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Chapter and policy number	Comment	Do you consider the Local Plan to be Legally Compliant? (yes/no)	Do you consider the Local Plan to be Sound? (yes/no)	Complies with Duty to Cooperate (yes/no)
Chapter 7 Culture and Visitors, Strategic Policy S6	<p>The title. Given the significance of the City's religious buildings and institutions, this section should be called 'Culture, religion, and visitors'. Similarly, strategic policy S6 should be called 'Culture, religion, and visitors'</p> <p>"The plan is not sound because religious institutions and the buildings that they care for are unique and do not belong in a 'culture' category. They belong in a 'religious' category.</p> <p>For the duty to co-operate to be fulfilled co-operation is required with all of the City's religious institutions, each of which is an autonomous charity, and so with each Parish and Guild Church, with the Diocese of London, and with the Bevis Marks Synagogue. "</p> <p>"As well as the title change to 'Culture, religion, and visitors', a new paragraph is required in strategic policy S6:</p> <p>Protecting and enhancing the City's unique religious buildings and their surroundings, increasing access for residents, workers, and visitors, and providing accessible and inclusive infrastructure and facilities that complement religious uses in the City.</p> <p>In the 'reason for the policy' section a new paragraph is required:</p> <p>The City contains a unique and dense collection of religious buildings. The Mithreum is now protected at the base of the Bloomberg Building; Bevis Marks Synagogue holds the world record for continuous use by the same Jewish community; and the City contains the</p>	Yes	No	No

	<p>most dense collection of churches in the country, all of them significant architecturally, and many, perhaps most, of them grade I listed buildings designed by Sir Christopher Wren. These are a unique gift to the City's residents, workers, and visitors. The City's religious infrastructure is important to the distinctive and historically significant character of the Square Mile. The international reputation and high quality of its religious buildings and their activity has a critical part to play in the health of the working environment and adds to the appeal of the City as a place to live, visit, and do business. It attracts an increasing number of visitors, with consequent economic benefits, and supports the health and wellbeing of the City workers, residents and visitors.</p> <p>In the 'How the policy works' section, a new paragraph is required:</p> <p>The City Corporation will require proposals for new development and changes of use to protect religious facilities. The City Corporation will work with developers and religious institutions to deliver new facilities where they enhance the attractiveness of the City as a religious destination. "</p>			
<p>Chapter 1 Strategic Priorities, Para. 1.3</p>	<p>"To be sound - positively prepared, justified, and effective - the City's unique religious heritage and offering must receive the attention due to it.</p> <p>The duty to co-operate requires active engagement with the City's Parish and Guild Churches, The Diocese of London, and Bevis Marks Synagogue."</p> <p>A new entry is required in 1.3 Social Objective: 'Enhancing the City's unique religious offering and enabling better public access'.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>