APPENDIX 1 Decision Statement Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2025 - 2040

1. Summary

- 1.1 Following an independent examination of the Plan, the Chief Planning Officer recommends that the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan proceeds to Cabinet and full Council to be formally made, subject to the modifications set out in Table 1 of this statement.
- 1.2 The Council concurs with the Examiner's recommendation finding that no local referendum is required on the Plan as the changes being proposed are not so significant or substantial as to change its nature.
- 1.3 The Decision Statement, Examiner's Report and other documents can be inspected on the Council's website at www.camden.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning. Copies are also available for inspection in the libraries at 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG (Opening hours: Mon Sat 8am- 8pm, Sun 11am -5pm) and Keats Community Library, London NW3 2RR (Opening hours: Tue-Wed 10am-6pm, Thu-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat-Sun 12 noon-4pm).
- 1.4 When the Neighbourhood Plan is formally 'made' (adopted) by the Council, it will become part of the statutory development plan for the area and will be used alongside Council plans when making decisions on planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area.

2. Decision

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 requires the local planning authority to outline how it intends to respond to the recommendations of an independent Examiner.
- 2.2 Having considered each of the recommendations made in the Examiner's report, and the reasons for them, the Council has decided to make the modifications to the draft Plan set out in Table 1 of this Decision Statement. These changes are considered to be necessary to ensure that the draft Plan meets the basic conditions and legal requirements.

2.3 The modifications set in Table 1 produce no significant changes to the policy and strategy of the Neighbourhood Plan overall. Therefore, a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulations Assessment is not required. Camden Council has undertaken an Equalities Impact Assessment of a draft version of the Plan. This found that all of the draft Plan's policies were likely to have positive or neutral effects.

2.4 The Chief Planning Officer agrees:

- A) That the recommendations of the Examiner and the subsequent amendments proposed as set out in Table 1 be accepted; and
- B) That, as recommended by the Examiner, the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, proceeds to Cabinet and Full Council to be formally made.
- 2.5 Accordingly, the draft Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan as modified is considered to:
 - i. Meet the basic conditions set out in paragraph 8 (2) of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
 - ii. Not breach or otherwise be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998); and
 - iii. Comply with the provisions made by or under 38A and 38B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Table 1: Examiner's recommendations and Camden Council's response

No (as Examiner's report)	Examiner's report para.	Policy in the Neighbourhood Plan Submission Draft	Examiner's recommended modifications New text shown as <u>underlined</u> Deletions shown as strikethrough	Council's response and reason for change
EM1	4.6	DH1	c) For extensions, they are subservient to the original footprint and mass of the house, contribute positively to the character of the area and provide biodiversity net gain (BNG) enhance biodiversity.	Agree to modification, this recognises that requiring Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) from schemes of any size could be onerous.
			g) They protect the residential amenity and visual privacy of neighbouring properties.	Agree to modification, this clarifies the extent of planning powers.
EM2	4.7	DH2	Delete para. 3.21: Where an applicant claims that no viable use of a heritage asset can be found and therefore proposes demolition, the applicant first will be required to market the heritage asset at fair market value to potential buyers for a medium period of time of five years.	Agree to modification: these matters are already adequately addressed through national planning policy on heritage.
EM3	4.8	DH3	Para. 3.25: Historic England, in its guidance document Energy Efficiency and Historic Buildings: How to Improve Energy Efficiency (2018) Adapting Historic Buildings for Energy and Carbon Efficiency (2024), sets out a	Agree to modification: the evidence document has been updated recently.

			'whole building approach' that 'uses an understanding of a building in its context to find balanced solutions that save energy, sustain heritage significance, and maintain a comfortable and healthy indoor environment.' 1 b) Use of low embodied energy carbon materials and technologies, such as timber, timber projects, products, lime, etc 2 b) All new build in major development schemes should achieve at least net zero carbon and will be encouraged to be net energy positive within the constraints of existing development policies.	Agree to modification: to correct typos. Agree to modification: this recognises that achieving at least net zero carbon is likely to be onerous if applied to smaller developments
			Para. 3.38: According to Camden guidance, a decentralised energy network is a way of distributing the heat (and more rarely, power) generated from a given energy source(s)across multiple buildings or, as Camden prefers, multiple sites.	Agree to modification: the paragraph does relate to the policy text.
EM4	4.9	DH4	(3) Developers must include in any Construction Management Plan (CMP): a) a Circular Economy Statement in line with the London Plan; b) a noise management plan; and c) provisions for employing vehicles on no more than 7.5 tonnes unladen weight (see Policy TT1 (4).	Agree to modification: Circular Economy Statements are separate to CMPs.

Renumber (b) and (c) accordingly

(6) Sites where development is unfinished three months after the start of work shall be registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme, and registration details displayed on the site before work continues. This requirement shall be a planning condition. are encouraged to be registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme, and registration details displayed on the site.

Agree to modification: CCS registration is dealt with through Camden's Construction Management Plans, it is not possible to retrospectively require CCS registration when it has not been secured at application stage.

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For large, complex projects where there is significant risk of the developer falling behind schedule or failing to complete the project, developers may be required to provide performance bonds or to enter construction contracts that include specific deadlines for project completion , developers are encouraged to consider measures that ensure timely project completion and minimise disruption to the community. While the planning system cannot mandate specific completion timelines, developers are urged to implement robust project management practices and maintain open communication with affected residents throughout the construction process.

Agree to modification: construction timelines are beyond the remit of planning. The wording of planning conditions is outside the remit of neighbourhood plans.

Delete para. 3.45

EM5	4.10	DH5	(b) Incorporating building-scale renewable energy generation such as solar panels where feasible compatible with design and heritage policies, such as DH3 (1)	Agree to modification: the installation of solar panels should have regard to relevant design and heritage policies.
			e) Ensuring construction management minimises waste and pollution	Agree to modification: this matter is already addressed elsewhere in the Neighbourhood Plan.
EM6	4.11	Strategic Sites	a) Will provide 10% biodiversity net gain enhance biodiversity	Agree to modification, this recognises that requiring Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) from schemes of any size could be onerous.
			Replace image of Royal Mail Hampstead Delivery Office with the one supplied by the Forum to the Examiner	Agree to modification: to correct an error.
			Redevelopment of the Delivery Office should also meet Policies HC1, DH1, DH2, DH3, DH4 and Camden draft Local Plan. Redeveloping could meet the housing requirements of the draft Camden Local Plan (45 additional	Agree to modification: additional text to reference the existing housing target for

			homes) while providing vibrant live/work units to replace the many traditional workshops and studios that have been lost through the re-development of Hampstead. Live/work spaces contribute vibrancy, jobs and economic stimulus to neighbourhoods.	this site in the Draft Camden Local Plan.
EM7	4.13	NE1 and NE2	Para. 4.6 and 4.7: The Act applies to all development, including small gardens, with some exemptions. In England, BNG is mandatory under Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by Schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021) with exceptions depending on the size and type of development. Biodiversity in Hampstead is supported not only by the Heath and identified corridors but traditionally by individual gardens and green spaces in almost all of this Plan's character areas.	Agree to modification: to clarify how BNG is applied in England.
			NE1 (2) The Plan encourages all <u>residential</u> development, including garden buildings, to explore opportunities to provide a 1-metre gap at the end of the rear (or main) garden to provide space for planting and the movement of wildlife	Agree to modification for clarity.
			Replace Map 5 (existing page 34) with the version submitted by the Forum to the Examiner	Agree to modification: the replacement map provides greater clarity regarding the intended location of

			NE2 (2) (b) where possible, consider ways to improve connectivity in Network Priority Areas (refer to Map 5 above) between the Biodiversity Corridors	'Network Priority Areas'. Agree to modification: this may not be feasible for every development scheme
EM8	4.14	NE3	Para. 4.21 The sites in the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan Area listed above (see Map 6, and Appendixces 2, 3 and Appendix 6 5), are to be have been designated as Local Green Spaces as defined in the NPPF. Each of these sites complies with the criteria that it is in close proximity to the community it serves, is local in character and not extensive, and is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a special significance. A list of designated LGSs is given in the appendices with evidence to support the designations. Additional information on each site is in our Evidence Base, Natural Environment, Local Green Spaces file.	Agree to modification: the Local Green Spaces were designated through the first Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan adopted in 2018.
EM9	4.15	NE4	Tree List should be moved out of the appendix to form part of the main plan. Para. 4.31 The Important Tree List, Appendix 4, Chapter 9, is a list of trees chosen by local people for their aesthetic and/or environmental or historic value.	Agree to modification: provides greater visibility to tree list, aiding decision making.

	Precise location to be determined through editing of Adoption version.
NE4 (1) Development proposals affecting that have the potential to affect trees should be supported by tree protection details in accordance with the most recent version of BS 5837 and a-landscaping scheme that details that demonstrate:	Agree to modification: to fully reflect the evidence applicants are expected to submit to the Council.
a) How trees retained on site, and neighbouring sites, where appropriate, will be protected and	Agree to modification: it may be appropriate to seek retention of trees beyond the site boundary.
c) Where feasible includes the planting of trees. Unless it can be demonstrated as unfeasible or non-viable, development should allow space for the future planting of trees well suited to local conditions. Provide for the new planting of trees unless this is unfeasible.	Agree to modification: for clarity.
(2) Any development that proposes removal of a tree on the Important Tree List (see Appendix 4 Chapter 9) should include, within the application, justification for the removal(s) and details of replacement tree planting to mitigate against the loss of canopy cover where site constraints allow.	Agree to modification as replacement planting is not always feasible.

			Para. 4.34 Development proposals where trees > 7.5cm in trunk diameter at 1.5m from ground and >1.5m in height are present (on-site or off-site) which have root protection areas or canopies that encroach onto the application site or could be affected by development, its plant or vehicles in any other way, are to be accompanied by a tree survey, arboricultural impact assessment, tree protection plan and an arboricultural method statement- in accordance with the latest version of BS 5837. Para. 4.36 Tree protection guidance is provided in BS5837 (2012), the British Standard for trees in relation to design, demolition and construction. The 2012 version of BS5837 (British Standard for Trees) is currently being reviewed, and a revised version is expected to be in place in 2025.	Agree to modification which reflects existing practice. Agree to modification: to reflect the update to this document. Agree to modification: to reflect the update to this document.
EM10	4.16	BA1	Page 45- caption on map., amend Source Map: British Geological Survey 1920 1(c) Be accompanied by a Basement Construction Plan as shown necessary by the BIA for a basement proposal. The Basement Construction Plan should include information, including drawings, which illustrate how the construction will overcome any potential harm to neighbouring properties, the water environment, ground conditions and stability, the character and amenity of the building or wider area,	Agree to modification: for clarity Agree to modification: to correct an error.

the significance of heritage assets, or any other identified potential harm. Delete criterion and consequentially renumber criterion (d) to (c) Para. 5.10 As a result of the conditions found in Hampstead, basements in Hampstead may pose a particular risk to neighbouring properties and require close investigations These conditions include unusual and unstable soils, subsoil water movement, hilly areas liable to slippage, and dense development in which many houses are conjoined.	Agree to modification: as the soils are not atypical
Para. 5.12 When a <u>bB</u> asement Impact <u>aA</u> ssessment shows that additional steps need to be taken, those proposing basement development are encouraged	Agree to modification: to address typos.
(a) CPG – Basements and the Camden Geological, Hydrogeological and Hydrological Study (paragraphs 285-294) should be studied whenever hydrological borehole measurements are to be carried out. Soil samples, including those near boundaries with neighbours must should be taken to a depth below the footing of the proposed base of the basement. The boreholes measurements may need to be conducted in periods of contrasting rainfall and over a period of several months covering wet	Agree to modification: to align with existing Basement Impact Assessment (BIA) approach.

and dry seasons. or suitably conservative assumptions made.	
(b) In some cases, when boreholes measurements show a groundwater risk groundwater, an automatic log water measurements recorder may need to be left activated in the boreholes over a sustained period of contrasting rain cycles to demonstrate local groundwater and water table levels and the local extent of groundwater surges during and immediately following storms. In such instances, the amount of rainwater immediately preceding the borehole measurements on that day and in the prior days should be clearly documented in a report for all to see.	Agree to modification: to align with existing BIA approach.
(c) An assessment should demonstrate that the predicted Burland Scale at the time of the construction phase damage from basement construction is no more than Burland Scale 1 throughout the building and each neighbouring building that has any part within the zone of influence (typically a distance of approximately twice the depth of the basement from the point of the excavation). The assessment must show the location of the predicted impact and also demonstrate that the data entered assumptions made, methodology and supporting engineering calculations are all submitted and stand up to scrutiny see also 5.19)	Agree to modification: to align with existing BIA approach.

			(j) The team preparing the BIA and the BIA audit should always visit the site of a proposed excavation.	Agree to modification: the BIA auditor is not required to visit sites.
			Para. 5.13 To gain planning permission, developers need to demonstrate with appropriate evidence that the proposal would comply with Policy A5 of the Local Plan. Camden Planning Guidance — Basements provides detailed guidance on requirements for Basement Construction Plans. The implementation of Basement Construction Plans will be secured by planning obligations (Local Plan paragraph 6.127	Agree to modification: a Basement Construction Plan does not need to be prepared prior to the issue of planning consent.
EM11	4.17	BA2	BA2 Proposals for basement development should be accompanied by a Construction Management Plan which includes adequate information to assess the impact of the construction phase, should the proposal be approved. Where a Construction Management Plan (CMP) is required by the Council, Tthe CMP should include information on how:	Agree to modification: a CMP is not required for all basement developments.
			(2) Traffic and construction activity will be managed to protect the residential amenity of adjoining occupiers, the integrity of public structures and buildings and the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users. The CMP should, include details of the routing of demolition, excavation and construction vehicles, details of access, including	Agree to modification: this matter is now addressed through the main policy text.

			deliveries, storage, location of nearby trees, footways and carriageways. Details of site operation hours (see 5.24 below).	
EM12	4.19	TT1	TT1 (1) Due to the critical need to improve air quality and tackle congestion within the Plan Area, proposals that can reasonably be expected to result in a significant number of additional meter vehicle journeys to and from a site post-completion should provide the following information at an appropriate level of detail to allow a robust assessment of the impact of the proposal on air quality and levels of pollution: a) A transport assessment (or statement); b) A full or outline delivery and servicing management plan (DSMP); c) An air quality assessment. Together this information should demonstrate (if necessary, through mitigation measures) that the impact of any such journeys will be offset so that approval will not lead to an overall decrease reduction in air quality in the Plan Area or have a significant adverse impact on the local transport network.	Agree to modification: to address comments made by TfL which are supported because they clarify that transport assessments do not only consider vehicular movements.
			(2) Where a Travel Plan is approved in connection with an application it should include provision for an annual monitoring report to be submitted to Camden Council for the first five years in years 1,3 and 5 following construction occupation	Agree to modification: to reflect existing practice in Camden

Para. 6.20 Comprehensive guidance on Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Delivery and Servicing Management Plans can be found in Camden Planning Guidance – Transport 2021 and via TfL's website. Guidance on Air Quality Assessments can be found in Camden's Local Plan. Developments expected to generate an additional 100 or more person trips a day (as referenced in paragraph 6.67c) are regarded as "significant" for the application of Policy TT1. Exceptionally, some developments which generate smaller numbers of additional trips may also be expected to provide assessments, because of site-specific circumstances.	Agree to modification: to update a reference
Para 6.21 Applicants should discuss, and agree, the need for and content or scope of these documents with the local planning authority and for major developments with Transport for London at the pre-application stage	Agree to modification: to reflect the role of TfL.
Para. 6.24 As with other planning matters, wWhere a planning application is granted, the provisions of any associated DSMP will apply to future beneficial owners of the land or property described. The DSMP should reflect all reasonable expectations of the delivery and servicing requirements associated with the proposed land use at the time of the application	Agree to modification: changes to a Delivery and Servicing Management Plans do not automatically

result in a new and where a future owner wishes to go beyond the provisions set out in the relevant DSMP, a new planning application planning consent will be necessary. the Council's needing to be prior agreement to vary those provisions may be submitted. necessary. Para 6.25 It should be noted that paragraph 1 of Policy TT1 is Agree to concerned with additional motor vehicle use and its modification: to address comments objective is to prevent additional vehicle traffic and pollution. Therefore, if existing premises are made by TfL which refurbished or redeveloped in a way which does not are supported increase motor vehicle use or pollution then because they clarify paragraph 1 of this Policy will not apply. For that the potential impacts arising from redevelopment or refurbishment of existing premises, applicants shall assess whether the greater pedestrian proposal is likely to generate additional journeys or and cycling activity change travel patterns compared to the existing use. need to be assessed. If there is no significant increase in journeys or change in travel patterns, then paragraph 1 of this policy may not apply. However, applicants should also have regard for the London Plan's Policy T6 (L): Parking. This states that the existing parking provision for refurbishments should be reduced and not re-provided at the same levels where this would exceed the standards for new development set out in that policy Para. 6.26 Further guidance on Construction Management Agree to Plans can be found in Camden Planning Guidance modification: to Amenity and TfL's guidance on Construction address comments

Logistics Plans. To ensure that the practical impact of development is considered as early as possible the Plan strongly encourages the submission of a full CMP during pre-planning. Where an outline CMP is provided it should contain sufficient information to confirm that the material impacts of construction on the transport system and on amenity have been appropriately considered and mitigated. In line with the NPPF, CMPs should not be burdensome, should be proportionate to the scale of development and need only contain information, which is relevant, necessary and material to the application in question.

made by TfL about the role played by existing planning guidance.

Para. 6.28

The Plan encourages Camden Council to work with TfL and other organisations to discourage through traffic entering the Plan Area, particularly by promoting the following measures:

- a) Downgrading the A502 London Distributor Road given its unsuitability for heavy vehicles Reviewing the classification of the A502 north of Hampstead village-, considering its suitability for different vehicle types while preserving its function as a bus route.
- b) Use of signposting at key entry points to discourage traffic from entering the Plan Area where more appropriate choices, such as the A41 Finchley Road are available.

Agree to modification: to address comments made by TfL.TfL is responsible for the operation and planning of bus services in Camden.

EM13	4.23	TT2	Para. 6.32 To make streets more welcoming for pedestrians, Policies T2, GG3 and D8 of the London Plan (which incorporate the Mayor's Healthy Streets approach) require development to reduce the dominance of vehicles, to increase the permeability of streets, remove unnecessary street clutter and avoid barriers to movement that create severance for pedestrians and cyclists so that pedestrians can cross the street more easily. The Camden Transport Strategy 2019- 2041 establishes a hierarchy of road users, giving priority to pedestrians ahead of all other modes of travel, while Policy T1 of the Camden Local Plan seeks to ensure that developments improve the pedestrian environment.	Agree to modification: to address comments made by TfL to the importance of delivering 'Healthy Streets' in line with the Mayor's Transport Strategy
			Para. 6.43 The TfL map reproduced here at Map 9 shows that connectivity in the most populated part of the Plan Area is closely associated with bus provision, despite the Underground and Overground stations at the western and southern boundaries of the Plan area. South End Green, at the extreme south of the HNF area is served by four regular bus routes, two of which pass through popular areas of the West End and central London on their way to their final destinations to the South or South-west of the city centre. However, both routes terminate at South End Green. The remaining 90% of the Plan Area (including Hampstead Town) is served by only two	Agree to modification: to address comments made by TfL. This acknowledges the contribution of the Underground and Overground stations in the plan area to PTAL

			regular routes, one of which is a local service only, offering limited connectivity with journeys of less than 2km from Hampstead. Para. 6.44 Sites located in areas of better connectivity permit residential development at higher densities together with the use of buildings for public or educational purposes. They also permit car-free development. Areas without good connectivity are not suited to these purposes unless development is made sustainable through corresponding improvements in public transport	Agree to modification: for clarity. Since the adoption of the Camden Local Plan in 2017, the Council's policy (T2) on carfree development is borough-wide
			Figure 6.9 Forum to supply a revised version as a bar graph	Agree to modification for clarity
EM14	4.24	TT3 & TT4	TT3 Due to the traffic congestion and air quality issues in the Plan Area there is disproportionate harm which small localised peaks in demand for travel can cause: (1) The following types of development will be supported where they are located on sites with a Transport for London PTAL score of 4 5 or over, up to 2030, and a score of 5 or over thereafter: a) Sites used predominantly for medical, care or educational purposes. b) Applications which can reasonably be expected to result in an average of 100 or more additional	Agree to modification: so approach is not unduly restrictive.

person-trips per day (including servicing) post completion. (2) In circumstances where a site's PTAL score is less than 4 or 5, paragraph 1 of this policy may be waived provided that public transport improvements necessary to elevate the site's PTAL score to 5 or over from completion are secured, or a Travel Plan produced which would provide good accessibility to the new development with measures to mitigate harm from congestion and air pollution. Planning obligations should be used to secure these results Para. 6.57 The road system in South End Green poses Agree to particular problems for pedestrians who must modification: it negotiate busy lanes of traffic to get from one side to provides additional another. The Green itself is an isolated traffic island. information about with traffic and bus stands all around it, substantially streets around South diminishing the pedestrian experience and End Green destroying visual sightlines of what could otherwise be a pleasant and vibrant neighbourhood centre. Nearby streets suffer from traffic congestion, poor air quality and, in some stretches, a lack of street trees and planting. Para 6.58 Agree to Improvements to the London Overground service modification: to have led to substantial volumes of passengers using correct an error. Hampstead Heath station. The Office of Rail Regulator's report for 2022/23 records the annual

number of journeys to and from Hampstead Heath at

			2.9 million (3.3 million in 2014/2015), only 700,000 less than Hampstead Underground Station at 3.6 million (4.3 million in 2015). Many passengers commute to work at the Royal Free Hospital. Others make use of Hampstead Heath station to visit the Heath and surrounding open spaces. The introduction of a large M&S foodstore has drawn yet more people to this centre.	
EM15	4.31	EC2	EC2 (4) Security measures that do should not detract from the streetscape. Therefore, including toughened glass and the strengthening of shop fronts, will be supported. Eexternal security shutters, grilles or meshes will not be supported.	Agree to modification: for clarity
			Delete Figures 7.7 and 7.8	Agree to modification: the shopfronts shown have been enhanced in recent years.
EM16	4.32	HC1	HC1 (2) Housing conversions will not be supported which would result in the loss of dwellings except in certain circumstances mentioned in 8.6 below above.	Agree to modification: to correct an error.
EM17	4.33	HC2	Para 8.10 The Plan supports ways to increase the use and the availability of the above-listed assets listed below to the wider community; for example, increasing the use of school facilities outside school time. Many of the area's places of worship offer diverse cultural programmes and venues for community activities, which the Plan also supports.	Agree to modification: to correct an error.

HC2:	
(1) The Plan will resist the loss of facilities, sites and	Agree to
functions listed below unless a replacement facility	modification: to
that meets the needs of local residents is provided or	
the specific community facility is no longer required	puppet theatre.
in its current use:	pupper meane.
a) Community activities & support (charities, local	
authority, and health)	
Burgh House	
Hampstead Community Centre & Market Handaraa Court and Musica Hause	
Henderson Court and Munro House	
• Queen Mary's House	
• The Armoury Gym	
Park End Surgery (NHS)	
 Keats Group Practice (NHS) 	
b) Arts, libraries, facilities, and museums	
 Keats Community Library 	
Fenton House (National Trust)	
Keats House	
 Pentameters Theatre 	
Well Walk Theatre	
Everyman Cinema	
2 Willow Road (National Trust)	
 Hampstead Observatory 	
St Stephen's, Rosslyn Hill	
c) Schools	
• One secondary and 10 primary schools	
d) Independent companies or organisations with	Agree to
important community benefits. • Hampstead Post	modification: it is not

Office • Royal Mail Hampstead Delivery Office, Shepherd's Walk • Barclays Bank-Pubs including The Magdala, The Garden Gate, The Roebuck, The Freemasons Arms, The Wells Tavern, King William IV, The Duke of Hamilton, The Old White Bear, The Holly Bush, and The Old Bull and Bush.	possible for the Neighbourhood Plan to protect named businesses.
e) Places of worship • St Mary's, Hampstead • St John's, Downshire Hill • Christ Church, Hampstead • Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Church (Hall on Local List) • Heath Street Baptist Church • Hampstead Meeting House • The Village Shul (2) Development proposals will contribute to the support of these community facilities through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and other agreements as appropriate.	
(3) The Plan will resist the further loss of facilities for older and vulnerable people unless alternative provision can be provided locally, or firm evidence can be provided to demonstrate that the facilities are unviable or no longer required.	
(4) The Plan supports proposals to facilitate cultural activities in the Plan area	
(5) While recognising that the Council cannot compel the provision of postal or banking services, the Plan supports efforts to maintain convenient access to	Agree to modification: to acknowledge the

			these essential services for residents. These may include: a) Encouraging the integration of postal and banking services within existing community facilities or new developments where feasible. b) Supporting community-led initiatives to provide alternative solutions for accessing postal and banking services. c) Promoting dialogue between the community, service providers, and the Council to explore innovative ways to maintain these services in the area.	community's efforts to retain essential local services.
EM18	4.34	HC3	HC3 (1) The Plan supports development that creates accessible, well lit, welcoming public spaces with good environmental qualities. Examples of such areas include South End Green, Oriel Place Garden and the northern end of Heath Street.	Agree to modification: deletion of examples as requested by the Neighbourhood Forum.