

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET
LDF CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DPDs
EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC**

**FINCHLEY SOCIETY
POSITION STATEMENT IN ADVANCE OF HEARING SESSION
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MATTER 1 – Spatial Strategy/Vision and Sustainability

Paragraph 4.

The Finchley Society believes that the use of the word “should” in so many of the Policies, far from demonstrating flexibility, gives a green light for planning applicants, development control officers and planning Inspectors to find reasons why the policies need not be applied.

The precedents set then become grounds for development control officers to take the line of least resistance in decisions under delegated powers and recommendations to planning committees in later applications for fear of costs being awarded against the Council on appeal.