

Great News!

The planning inspector has responded positively to the issues the trust raised about health equity and tackling environmental racism with the Lewisham Local Plan.

The Inspector writes in paragraphs 126, 310, 311 of the Inspectors Report the following: (italics and capital letters are mine)

**Issue 5** – Whether the Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective, consistent with national policy, and in general conformity with the London Plan in relation to the natural environment and green infrastructure?

**126. NPPF chapter 8 encourages the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure to promote healthy and safe communities. As submitted, the Plan DOES NOT GIVE SUFFICIENT EMPHASIS to the importance of green infrastructure and is therefore inconsistent with national policy. The role of health impact assessments required by Policy DM6 is also important in ensuring green infrastructure can deliver benefits for society. Accordingly, a series of modifications are therefore required to address this matter within Policies GR1 and the explanatory text to Policy GR2. This is achieved by MM116, MM117, MM118, MM119, MM121, MM122 and MM123. These modifications will ensure consistency with national policy and the policies are effective in this regard.**

**310. The south area experiences some of the Borough's highest levels of deprivation. Of particular concern raised in representations and at the Hearing sessions was the inequality in relation to connectivity and access to open space and the consequences for human health. As set out elsewhere in the Report the Plan should respond MORE POSITIVELY TO ADDRESSING INCLUSION AND INEQUALITIES which is expected by the NPPF and is part of the strategic objectives of the Plan. As submitted, THIS IS NOT RECOGNISED within the vision or key spatial objectives for the south area. MM258 and MM259 rectifies this and is necessary for internal consistency, positive planning and consistency with national policy.**

**311. Policy LSA1 sets out the place principles for the south area. Following on from the vision and key spatial objectives, the PLAN SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE CONCERNS RAISED REGARDING, INEQUALITY ACCESS AND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR HUMAN HEALTH AND ALSO COMMUNITY COHESION. Policy LSA1 is AMBIGUOUS REGARDING THESE IMPORTANT MATTERS.**

**According, MM260 addresses these concerns which are necessary for internal consistency, positive planning and consistency with national policy.**

Our partnership approach is set out here:



V2 Lewisham Local Plan - Statement of Common Ground Downham CLT word doc.docx

There are significant funds available if we adopt the right strategy and I welcome your feedback and participation. Many thanks for your ongoing support. A luta continua,

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