

# London Borough of Islington Local Plan examination



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Dear Mr Gibb,

On 1 September 2020, the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 will come into force, amending the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987. These Regulations amend and seek to simplify the system of Use Classes. These changes are likely to affect some of the policies contained in the Plan and the allocated uses of some of the sites.

At this point of the examination, it would be very helpful to us to get the Council's view on the potential soundness implications that the changes to the Use Classes will have on the Plan's policies and allocations. Once this has been established, we will be able to come to a view on how best to address any soundness issues as part of the examination.

There have also been other recent changes including the:

- Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development and Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020.
- MHCLG Written Ministerial Statement - Planning Update: Preventing loss of cultural venues and planning conditions for holiday parks, 14 July 2020.
- Business and Planning Act 2020 and accompanying Written Ministerial Statement.

Although these are likely to have a much lesser effect on the Plan, if any, we would also welcome the view of the Council as to whether they result in any soundness implications.

Yours sincerely,

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