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Number: Spatial Policy 1 Title: Lewisham Spatial Strategy ID: 27

Legal Compliance: Yes Soundness: No

Reasons for Unsoundness: (3) Consistent with national policy

Reasons for Non-Compliance: Spatial Policy 1. 4. "Development will be resisted on open space, including Metropolitan Open Land" etc. This statement is inconsistent with the London Plan Policy 3D. 10 which states that "Policies should include a presumption against inappropriate development of MOL" The Consultation Draft replacement London Plan Policy 7.17. Metropolitan Open Land states that "The strongest protection should be given to London's Metropolitan Open Land and inappropriate development refused, except in very special circumstances". This policy should include a much stronger statement of intent reflecting a presumption against development of MOL in order to maximise its effectiveness.

Suggested Changes: We suggest the following or something similar: 4a. Development on MOL will not be permitted unless for essential ancillary facilities for an appropriate use where such facilities will not impact adversely on the openness of the MOL. 4b. Revise Spatial Policy 1. 4. omitting "Metropolitan Open Land and". This would strengthen the policy to better reflect importance of MOL, lead to more effective delivery of Core Strategy Objective 7 and be consistent with The London Plan.

Attend Oral Exam: No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

Reasons for Attendance:

Other Comments: Agree to amend the 4th point in the policy to read as follows: 'Open space including Metropolitan Open Land and Sites of Nature Conservation Importance will be protected, and a net gain of open space across the borough will be sought, particularly through on-site provision.'

Number: 5.10 Title: Paragraph ID: 23

Legal Compliance: Yes Soundness: No

Reasons for Unsoundness: (3) Consistent with national policy

Reasons for Non-Compliance: This strategic objective 5. 10 a. "protecting all public open space including Metropolitan Open Land" does not offer any protection to open space, including Metropolitan Open Land, which is in private ownership. This strategic objective does not address land which is private open space, including that which is urban green space used for allotments, playing fields and sports pavilions, and areas of green corridor. These are also "important environmental, ecological and biodiversity features of Lewisham" and should be addressed as part of this Core Strategy objective. It is not consistent with the London Plan Policy 3D. 10. or the Consultation Draft replacement London Plan Policy 7.17. which seek to protect ALL Metropolitan Open Land. Neither is it consistent with the London Plan Policy 3D 8 which makes no distinction between public and private open space but values all open space. Nor is it consistent with Section 7. Core Strategy Policy 12.

Suggested Changes: The deletion of the word "public" from 5. 10 a . would resolve this objection by making the Strategic Objective consistent with The London Plan and with Section 7. Core Strategy Policy 12.

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Other Comments:
