

## **Matter 7 – Policies on Health and the Environment**

**Issue: Whether the Plan is justified, effective, consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the London Plan in relation to health, the environment, heritage and tall buildings.**

7.1 What requirements are there for new or improved open space and indoor sports facilities? Does the plan adequately identify the types of open space that are designated in the Borough? Are any new areas of open space proposed to be allocated?

7.2 How does the plan respond to any parts of the Borough that do not meet the open space standards? Are the provisions for new allocations/ designations in Area Visions translated into policy?

7.3 An Open Space Addendum (2019) is referred to in responses to representations. Has this document been completed? What does it say?

7.4 The reasoned justification for P56 indicates new Borough Open Land (BOL) and Other Open Space (OOS) has been designated in the NSP. Are these intended to be new 'allocations' or do they result from implemented planning permissions? If they are intended to be allocations, are these accompanied by new policies in the NSP to allocate them? Have any accompanying revisions to the Policies Map as a result of these been provided to the examination and were made available for public comment? Without prejudice, what mechanism(s) does the Council expect to use to designate such open space when the Local Plan is adopted?

Relevant policies / evidence:

- Publication London Plan 2020,
  - Policy G1 Green infrastructure
  - Policy G4 Open space

The intention to increase open space is supported but there doesn't appear to be robust evidence in support in terms of strategy or monitoring (also relevant to Matter 9). Based on robust evidence a clear ambition should be stated which is strong enough to take account of the increasing need for green open space in light of the pandemic and the climate emergency. This policy should make reference to SP3 and P26.