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Hi Nick, apologies for delay in getting back to you.

Core Strategy Policy CS2 (Brent Cross Cricklewood):

Having discussed with PINS we are of the view that your proposal to use your 2006 UDP Saved Policy as the development framework for this opportunity area is broadly acceptable, providing you address the following 2 issues;

- Clearly commit to a review of CS2 in the policy, setting out the triggers and/or timescales for such a review.
- Include any key infrastructure planning issues/requirements (and any necessary contingencies if this infrastructure is delayed/not forthcoming). It would also be of benefit to make appropriate references to Barnet's Infrastructure Delivery Plan as necessary.

However, you will wish to note that because you are linking the Brent Cross-Cricklewood UDP policy into the Core Strategy, it is possible that the CS Inspector will want to explore whether the justification and evidence base for the Saved Policy is current and credible. You may need to demonstrate one or more of the following;

- circumstances have not changed sufficiently since 2006 to warrant concerns over the policy's age / evidence base.
- circumstances may have changed significantly, but there are good reasons why the saved provisions should still apply to this location (e.g. the likely mitigation measures and/or impacts would not be considered sufficient to warrant changing the policy provisions).
- circumstances have changed significantly (eg: viability / affordable housing provision), but where this is the case you have a sufficiently up to date evidence base / contingency plans.

[Climate change - I have no further comments at this stage].

I hope this is helpful.
regards,
Alex.

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