

LB Waltham Forest Development Management Policies Local Plan Document

Session; Environmental Protection

21 May 2013

30 minutes

Agenda

Participants; Inspector, Council.

Issues; policy DM25. My Q175

- 1) Council's overall view of, and response to, representations and Inspector's questions. Presentation of proposed amendments.
- 2) DM25

The responses to my questions 175 & 177 give me a clearer understanding of what the Council is trying to achieve and how it (and developers) can assess achievement. I still have some concern that the requirement for an Air Quality Assessment reads as an end in itself, whereas, as the Council's explanation makes clear, it is meant as a means to an end. Accordingly, I offer the following text as an alternative modification to DM25(c).

~~New development should not neither contribute to, nor suffer from unacceptable levels of levels of air pollution, measured having regard to DEFRA's Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance LAQM TG(09) and London Council's Air Quality and Planning Guidance or successor documents and taking into account any mitigation measures proposed. An Air Quality Assessment submitted with major applications may be taken by the Council as demonstrating compliance with this policy. ~~Any major- development for sensitive uses in areas where levels of pollution are high, will need to be supported by an air quality assessment to allow a full consideration and mitigation of the impact of air pollution on the development.~~~~

The last sentence of the Council's response to my Q180 is a telling point of justification for the policy. The Council may wish to include it following the second sentence of the additional paragraph of justification which it proposes to replace paragraph 26.16.

I am otherwise content with the Council's responses to my questions on policy DM25 but in light of the above, it may be beneficial to retain the hearing session (x) entitled Environmental Protection provisionally

scheduled for May 28th but to move it to May 21st for a discussion of the most effective form of words to achieve the Council's intentions.