Further to your Information request ER64357 please find your questions and our responses below:

1. What % of your borough/district is Metropolitan Green Belt (MGB)?

Response: 83% of the borough’s administrative area is excluded from the Metropolitan Green Belt.

2. How many planning applications for residential development have you refused for Green Belt reasons between 01 January 2007 and 31 December 2011 (or within a similar 5 year period). Approximately how many dwellings does this equate to?

Response: I have been advised we do not hold this information in the format requested.

3. What density figure (dwellings per hectare) do you currently apply to residential development (not in the MGB)?

Response: Adopted planning policy does not provide guidance on specific housing densities be that dwellings or rooms per hectare. Policy points towards consideration of impacts on character and amenity of an area. Should an applicant wish to gain formal advice regarding the acceptability of any proposal, the council offers a formal pre-application service.

4. Do you plan to review your Green Belt boundary in the next 5 years?
   Yes / No

Response: Yes.

5. Have you reviewed your Green Belt boundaries within the last 5 years?
   Yes / No
   If yes, please specify quantity of gain or loss of MGB (in hectares)

Response: No.

6. If you answered Yes to question 4 or 5 – what is/was the reason for your MGB review?
   • To address housing need
   • To protect further areas of MGB
   • Other (please specify)

Response: The council is reviewing its adopted planning policies through the preparation of a new Borough Local Plan. This process will ensure that planning policies remain relevant and up-to-date. As part of this process, all existing planning designations will be reviewed including those relating to the Green Belt. It should be understood that this review process does
not automatically lead to changes being made. Existing designations which remain fit for purpose are likely to be retained in the new plan.

This concludes your request ER64357.

If you require translation of the information you have been sent please do not hesitate the contact us.

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