

Planning and Borough Development

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Dear Stakeholder

Kensington and Chelsea Local Plan Partial Review

An update on the Local Plan Partial Review so far

The Local Plan¹ is the main document used by the Council in deciding whether to grant or refuse planning permission for new development.

The Council has been working on a Partial Review of its existing Local Plan to make sure it is up-to-date, reflects the needs of the borough's communities and sets out a positive vision for the borough.

The Local Plan Partial Review is at an advanced stage in its production following a number of public consultations over the last two years:

- **December 2015 to February 2016:** Issues and Options consultation²
- **October to December 2016:** Draft Policies consultation³
- **February to March 2017:** Publication Policies consultation⁴
- **May 2017:** submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate

Mike Hayden BSc(Hons) DipTP MRTPI has been appointed as the Inspector to conduct the examination.

Andrea Copsey has been appointed as the independent Programme Officer for this examination. She has been appointed to deal with procedural, administrative and programming matters for the examination. She is the first point of contact for Participants and will act as a liaison point between the Council, the Inspector and examination Participants. Her contact details are:

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¹ www.rbkc.gov.uk/localplan

² <https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPPR/>

³ <https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPPRDP/>

⁴ <https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPPRPP/>

Further Proposed Modifications

In light of the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower on 14 June 2017 and in response to petitions from the local community in North Kensington, the Council decided to suspend estate regeneration projects in the borough and propose some changes called 'Further Proposed Modifications' to the Local Plan Partial Review.

Today, these Further Proposed Modifications have been published as document ID 'CED004 Further Proposed Modifications' on the examination webpage at:

<https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPPRexam>

A number of evidence base documents have also been updated which are also available on the examination webpage, dated October 2017.

Essentially, the Further Proposed Modifications propose to:

- **Delete Site Allocation CA2 Barlby-Treverton;**
- **Delete Site Allocation CA5 Silchester Estates and Chapter 7 Latimer;**
- **Delete Site Allocation CA8 Warwick Road Estate;**
- **Revert emerging new Policy CH5 Estate Regeneration** back to the existing adopted Local Plan Policy CH4/5 Estate Renewal;
- **Make consequential amendments arising from the above;** and
- **Commit the Council to an early review of the Local Plan**, at least in part, to consider issues related to North Kensington, the Latimer 'Place', estate regeneration and housing supply, to be adopted within five years of the Local Plan Partial Review's adoption. This would be expected to commence some time in 2018 and be undertaken in accordance with the Council's commitment that any future estate regeneration projects would be co-designed with the community and put to a binding vote.

Call for further Participants

It is normally the case⁵ that only those people who responded to the Publication Policies consultation⁶ (February to March 2017) are able to participate formally in the examination.

However, in light of the Further Proposed Modifications mentioned above, **the Inspector and the Council have agreed to invite further Participants with an interest in the Further Proposed Modifications to take part in the examination**, through written statements and/or through participation in the oral Hearings.

If you would like to register as a Participant, **please complete the Response Form** attached at the end of this letter which is also available at the examination webpage⁷ as a Word document and as an online questionnaire. **Responses must be received by 23:59h on 8 November 2017.**

⁵ Section 20(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

⁶ <https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPPRPP/>

⁷ <https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/LPPRexam>

What are the next steps?

Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

After the Call for Further Participants has closed, the Inspector will publish his 'Matters, Issues and Questions' (MIQs), including questions relating to the Further Proposed Modifications, which will allow all registered Participants to submit a written statement in response to the Inspector's questions.

Public Notice of the Hearings

The Hearings were originally expected to take place in September 2017. However, in light of the need to make the Further Proposed Modifications mentioned above, the Inspector agreed to postpone the Hearings to a date yet to be confirmed, as set out in IED002 Letter from Programme Officer (8 August 2017)⁸.

At least 6 weeks in advance of the Hearings starting, the Council will publish a Public Notice⁹ confirming the date, time and place at which the Hearings will take place and issue this to all registered Participants.

The Hearings

The Inspector will hold a series of public examination Hearings focussing on the key issues. An agenda will be published and issued to all registered Participants in advance and an opportunity for them to confirm whether they wish to attend a particular session will be given.

Consultation after the Hearings

A consolidated suite of Proposed Modifications including those from Submission, the Further Proposed Modifications and Modifications arising out of the MIQs and the Hearings will be published for 6 weeks consultation after the Hearings for all registered Participants to respond.

The consultation on the consolidated suite of Proposed Modifications will also be accompanied by an updated Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) report which will include the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).

Inspector's Report

Once the Inspector has considered the consultation responses to the consolidated suite of Proposed Modifications, the Inspector's Report will be published¹⁰. The Report will set out whether the Inspector considers the Local Plan Partial Review meets the tests of soundness, fulfils the duty to cooperate and is legally compliant and will set out any recommended modifications to rectify any non-compliance.

⁸ https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/gf2.ti/f/799106/29141797.1/PDF/-/170808Postponement_of_Hearings_Letter_from_PO_FINAL.pdf

⁹ Regulation 24 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

¹⁰ Regulation 25

Adoption by Full Council

The final stage is for Full Council to adopt¹¹ the Local Plan Partial Review, incorporating any modifications necessary.

At this point, the Local Plan Partial Review becomes part of the statutory development plan used in deciding whether to grant or refuse planning permission for new development. A consolidated version of the Local Plan will be published for ease of reference.

Early review of the Local Plan

As set out above, the Council has committed to an early review of the Local Plan, at least in part, to consider issues related to North Kensington, the Latimer 'Place', estate regeneration and housing supply, to be adopted within five years of the Local Plan Partial Review's adoption. This would be expected to commence some time in 2018 and be undertaken in accordance with the Council's commitment that any future estate regeneration projects would be co-designed with the community and put to a binding vote.

Where can I find further guidance?

National guidance on Local Plan examinations is available from:

- National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG): Local Plans: Publication and examination of a Local Plan (Department for Communities and Local Government, March 2014 / May 2016)¹²
- Procedural Practice in the Examination of Local Plans, 4th Edition (Planning Inspectorate, June 2016)¹³

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Wade
Head of Forward Planning

¹¹ Regulation 26

¹² www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plans--2#publication-and-examination-of-a-local-plan

¹³ www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-procedural-practice



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

Local Plan Partial Review Examination Call for Further Participants Response Form October 2017

This consultation is open for 4 weeks from
11 October to 11:59 pm on 8 November 2017

The Council **prefers to receive your response on-line**,
however, you may also respond by email or post using the details below.

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| On-line (preferred) | https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk or via www.rbkc.gov.uk/planningpolicy |
| Email | planningpolicy@rbkc.gov.uk Please state 'Local Plan Partial Review – Call for Further Participants' in the subject line |
| Post | Planning Policy Team Planning and Borough Development Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Kensington Town Hall Hornton Street London W8 7NX |

Contact details

Contact details will be shared with the Planning Inspector and the Programme Officer.

Where there are groups who share a common view on how they wish to see a plan modified, the Planning Inspectorate advises it would be very helpful for that group to send a single representation which represents the view, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate contact details. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

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| Name | |
| Organisation (if applicable) | |
| Representing (e.g. self or client) | |
| Email Address | |
| Postal Address | |
| Telephone Number | |

Examination hearing

Do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination – the examination hearing?

Yes

No

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Notifications

Please confirm whether you wish to be notified, using the contact details provided, of any of the following:

The publication of the recommendations of the Inspector who carries out independent examination of the policies:

Yes

No

The adoption of the policies:

Yes

No