

Core Policies for Issues: Policy IS 1

Sustainable Development

The Council will support measures that mitigate and adapt to climate change and reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, and will promote a sustainable relationship between development and transport so as to minimise the need to travel. This will be achieved by:

- a. Maximising the use of previously developed land and vacant and underused buildings, taking account of the suitability of sites for high density mixed use development and the impact that development will have on the borough's natural resources, environmental and cultural assets and the health of local people.
- b. Ensuring developments, particularly large trip generating developments, are sited in locations that are currently, or are planned to be, accessible by public transport, on foot and by cycle. Development proposals should be accompanied by robust Transport Assessments in accordance with TfL's best practice guidance, and construction management and servicing plans where appropriate. The provision of affordable, serviced business space and other space suitable for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) will be sought, particularly in town centres and other accessible locations, in order to meet the identified needs of small firms within the borough. Town centres and other accessible locations will also be suitable for community facilities and services. The movement of freight, waste and other bulk material by water or rail will be encouraged where practical and the retention of rail and water freight facilities supported.
- c. Promoting the need for robust travel plans for all major developments and the provision of car clubs within new and existing residential developments. Maximum car parking standards will be applied in line with the London Plan 2015. Car free developments will be promoted in appropriate locations, particularly where there is a good level of public transport accessibility with spare capacity, but it is also important to ensure adequate off-street provision is made in less accessible areas, and that the needs of specific groups, such as people with disabilities and residents of affordable housing, are adequately provided for. The provision of cycle parking and parking for motorcycles and other powered two wheelers should be provided as appropriate within new developments. The provision of cycle parking should be according to minimum standards. Details of the requirements for Transport Assessments, Travel Plans and parking standards, and servicing and delivery requirements, in line with the London Plan 2015, are set out in DMPD Policies DMT1 and DMT2.