

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Examination of Matter 7 – Education and Services

Focus for Discussion:

***Does the CS provide the most appropriate and sufficiently comprehensive strategy towards education and services in the context of the Borough?
Will the approach be effective, particularly with regard to flexibility?***

- i. To what extent is the Core Strategy and SP4 in general conformity with both the London Plan and its draft replacement?
- ii. Is the evidence base to SP 4 robust and credible and provide an adequate consideration of alternatives?
- iii. Are the interests of the arts and cultural facilities addressed adequately?
- iv. Does the evidence base incorporate the needs of the community sector, particularly where resident led (rather than voluntary sector)? Is the infrastructure (buildings) in place/available to deliver the strategy? Should it have included a survey of community meeting spaces?
- v. Should the policy distinguish different types of community use and the need to achieve a balance in a given area? Rep 276, 260, 370 et al. Should 'community use' be more broadly defined? Is the existing list in the fact box adequate?
- vi. Does the use of the undefined phrase 'local need' render the policy unsound and ineffective? How does the evidence base support this approach? How would this be assessed in practice?
- vii. Is the policy too inflexible by 'ensuring development will provide'?
- viii. Does the CS policy deal effectively with the requirements of the HMCS and the LFB?
- ix. Is it sufficiently clear that the provision of facilities is linked to need and the viability to provide?
- x. Does SP 4 cover adequately the issues of religious facilities?
- xi. Are issues of health addressed adequately?
- xii. ***Will issues surrounding public sector spending impact, and in what ways, upon the strategic aims of the CS? How will this be managed?***

3. Other Matters
4. Close