

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Development Control Committee
Executive

Date: 25th May 2010
26th May 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: DRAFT LONDON PLAN - EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

To consider the timetable for Bromley's participation in the Draft Replacement London Plan Examination in Public that commences 28th June 2010.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) Members of the Development Control Committee are asked to consider and comment on the timetable for Bromley's participation as set out in para 3.8 of this report; and**
- (2) the Executive is asked to consider comments from the Development Control Committee in endorsing an approach to the timetable for Bromley's participation in the Draft London Plan Examination in Public.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: New policy.
 2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: N/A
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning Division Budget
 4. Total current budget for this head: £3.3m
 5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budgets
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 98
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is applicable for any decision taken by the Executive
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Wider general public affected by planning policies
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Mayor of London published the Draft Replacement London Plan (DRLP) in October 2009 for consultation ending on 12th January 2010. Bromley Council's response was agreed by the Executive on 9th December 2009 after being considered by Development Control Committee on 1st December 2009 (copies of the Table of Responses and Appendices and the DRLP are available in the Member's room).
- 3.2 Arrangements are now being made for the Examination in Public (EIP) the purpose of which is to provide an opportunity for a structured discussion and testing of the DRLP before an independent panel appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.
- 3.3 The Panel that have been appointed to carry out the EIP at City Hall, have published a Draft List of Matters and Participants. This document sets out the timetable for consideration of the matters for discussion and the participants selected for that discussion against each policy of the DRLP. Note that anyone can observe the proceedings at anytime from the public gallery without participating in the discussion.
- 3.4 The table below is an extract from the draft list indicating those dates when officers might be expected to attend at City Hall, along with up to thirty others, to participate in the discussion of the matter concerning each particular policy.
- 3.5 The table shows that Bromley could participate in about 30 of the policy discussions (out of 122 policies in the DRLP). These are the areas on which the Council made specific comment. There are several policies, indicated in the table, where, because of the number of Boroughs likely to be in attendance, Bromley is expected to 'hot seat' with other London Boroughs; in these cases arrangements will need to be made with the Panel Secretary to engage in the discussion if it is considered necessary. In the other discussions a more limited number of Boroughs have been invited to participate and therefore "hot seating" will not be necessary. Bromley was not included in the original Draft List as a participant in the matters under Policy 2.16 - Strategic Outer London Development Centres (SOLDC). Biggin Hill is referred to in the policy as a potential SOLDC and consequently a request was made to include Bromley as a participant for Policy 2.16. The finalised list of Matters and Participants is expected to be published later in May.
- 3.6 Written statements can be provided to the Panel (although there is no need to provide such statements if all the points are already covered in the original response). At the moment it is suggested that Bromley should keep its options open in this respect. The priorities for Bromley are considered to be representations on Opportunity Areas (Policy 2.13), Housing supply (Policy 3.3) and provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers (Policy 3.9) Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of this report set out the existing representations made on these topics which will form the basis of the discussion and any written statement submitted to the EIP. There is to be a Technical Seminar on Housing matters to consider technical matters relating to the calculation of the housing supply targets in Policy 3.3. A date for this has not yet been set but it is expected to take place in September before the main discussions take place on housing policy matters. The policy on Gypsies and Travellers (Policy 3.9) has been the subject of a further Alteration to the DRLP proposed by the Mayor which reduces the pitch provision in Bromley from 58 in the DRLP to 17. This is referred to in Appendix 3 of this report.
- 3.7 More information is available on the GLA website at www.london.gov.uk/london-plan-eip The DRLP itself can be viewed at www.london.gov.uk/shaping-london/london-plan

3.8 Time table of Bromley participation in the London Plan EIP:

Date	Policy in DRLP		Note
Fri 2 nd July	2.8	Outer London: Transport	
Tues 6 th July	2.13	Opportunity Areas and Intensification Areas and Annex 1	
Tues 6 th July	2.16	Strategic Outer London Development Centres	Requested participation
Fri 9 th July	4.1, 4.2 & 4.3	London's Economy: Developing London's Economy; Offices; Mixed-use Development	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Mon 12 th July	4.5 & 4.6	London's Economy: London's Visitor infrastructure; Arts, Culture and Entertainment	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Mon 12 th July	4.10, 4.11 & 4.12	London's Economy: New and Emerging Economic Sectors; Encouraging a Connected Economy; Improving opportunities for all	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Tues 13 th July	4.7 & 4.8	London's Economy: Retail and town centre development; Supporting a successful and diverse retail sector	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Tues 13 th July	4.9	London's Economy: Small Shops	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Thurs 15 th July	5.1	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	
Mon 6 th Sept	5.13	Sustainable Drainage	
Tues 7 th Sept	5.17	Waste capacity	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Thurs 8 th Sept	6.1	Strategic Approach to Transport	
Thurs 8 th Sept	6.2	Providing transport Capacity and Safeguarding Land for transport (Including Table 6.3)	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Thurs 8 th Sept	6.3 & 6.4	Assessing Transport Capacity (6.3) and Enhancing London's Transport connectivity (6.4)	
Fri 10 th Sept	6.6	Aviation	
Mon 13 th Sept	6.11	Smoothing traffic flow	
Mon 13 th Sept	6.13 – 6.15	Parking	
Tues 14 th Sept	7.4	Local Character	
Tues 14 th Sept	7.10	World Heritage Sites	
Thurs 16 th Sept	7.19	Biodiversity and access to nature	
Thurs 16 th Sept	7.22	Land for Food	
Fri 17 th Sept	7.16 & 7.17	Green Belt and MOL	
Thurs 23 rd Sept	8.4	Monitoring and Review	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Tues 5 th Oct	3.3	Increasing Housing Supply and Table 3.1	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Fri 8 th Oct	3.6	Children and Young People	
Fri 8 th Oct	3.7	Large Residential Developments	
Mon 11 th Oct	3.9	Gypsies and travellers	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Thurs 14 th Oct	3.14	Affordable housing thresholds	'hot seat' with other London Boroughs
Fri 15 th Oct	3.15	Existing Housing	

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Bromley's Core Strategy and other Development Plan Documents will need to be in conformity with the London Plan when it is adopted by the Mayor.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial, Legal, Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Draft Replacement London Plan, October 2009 Draft List of Matters and Participants, March 2010 Guidance Notes for Participants, March 2010