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Subject: Comments on revised Lambeth Draft Local Plan

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Dear Sirs,

I have reviewed the latest draft of the local plan. I made comments on 17/12/2018 on the previous draft. I would like to make the following additional comments:

- 1. H4ai) I object to the deletion of i) which permits the amalgamation of flats back into an original house for family accommodation. This allows restoration of properties and scope for a blend of flats and houses within our community. To force the retention of flats permanently locks in a change in housing over recent decades which has reduced the quality of housing stock for families and changed the nature of the community. I would welcome data on the scale of the issue to justify this change. At the very least there is a case to differentiate treatment of heritage assets to allow their conversion back to original purpose if houses and there would be a strong heritage argument in support of a sympathetic conversion.
- 2. H6 a) I object to deletion of the concept of conversion stress and protecting dwelling suitable for occupation by families. This creates a pathway for irreversible change to smaller flat based dwellings and removal of scope for appropriate family dwellings which will change the culture of Lambeth. The concept should also be reintroduced within the planning maps.
- 3. Originally the following comment was made on Q11 b "Changes made in Policy Q11 b could adversely affect dwellings with very small gardens and I would suggest the language especially in relation to the 30% marker might reflect increased flexibility when proposals are combined with roof or terrace amenity area." This requested an increase in flexibility, however, the proposed drafting introduced a firm sqm constraint. In this context the 30% marker is more flexible for small gardens and request the original language is retained.

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Kind Regards,

James