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Consultation Response to the Inspector of the Redbridge Local Plan (2015-2030) on the Following Issue:

Issue 10: Are the policies relating to managing and enhancing the Borough's assets in Section 6 (Policies LP34-40) justified, consistent with national policy and will they be effective?

1. Modifications 143 and 146 are problematic:

Modification 143 Council. Reason - to conform with updated evidence base

Requirement for Open Space - Adding <u>Provision should be in accordance</u> with standards set out in the Councils Open Spaces Study, unless superseded. Where this is impractical, financial contributions towards improvements to existing spaces will be sought."

Modification 146 Council - to conform with updated evidence base

"The Council will seek to ensure that there is sufficient provision for children's play in the borough. Such spaces are particularly important in areas where families do not have access to large areas of private outdoor space, such as gardens as can be the case in high density housing developments. The Council will therefore seek for such developments to make provision for children's play space to tackle existing deficiencies, <u>either through on-site provision, or investment in open spaces to enhance</u> their access and functionality. The Open Space Study (2016) identifies areas of deficiency both in terms of levels of provision and access to open space, and identifies sites with scope for enhanced play provision. This will therefore be used, alongside any future updates, to inform the implementation of policy LP35." The findings of the emerging Open Space Assessment (2016) will inform policy LP35.

They must not be allowed to enable developments to go ahead, creating more and more dense environments only for the CIL money to be siphoned off to other areas to enhance the Open Space there and disingenuously claim that people will be able to access them, therefore the Council has fulfilled its provision of Open Space duty.

This has become the means of the poorer, more deprived areas subsidising the amenity of the more affluent. With decreases in amenity space being proposed in the Plan in response to representation, the need to near to site open space is crucial.