

Dear Charlotte Glancy,

I am writing on behalf of the Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Forum which was designated by Westminster City Council (WCC) in 2015 and then renewed in February 2020 for a further five years. The designated area is as indicated on the attached plan. We would be grateful if this statement could be considered by the Inspectors.

Our comment and objection relate to:

General conformity with the London Plan N.B. In dealing with this issue, the advanced stage of the new London Plan will be taken into account

13) Is the submitted City Plan in general conformity with the London Plan?

14) Which modifications have been proposed to address any issues of general conformity?

15) What is the current position of the Mayor of London in light of these suggested modifications and any further discussions that have taken place?

We are concerned that WCC originally intended to require car parking provision of 0.4 spaces per housing unit in parking zones B & F. This is contrary to the draft London Plan which says that developments in these zones should be 'car free', i.e. no off-street car parking.

We note in the Updated Schedule of Modifications (including amendments agreed through Statements of Common Ground) (April 2020) that WCC has accepted that Appendix 2 should be deleted as set out on pages 32-33 and 65 (policy 28 A PS/C/03)

We therefore strongly support this modification for the following reasons:

- Zones B & F are in Fitzrovia West which has the highest rating for accessibility (6);
- The area is extremely well served by public transport and will soon benefit from the opening of Crossrail;
- The Fitzrovia West Neighbourhood Plan has reached regulation 16 stage and this strongly supports a reduction of traffic and an increased emphasis on walking and cycling.
- Some recent developments such as Fitzroy Place (Mortimer Street) have large underground car parks for residents with many surplus parking spaces.

We support the provision of off-street bicycle storage, provision for disabled drivers and electric charge points.

We therefore urge the Inspectors to accept these modifications and that they should be included in the adopted City Plan in order to ensure conformity with the London Plan.

If we can provide more information please let us know.

many thanks

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