative 15 • Policy SP4 • Policy SP10 • Policy D6 • Policy EU4 • Policy EU5 • Policy T8 • Policy TCC4 • Policy TCC9
<p>Local communities have been actively involved early in visioning and planning processes, and continue to play an active role in decision-making in the OPDC area and this has been a major contributory</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 15 • Policy SP2 • Policy D1 • Policy D3

factor to the OPDC's success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy D5 • Policy DI3
Community-led objective	Local Plan content informed by the objective
1. Establish and support well-connected mixed-use lifetime neighbourhoods that are well linked with surrounding neighbourhoods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Spatial Vision Narrative 13 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP7 • Places Chapter • Policy D2 • Environment and Utilities Chapter • Transport Chapter
2. Establish locally distinctive neighbourhoods that (i) provide high quality sustainable urban design, architecture and buildings, (ii) relate sensitively to long-established residential and business areas in and surrounding the OPDC area and (iii) retain and integrate buildings and features that are important to communities' sense of place and history.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 9 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP4 • Policy SP8 • Policy SP9 • Places Chapter • Policy D1 • Policy D2 • Policy D3 • Policy D4 • Policy D5 • Policy D8 • Policy EU1 • Policy EU2
3. Increase the life chances of residents, particularly those of relatively deprived areas in and around the OPDC area, via an integrated approach to skills, training and apprenticeships through to longer-term skilled employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 12 • Spatial Vision Narrative 14 • Spatial Vision Narrative 15 • Policy SP5 • Employment Chapter
4. Protect and sensitively enhance existing large-scale natural environmental infrastructure – Wormwood Scrubs and the Grand Union Canal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 5 • Spatial Vision Narrative 6 • Spatial Vision Narrative 9 • Policy SP8 • Place Policies P3 and P12 • Policy EU1 • Policy EU2

<p>5. Provide appropriate means of transportation and movement around and to and from OPDC area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial Vision Statement • Spatial Vision Narrative 1 • Spatial Vision Narrative 4 • Spatial Vision Narrative 10 • Policy SP1 • Policy SP2 • Policy SP7 • Places Chapter • Policy D2 • Transport Chapter • Policy DI1