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Number: Core Strategy Policy 15 Title: High quality design for Lewisham

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Legal Compliance: Yes Soundness: No

Reasons for Unsoundness: (2) Effective

Reasons for Non-Compliance: This statement applies to Core Strategy Policy 15. We are posting it here as a database error has prevented us from posting in the correct field. It is the opinion of the Brockley Society that Lewisham Council do not do enough to "ensure highest quality design and the protection or enhancement of the historic and natural environment." We therefore welcome this Policy, but have doubts of it's effectiveness within the Borough. We would like to see more investment in the Design Review Panel at Lewisham, with efforts made to attract talented, high profile members to the panel. We would also like to see the Review Panel's recommendations taken more seriously by Lewisham, at Strategy and Planning stages. We would also like Lewisham to encourage consult with CABE (or equivalent central government review body) as a matter of course for all major developments that it actively supports within the borough. These would include housing, retail, education and social developments.

Suggested Changes: In order to encourage more accountability and effectiveness, we would recommend the following changes to the following policy statement: Existing: "c. apply national and regional policy and guidance to ensure highest quality design and the protection or enhancement of the historic and natural environment, which is sustainable, accessible to all, optimises the potential of sites and is sensitive to the local context and responds to local character." Proposed: "c. apply national and regional policy and guidance from its own Design Panel and CABE, to ensure highest quality design and the protection or enhancement of the historic and natural environment, which is sustainable, accessible to all, optimises the potential of sites and is sensitive to the local context and responds to local character"

Attend Oral Exam: Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

Reasons for Attendance: We would like to provide evidence of Lewisham's recent history of failures with regards to adherence to the principals of this Policy.

Other Comments:

Number: Core Strategy Policy 16 Title: Conservation areas, heritage assets and the historic environment

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Legal Compliance: Yes Soundness: No

Reasons for Unsoundness: (2) Effective

Reasons for Non-Compliance: The Brockley Society has noticed that Lewisham Council has demonstrated in the past that it does not always have the resources or inclination to preserve architectural heritage within the built environment. We believe that the council would benefit from consulting more thoroughly on these issues with Local Amenity Groups, as well as gaining expert independent knowledge, when necessary.

Suggested Changes: It would be useful if there was no such "get out clause" in the policy. We would recommend that the phrase "as resources permit" be omitted. We would also like to propose that the last sentence is amended accordingly: "The Council will continue to review its conservation areas through close consultation with Local Amenity Groups, designating new ones and preparing associated management plans and policies to conserve their character."

Attend Oral Exam: Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

Reasons for Attendance: We would like to provide evidence that Lewisham has often been in neglect of it's duty to maintain the character of Conservation Areas in the borough, and that more effort is required to take care of heritage within the built

Other Comments:
