

Deadline to participate **noon on Wednesday 17 May 2017 for weeks 1 and 2** indicating the session(s) you wish to attend based on the published programme. For week 3 **noon on Wednesday 28 June 2017**

Statements to be sent to the PO **by noon on Friday 12 May 2017 for Issues 1-6 (weeks 1 and 2) & by noon on Friday 23 June 2017 for Issues 7-12 (week 3).**

Hearings commence - 10.00am on **Tuesday 6 June 2017** at the City Gates Conference Centre, 25-29 Clements Road, Ilford, IG1 1BH

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 9:46 PM, rrleighton [REDACTED] wrote:
London Borough of Redbridge. Examination of Redbridge Local Plan 2015 - 2030.

For the attention of the Programming Officer - Ms Andrea Copsey.

Dear Ms Copsey.

I apologise for send this response as an E-Mail but I believe this is the most certain way of ensuring that it reaches yourself.

I have made three submissions to the Redbridge local plan. Reference numbers are:

R1176/02 - Page 58 - Policy LP 11 - Number 597/645

R1176/03 - Page 101 - Policy LP27 - Number 598/645

R1176/01 - Page 120 - Policy LP 34 - Number 596/645

These refer to the numbering and pages of the Councils submission "log".

I feel that the London Borough of Redbridge responses are inadequate and I set out my reasons below.

R1176/02

LP 11 Issue 7

Initially LP 11 is meant to be concise. But based on current actual experience the implementation of present policy has failed. One only has to look at the proliferation of hot food takeaways in the Borough - especially around the Seven Kings and Goodmayes area, but also the Ilford Town Centre to see that takeaways are out of control. There seems to be no control of them whatsoever. I have recent experience of this matter and the apparent lack of enforcement. To make this policy viable Redbridge need to present a robust policy to ensure that there is no wriggle room. They also need to ensure that the Planning Department is both fully funded and adequately staffed.

R1176/03

LP27 Issue 9

Policy LP 27 makes no reference to my specific point. Therefore Redbridge has not addressed this specific

point. With the intention to increase the numbers and locations of tall buildings, and more specifically that Pioneer Point has been built I consider the matter to be crucial to the well being of wildlife. Redbridge being committed to protecting and enhancing bio-diversity and wildlife. There is considerable scientific data that tall buildings and other tall structures can severely adversely affect wildlife by presenting barriers to their movement and producing vortexes and winds which injure and kill wildlife especially birds. The Borough does not have a specific policy on this. In the first instance - as my initial submission pointed out - data needs to be collected to judge whether a problem exists or not. To do so requires a professionally qualified individual(s) being engaged to undertake such an investigation.

R1176/01

LP34 Issue 10

Redbridge's response that the Goodmayes Park Extension is protected as open space seems tainted by the fact that Redbridge's policy as set out in a document produced by the Institute of Groundsmanship - Consultancy Report, Pitch Relocation and Improvement feasibility report - London Borough of Redbridge' January 2017. This document forms part of the Redbridge bundle. The policy being to relocate the sport pitches from the Fords Sports ground to the extension. The policy also states that to mitigate the cost of this a professional team would be encouraged to take over the site.

The Friends of Goodmayes Park. A local park watch community group which covers both Goodmayes Park and the extension several years ago carried out a survey of all the residents that abutted the extension and got 167 responses. All of this wished the extension to remain as it is at present. Free to use for a multitude of uses. They did not want the site to be used just as a recreational sports ground.

In LP 34 it is stated that the London Plan (2015) defines Metropolitan Open Land as strategic open land that contributes to the structure of London and provides open breaks with the urban area. I suggest the Goodmayes Park Extension does just that. I have contacted the GLA concerning green spaces and have been advised to point out in my submission that the London Plan is being revised and it would be prudent to take this into account.

In point 6.22 of LP 35 Redbridge states '.....Open Spaces are integral to the character and image of the Borough....open spaces in the Borough are highly valued by local residents and visitors'.

I have no knowledge of any environmental investigation of the site as to its bio-diversity value. However being next door to a large group of allotments with its own small nature reserve it could well be important site for butterflies, insects and wild flowers.

I trust that i have set out my submissions correctly.

May I thank you for all your assistance so far it is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

Richard Leighton.