

Lee Neighbourhood Plan Examination

Combined Borough response to the Independent Examiner's procedural letter and Questions.

September 2023

1. Introduction

- 1.1. On the 31st September 2023 the London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) and the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) submitted the Lee Neighbourhood Plan to the independent examiner Derek Stebbing BA (Hons) DipEP MRTPI.
- 1.2. As such the independent examiner has requested a response from the Councils to the following two questions:
- Can the **Councils** please confirm that the status and designation of the Green Spaces for their respective Boroughs, as listed in the 4th column of this table, is correct*
 - Can the **Councils** also please advise me whether the proposed additional designations of various sites within each Borough, as listed in the 5th column of this table, would be supported in relation to the relevant Local Plan open space policies and typologies*
- 1.3. Both LBL and RBG have agreed to submit a combined response to the examiner's questions. Table 1.1. provides the combined response to the examiner's questions (A and B) found in paragraph 1.2 of this introduction.

2. Green Spaces designation table

- 2.1. Column 5 of table 1 responds to the examiners request for officers to confirm the current designations of Green Spaces found in LBL and RBG as cited in table 2 of the Lee Neighbourhood Plan
- 2.2. Column 7 of table 1 responds to the examiners request as to whether the proposed additional designations would be supported by the council in relation to the relevant Local Plan and open space

Table 1

Ref	Site name	Borough	Current LP designation	Current designation(s) correct	Proposed designation in Lee NP	Support/Object
1	Manor House Gardens	Lewisham	Public Open Space, SINC	Yes	None	N/A
2	Manor Park	Lewisham	Public Open Space, SINC	Yes	None	N/A
3	Edith Nesbit Gardens	Lewisham	Public Open Space	Yes	None	N/A
4	Hither Green Triangle Nature	Lewisham	SINC	Yes	None	N/A

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	Reserve (aka Hither Green Nature Triangle)					
5	Milborough Natural Space	Lewisham	Green Corridor, SINC	Yes	None	N/A
6	Milborough Crescent Green	Lewisham	Urban Green Space	Yes	None	N/A
7	Woodyates Road Amenity Green	Lewisham	Urban Green Space	Yes	None	N/A
8	Woodyates Road / Pitfold Road Amenity Green	Lewisham	Urban Green Space	Yes	None	N/A
9	South Circular Amenity Green Triangle	Greenwich	Green Triangle, Not designated	Yes, unallocated	Community Open Space (through Local Plan reviews); Site of Importance for Nature Conservation	Object – we have not seen ecological evidence to support the designation as a SINC. Nor have we seen evidence that this site is community owned and managed or meets the criteria for designation as Community Open Space. The Forum can make representations for its designation as Community Open Space through the Local Plan review.
10	Colfe's School Sports Fields and Leisure Centre	Greenwich	Community Open Space	Yes	No Change	N/A
11	Old Colfeians	Greenwich	Community Open Space	Yes	Playing Field	Support if Policy GB6 is amended as per the SOCG.

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	Sports Ground					Object if Policy GB6 is unchanged.
12	Bowring Sports Ground	Greenwich	Metropolitan Open Land	Yes (also Green Chain and Area at risk from Flooding)	Playing Field	Support if Policy GB6 is amended as per the SOCG. Object if Policy GB6 is unchanged.
13	Weigall Road Sports Ground	Greenwich	Metropolitan Open Land	Yes (also Green Chain and Area at risk from Flooding)	Playing Field	Support if Policy GB6 is amended as per the SOCG. Object if Policy GB6 is unchanged.
14	Blackheath Wanderers Sports Club	Greenwich	Metropolitan Open Land	Yes (also Green Chain and Area at risk from Flooding)	Playing Field	Support if Policy GB6 is amended as per the SOCG. Object if Policy GB6 is unchanged.
15	Crofton Albion Sports Club	Greenwich	Metropolitan Open Land; Kidbrooke Strategic Development Location; Green Chain	Yes (also Area at risk from Flooding)	Playing Field	Support if Policy GB6 is amended as per the SOCG. Object if Policy GB6 is unchanged.
16	John Roan School Playing Fields	Greenwich	Metropolitan Open Land; Kidbrooke Strategic Development Location; Green Chain	Yes (also Area at risk from Flooding)	Playing Field	Support if Policy GB6 is amended as per the SOCG. Object if Policy GB6 is unchanged.
17	Crathie Road West Allotments	Greenwich	Community Open Space	Yes	No Change	N/A
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19	Dacre Park Allotments	Lewisham	Urban Green Space	Yes	None	
20	NC33 River Quaggy at Blackheath Park (1.51); Valley & Floodplains of the River Quaggy	Greenwich	Metropolitan Open Land; Green Chain; Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (applies to small buffer along the river channel, this	Yes – (also Area at risk from Flooding)	No Change	N/A

Ref	Site name	Borough	Current LP designation	Current designation(s) correct	Proposed designation in Lee NP	Support/Object
			designation applies to a wider buffer and linear park being established)			
21	The Dermody Gardens Triangle	Lewisham	None	Yes	Urban Green Space (Local Green Space)	Support
22	Burnt Ash Road Avenue of Trees	Lewisham	None	Yes	Urban Green Space (Local Green Space)	Support
23	Willow Tree Sports Ground	Greenwich	MOL	Yes (also Green Chain)	Playing Field	Support if Policy GB6 is amended as per the SOCG. Object if Policy GB6 is unchanged.