Barnet Local Plan Examination Matter 2 Spatial Strategy and Strategic Policies

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18	BSS01 GSS01 4.4.5	Should take account of with ECC02A k)	To add: Housing targets may have to change in the 15 years of the Barnet Plan in response to: Population growth less than expected under-capacity in the electricity grid. under-capacity in the water supply or sewage	Electricity W London boroughs of Hillingdon, Ealing & Hounslow cannot build more housing until 2035 due to shortage of electricity Grid has 'no power for new homes in west London until 2035' News The Times The uptake of electric cars and their charging points will also impact on the grid Rising number of EVs risks causing blackouts on UK electricity grid, MPs warn E&T Magazine (theiet.org) More office space also require a lot of power for computers
7	GSS02		To add to GSS02 after bullet point 3 "Numbers are contingent on a sufficient capacity in the electricity grid and water supply".	Water supply Running out or flooded out? London's water crisis London City Hall Climate change: Water shortages in England 'within 25 years' - BBC News Water crisis is around the corner Register The Times Water firms in south east publish plan to avoid supply shortages - BBC News

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Qu 20	4.28.2 BSS01 a v)	Inconsistency with BSS01 b) and ECC05 on Green Belt. The environmental cost of artificial pitches. Any more development in Copthall is incompatible with its Green Belt status. Sunny Hill Park and Barnet Playing Fields are public open spaces and should be retained as such.	In 4.28.2: Delete "(both grass and artificial)" Add: The Copthall site is already developed as a sports hub and care should be taken not to compromise the Green Belt character of the playing fields. Add to BSS01 a v) Public green spaces should be retained for unstructured recreation in keeping with their status as parks, Metropolitan Open Land or Green Belt.	The hidden environmental cost of artificial sports pitches Resource Futures What will be added or built on to Copthall Playing Fields? They need to be retained as playing fields for local sports clubs (as per response to Reg 19 from Sports England). https://headtopics.com/uk/nearly-100-school-playing-fields-sold-off-in-seven-years-putting-lionesses-legacy-at-risk-28765039 Copthall is gradually becoming a venue for spectator sport and commercial entertainment. As Barnet moves towards a higher population density, undeveloped open green space becomes essential for mental and physical health. https://londongreenbeltcouncil.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3036c690a1180c4edb90ae1a0&id=d3d1aa6652&e=76126c090a Open spaces near to built-up areas such as West Hendon Playing Fields, are particularly important for those in lower income groups who do not have their own gardens or cannot afford regular holidays.