

## Labour Group Response on Core Strategy and Development Management Policies.

### Day 5          Matter 8          Managing the built and natural environment

- 3          Policy **DM02** should state the actual floor space and amenity space standards as per the London Plan i.e. 1 to 2 bed 50 sq.m., etc and likewise for amenity space. The UDP policy H18 for example specifies the actual dimensions for the amenity space required for new residential developments.

The policy should also specify the minimum garden area required in new developments for houses and flats with gardens.

- 5          While policy **DM04 (a)** does state that all new developments will need to have an Energy Statement compliant with London Plan targets for minimum Co2 emissions climate change is such a concern that it should have a separate policy.

- 6          **DM04(d)** could be interpreted as restricting housing development in busy noisy streets and town centres. However when sites become available in these areas we should avail of them, bearing in mind our acute housing need. Moreover some people prefer to live in a busy area. With modern methods of insulation satisfactory residential accommodation can be built. The policy should state this.

- 7          The statements on advertising at paragraph 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 in policy **DM01** are justified. We need to maintain control of the location of advertisements their number and their content.

- 8          The loss of front gardens is very regrettable and their replacement by a paved area for parking is a loss to insect and bird life and therefore a loss to the environment as a whole. In conservation areas uprooting front gardens is not allowed, it seems unfair that it is allowed to proceed elsewhere. We therefore should have a policy on this if possible. But further amendments to PPS3 may be necessary.