

The Environmental Management Guidelines

Planning and Environment Committee
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Previous Milestones and Public Engagement

Pre Consultation 2019

- 3 meetings with external resource groups and presentation at EEPAC
- Circulation of Terms of Reference

AECOM awarded the EMG update November 2019

Phase 1 2019 - 2020

- 8 Facilitator lead meetings with 9 External Resource Groups and 3 First Nations Communities
- Draft Production
- Staff Review and Revision

Planning and Environment Committee Draft October 5, 2020

- 9 Meetings with 8 External Resource Groups and 3 First Nations Communities
- April 15, 2021 London Plan Natural Heritage policies approved through decision of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal
- Draft Production based on comments received and newly approved policies.

Phase 2 2020 - Current

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Revisions to 2020 EMG Draft

Changes to the previous draft included in this version focused on reducing redundancy, improving clarity, aligning the EMGs with approved policy and incorporating external group comments where appropriate.

The implications of these policies required changes to:

- Section 5 Buffer Determination:
 - Minimum buffer revision
- Section 6 Ecological Compensation:
 - Introduction of a compensation framework with allowance for a forthcoming Cash-in-lieu Appendix

Approved London Plan Natural Heritage Policy 1334 and 1342B

1334_ “...In some instances, and in consultation with the conservation authority having jurisdiction, **the City may consider the replacement of wetlands rather than in situ protection** where the features and functions of the wetland may be provided elsewhere...”

1342B_ “In some instances, for significant woodlands located within an Urban Place Type of Map 1, **replacement may be considered rather than in situ protection** where the features and functions may be provided elsewhere and would enhance or restore the Natural Heritage System, to the City’s satisfaction...”

1343_ Woodlands that are not determined to be ecologically significant but are to be retained for public open space or park purposes, or woodlands to be retained at the property owner's request as a private woodland, will be included in the Green Space Place Type on Map 1 and identified as woodlands on Map 5. If a woodland is evaluated and confirmed as not being ecologically significant and is not to be retained, the lands may be changed from the Environmental Review Place Type to another place type in conformity with the policies of this Plan, and **the woodlands or unevaluated vegetation patch identified on Map 5 may be removed.**

Next Steps

Receive comments and set up final meetings with External Resource Groups by November 26.

A Planning and Environment Committee Public Participation Meeting, EMG presentation, and a recommendation to adopt the Guidelines.