

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to object to a number of the policies proposed in the council's draft local plan.

My main objection is to the plans for tall buildings in the town centre conservation area (Pp 156 – 60, Figure 7.3, Fig 7.4. Policy DE6 and SA2 Palace Gardens Shopping Centre).

Any development at higher than the current height of Palace Gardens would be quite unacceptable and totally out of character for the area.

In general I am opposed to the 'spatial strategy' as set out in section 2.4. I disagree with the proposals expressed for achieving improved housing and employment. I believe homes and jobs must be sourced within the already established and built on areas of the borough. From reading the plan, I get the impression that the impact of the pandemic hasn't been taken into account strongly enough. I think more retail units that will never again see any customer footfall should be repurposed as homes and workshops.

Although I don't live anywhere near the Green Belt I am vehemently opposed to it being built on. Everyone in the Borough needs to be able to access this open space. Even if they don't ever walk or run across the common land, just to see it from the top deck of the 121 is a boon to the spirit. Therefore I wish to register my objections to the following policies :

Policy SP PL 10, pages 80 – 87, and figure 3.11

Policy SP PL9, pages 77 – 80 + Concept Plan figure 3.10

Policy SA62, page 383 and SP CL4 pages 277 – 9

Policy SA52, page 372

Policy SA54, page 374

Thank you for this opportunity to have my say