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Assessment of MOL Openness

- 3.17 The primary aim of the Stage 1 assessment is to establish the variation in the openness of MOL. Based on the assessment criteria outlined in Chapter 2, a review of MOL openness has been undertaken, drawing out spatial variations in openness where appropriate. The MOL within the Borough has been broken up into discreet pockets of land for assessment. **Figure 3.7** shows the location of each pocket. Detailed assessments of each pocket of MOL, including maps illustrating the assessed variation in openness across each pocket and the potential for minor boundary adjustments are highlighted in **Appendix 4**. Site visits have been undertaken to verify the desk-based judgements in the field.
- 3.18 A significant proportion of the MOL within Borough contains buildings and structures which compromise openness to varying degrees. However, the majority are of a relatively small scale and have a use which supports the use of the MOL as open space. Notable uses include cafes, sports clubs and supporting buildings, dwellings, churches and crematoriums, schools and colleges, glasshouses, maintenance buildings and nurseries.
- 3.19 The supporting text to Policy 7.17 of the adopted London Plan (2011) states that small scale supporting uses are appropriate in MOL. Consequently, although buildings and structures within MOL may affect openness, their use and scale are likely to make them inappropriate candidates for removal from the designation.






Minor MOL Realignments

- 3.20 As with the Green Belt, consideration has been given to the accuracy and robustness of the Council's existing MOL boundaries, with a view to highlighting areas of potential for realignments along alternative permanent and readily recognisable physical features where necessary. These recommendations are set out in detail in **Appendix 4** and an overview is presented in **Figure 3.7**.
- 3.21 In combination the minor MOL boundary adjustments would result in the designation of an additional 0.82ha of land and the de-designation of 3.63ha, resulting in a net loss in MOL of 2.81ha. This represents a 0.407% net loss in the total area of MOL within the London Borough of Barnet. However, 0.36ha of the area recognised as MOL loss is related to a recommendation to designate 0.36ha of MOL as Green Belt land.

Barnet Green Belt and MOL Assessment

Figure 3.7

MOL Overview

-  Local Authority Boundary
-  Greenbelt
-  MOL
- Suggested Boundary Amendments**
-  Add to MOL
-  Remove from MOL

Each MOL area is labelled with a number. For more details on these refer to associated inset maps.

Map Scale @A3: 1:50,000



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