COMMENTS ON HARINGEY'S DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES PUBLISHED JANUARY 2016 FROM STROUD GREEN CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DM policy no.	Are the Local Plan documents sound?	Is the document justified?	Is it based on robust and credible evidence?	Is it the most appropriate strategy when considered against the alternatives?	Is the document effective?	Is it deliver- able?	Is it flexible?	Will it be able to be monitored?	Is it consistent with national policy?
DM1 Delivering High Quality Design									
A. a, b,	No	Yes	No	No	No			No	
B. a, b,	No	No	No	No	No			No	
D. b	No.	No	No	No	No			No	
Additional clause recommended	The above policies are too loosely framed and not supplemented in subsequent policies to ensure the public will have confidence in planning decisions. DM3 (January 2014 version) provided clarity and should be reinstated to ensure confidence in decision-making which may otherwise prove inconsistent, undermining the credibility of the planning process. Acceptable distances should take into account land gradients relative to existing buildings.		We note that DM3 (Jan 2015 version) was dropped following responses from a small number of agents responding to the Jan 2015 consultation on behalf of their clients with vested interests in particular sites and with no evidence to support their comments. We do not therefore consider the decision to drop DM3 was sound. Lack of response in support of DM3 should not lead to the assumption that it was generally regarded as unsound.				It is too flexible		
Question	Are neighbours in the opinion of the Examiner better protected by the change from 'reasonable' to 'appropriate'?								

DM1 A & B	No						
	It should be made clear whether this policy						
	takes precedence over polices relating to						
	conservation areas						
DM7	This policy is welcomed with reservations		Building heights should be subordinate to				
			surrounding properties.				
DM9	No		No				
As a whole	It is not clear how DM9 relates to DM1						
As a whole	We note that the earlier DM12 has been		This policy, having been entirely rewritten, is				
	entirely re-written following comments		being consulted upon for the first time. We				
	from English Heritage, Highgate CAAC and		trust the Examiner will consider what has				
	others regarding inconsistencies with NPPF		been dropped (including the earlier DM33) to				
	and other matters.		ensure our heritage assets will be sufficiently				
			protected				
D : Conservation	The words 'do not' appear to be missing	No	Correction	No			
Areas	before 'detract' in line 3						
Para 2.26	Satellite dishes have an adverse effect on	No	Para 2.26 suggests that policy is flexible on	No			
	Conservation Areas where located in a		this point which would be unacceptable				
	position where they are visible from CAs.						
Para 2.58	The word 'agreed' in line 5 is inappropriate	No	The function of a Heritage Statement is a	No			
			means for the Applicant to suggest to LBH				
			what the significance of the Asset is. On				
			receipt of that document, LBH may agree, or				
Dava 2 E0	Last line: add 'Area' between		not, with that assessment				
Para 2.58	'Conservation' and 'Advisory'		Correction				
Para 2.59	'Highest, moderate and low significance'		Cite source of these criteria				
DM11	Highest, moderate and low significance		Cite source of these criteria				
Para 3.3, 3rd	' strategic Borough target of 40%'	No because	Evidence base may suggest this is the case	No	No	No	
bullet	strategic borough target of 40%	it conflicts	now but it would be regrettable to give a firm	INU	INO	INO	
bullet		with para	target with the result that advantage cannot				
		3.8 below	be taken of fluctuations in the economy and				
		3.0 DC10W	land values. This policy should be framed in				
			the same way as the Carbon reduction one :				
			Haringey will achieve targets in line the				
			national and London Plan policy and/or:				
Para 3.8	'robustly seek affordable housing'	No		No	No	No	
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			London Plan, format for viability statements that are transparent, robust and reliable with Section 106 agreements to allow claw-back of profits in excess of those anticipated to be returned to LBH, ring-fenced for social or affordable housing.				
DM12	No						
	Para 3.15 states full width extensions would not normally be acceptable. Guidance on when full width extensions would be acceptable would be helpful and aid sound and consistent decision-making in Conservation Areas and elsewhere	No	Clarification recommended	No		No	
DM18	No			No			
Additional clause recommended	The residential basement policy needs strengthening. We suggest that the following clauses be added to the policy for residential properties: a) basement development does not involve the excavation of more than one storey below the lowest original floor level (except in the case of swimming pools) and should be within the existing footprint of the property b) natural ventilation and daylighting should be used where habitable accommodation is being provided and ventilation and lighting should be energy efficient c) Given the significant disruption of basement construction on adjoining neighbours, a construction management plan which demonstrates that the applicant will comply with the relevant parts of the Council's Code of Construction Practice and be aware of the need to comply with other public and private law		These policies are adopted by other Councils in London- look at Westminster Council and Camden Council Recent basement applications in Haringey involved inappropriate proposals that could have been dealt with if these clauses had been in effect				

requirements governing development of					
this kind					
d) a basement extension will not be					
permitted where the purpose is to create a					
new dwelling house in the residential					
property or for the purpose of further sub-					
dividing the existing residential property					
e) where a basement extension is to a					
terraced property, the impact on the					
terrace as a whole (not just the adjoining					
property) needs to be considered to					
ensure it is stable, particularly if the					
terrace is on a slope					
f) the cumulative impact of a number of					
basement developments in the same					
terrace needs to be carefully considered.					
g) provide a satisfactory landscaping					
scheme, incorporating soft landscaping,					
planting and permeable surfacing as					
appropriate;					
h) not result in the loss of trees of					
townscape, ecological or amenity value					
and, where trees are affected, provide an					
arboricultural report setting out in					
particular the steps to be taken to protect					
existing trees; there should not be a net					
loss of trees. New replacement trees					
should be at least semi-mature and of					
indigenous species					
i) incorporate sustainable urban drainage					
measures to reduce peak rate of run-off or					
any other mitigation measures					
recommended in the structural statement					
or flood risk assessment;					
j) protect the character and appearance of					
the existing building, garden setting or the					
surrounding area, ensuring lightwells,					

A. a - g	plant, vents, skylights and means of escape are sensitively designed and discreetly located; k) protect heritage assets, safeguarding significant archaeological deposits and in the case of listed buildings, not unbalance the buildings' original hierarchy of spaces, where this contributes to significance; We suggest in 'b' that reference is made to							
A. h - i	DM24 We suggest that issues of safety, nuisance, etc during construction should be in a separate clause on Construction Management Plans which should be based on HSE Guidelines		In 'h', we suggest adding after 'harm to' in first line: 'neighbours or people passing over their land; to'		No			
В	We suggest reference should be made to DM24 including to the supporting documents (see our comments on DM24)	No			No			
DM20	The London Plan Green Grid is broad- brush. We regret the loss of detailed Green Corridors set out in the earlier (Jan 2015) DM27 and the map attached thereto	No			No			
DM24	Flood risk arising from breach of Reservoirs not adequately covered	No	It should be made clear which, or both, of these documents are provided in evidence: Haringey's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2103 and JBA's Flood Risk Assessment 2015. Both documents state that bedrooms should not be located in basements within areas indicated in NRIM. It is not clear from policy if these recommendations apply.		No		No	
DM33	This policy is welcomed							
DM34	This policy is welcomed							
DM35	This policy is welcomed							
DM40	No			No				
В.	Loss of employment floorspace. The policy as written is unsound.		Where a development involves demolition of a building containing employment floorspace, the same area of floorspace must be provided					

DM44	No equivalent policy at first consultation stage. Map required		in the proposed building. Replacing lost floor space elsewhere will reduce flexibility and vitality of economic activity essential for growth. Using Section 106 monies for training loses the floor space altogether and would therefore be unacceptable.				
A.	'a window display or other appropriate town centre frontage'	No	Ye Olde Sweete Shoppe in Quernmore Road N4 has received much local opprobrium and mockery. It is doubtful that BRE Daylight and Sunlight standards have been reached in the dwelling which has replaced the shop. The Design Quality and Quality of LIfe (Jan 2015 DM2) of the dwelling is compromised. However it is noted that Quernmore Road is shown as a Local Shopping Centre on the Policy Map. We assume non-retail uses would not include conversion of shops to residential within a Conservation Area or elsewhere	No		No	
Urban Characterisation Studies	Unsound because not adopted and not evidence-based. There are many typographical errors throughout the documents and road names are wrong. We suggest these documents are not fit for purpose. The area on the Stroud Green Map does not follow the outline of the Conservation Area. We do not know what the outline represents.	No	While we welcome these studies, we consider that it is regrettable that they appear to have been have been produced without any consultation with CAACs, amenity societies or local people. It is not clear on what basis they have been included on the Council website or referenced in the Development Management Policies. We consider they should be given little or no weight in decision-making and references to them should be removed. There is no mention of the Conservation Area How does it relate to DM1 and DM9? SGCAAC considers this document should be				