

Public Examination of the Development Management Local Plan

London Borough of Lewisham response to the Inspector's initial query regarding DM 33: Development on infill sites, backland sites, back gardens and amenity areas

As previously indicated in relation to other policies the references to the Lewisham Character Study (parts 5b and 8) should be to table 2.1. Conservation Area Appraisals (as non-statutorily adopted guidance) should be referred to in the supporting text, while the policy itself could refer (e.g.) to 'the special distinctiveness of any relevant conservation area'.

The Council also accepts the need for a change in wording concerning gated developments (SM12). This could be an appropriate editorial OM change.

(Note a complete list of all the Inspector's initial questions are on the Examination website and can be accessed via the following link: <u>http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/LDF/development-</u> <u>policies/Documents/DMLPInitialQueries.pdf</u>)

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Council response

1.1 The Council agrees with the Inspector's suggested changes. The policy could be amended as follows:

DM Policy 33

Development on infill sites, backland sites, back gardens and amenity areas

Point 5(b): provide a site specific creative response to the character and issues of the street frontage typology identified in the Lewisham Character Study in Table 2.1 Urban typologies in Lewisham and any relevant Conservation Area Appraisal and to the special distinctiveness of any relevant conservation area.

1.2 The Council notes the Inspector's view that SM12 could be an appropriate editorial OM change.