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Policies

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO SUBMISSION DRAFT BARNET LOCAL PLAN

This schedule contains all proposed main modifications to Barnet's Local Plan that was submitted for examination on November 26th 2021.

Modifications

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MM 69	Chapter 10 Environment and Climate Change Policy ECC05 And consequential changes to supporting text Paras 10.24.1A to 10.24.2 & 10.24.4	<p><u>the urban heat island effect and enhancing Barnet's parks highlights that since 2017 the Council has planted more than 4,500 trees across the Borough. Planting locations have focused on targeting areas of poor air quality, urban heat island temperatures, avenue and landscape trees within parks, replacing street trees and green infrastructure planting. The Council aims to plant 5,000 new trees over the 5 year life of the Tree Policy.</u></p> <div style="border: 2px solid #008080; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> <p>Policy ECC05 - Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land</p> <p>a) <u>A</u>. Green Belt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Any proposals for development in Green Belt will be considered in accordance with NPPF paras 133 to 147. ii. Development adjacent to Green Belt should not have a significant detrimental effect on the openness of the Green Belt and respect the character of its surroundings. <p>b: <u>B</u> Metropolitan Open Land (MOL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In accordance with London Plan Policy G3, Metropolitan Open Land is to be protected from inappropriate development in accordance with national planning policy tests that apply to the Green Belt. </div> <p>10.245 Green Belt / Metropolitan Open Land (MOL)</p> <p><u>10.245.1A Barnet is one of the greenest boroughs in London. Green Belt and MOL covers a third of the Borough. MOL is strategic open land within the urban area. The principles of national Green Belt policy also apply to MOL. In total there are 2,471 hectares of Green Belt and 688 hectares of MOL. This designated land makes a major contribution to quality of life in the Borough. This is reflected in the findings of Barnet Green Belt Study.</u></p>	<p>Clarification that there is no evidence that development outside the Green Belt affects its openness in the terms of its definition in the NPPF, and it conflicts with the Framework's approaches to assessing openness.</p>

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		<p>10.25-24.1 The Barnet Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land Study shows that the majority of Barnet's Green Belt performs well and that all existing areas meet one or more of the purposes of Green Belt set out in the NPPF. The vast majority of the MOL is considered to be open and maintaining and protecting the functions, green links and other features it contains. Although, there are buildings within the MOL these support the use of the MOL as open space and do not impact on the openness to such a degree to warrant any land being removed from the MOL</p> <p>10.245.2 One of the purposes of the Barnet Green Belt Study was to identify mapping irregularities with regard to land designated as Green Belt / MOL. This helps create strong defensible boundaries and ensures consistency with the NPPF and the London Plan. Minor adjustments have been made to Green Belt and MOL boundaries where inconsistencies and errors have been identified. The majority of these are mapping errors where the boundary did not match existing property or road boundaries. These adjustments are shown in the Changes to <u>reflected on</u> the Policies Map document.</p> <p>10.245.4 This aspiration of improvement and accessibility can be achieved through appropriate development in Green Belt or MOL (as supported by the NPPF and the London Plan). Development adjacent to areas of Green Belt/MOL needs to comply with Policy ECC05 and should respect the character of its surroundings and the visual amenity of these areas. When assessing the likely impact on the openness of the Green Belt the Council will have regard to the <u>spatial and visual impact of a development, its duration and prospects for remediation as well as the degree of activity such as traffic that is likely to be generated.</u> Where development is proposed adjacent to Green Belt / MOL a design led approach, as set out in Policy CDH01 is strongly advocated with a particular focus on landscape and local character where necessary.</p>	