

Decision Maker: **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Date: **Thursday 21 June 2018**

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

Title: **BROMLEY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT LONDON PLAN**

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Chief Officer: Chief Planner

Ward: All

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 A draft new London Plan was published by the Mayor for consultation in December 2017. A report to this committee summarised key aspects of the Consultation Draft and provided suggested comment for recommendation to the Executive who resolved that the Chief Planner, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to prepare and submit the Council's response to the London Plan consultation to the Mayor of London.
- 1.2 The Council's response to the draft London Plan included the submission of the 26th January DCC report and the finalised agreed response (Appendix 1 to this report)

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the committee note the Council response to the draft London Plan consultation and the process and timetable for the London Plan Examination in Public.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: No impact
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Quality Environment:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning Division Budget (Excl. Building Control, Land Charges)
 4. Total current budget for this head: £ £1.525m
 5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budget for 2017/18 and 2018/19
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 64ftes
 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: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: No implications
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All residents in the Borough as well as those making planning applications for development in the Borough.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

3. COMMENTARY

Background

- 3.1 A draft new London Plan was published by the Mayor for consultation in December 2017. The Mayor is required to have regard to the need to ensure that the London Plan is consistent with national policies and to consult in accordance with the [Greater London Authority Act 1999 \(as amended\)](#) (“the GLA Act”) and associated regulations.
- 3.2 When adopted the Plan will comprise part of the statutory development plan for Greater London, and, as part of Bromley’s Development Plan, will be used in decision making on planning applications along with the UDP/ Local Plan and Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan.

Bromley Council Response to the draft London Plan Consultation

- 3.3 Development Control and Executive agreed that the report presented to them on 25th January and 7th February respectively be used as the basis of the Council’s response, with the final wording to be drawn up by the Chief Planner with the agreement with the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation and in consultation with the Chairman of the Development Control Committee.
- 3.4 Bromley’s response to the draft London Plan consultation (Appendix 1) was submitted to the Mayor accompanied by the committee reports.
- 3.5 The response details the concerns of the Council and sets out a number of fundamental aspects of the draft London Plan that the Council strongly objects to, notably
- the increase in housing targets, based on the principle of intensification, from 641 to 1,424 units per annum (one of the highest percentage increases in London);
 - the significant reliance on small sites to meet 72% of the overall housing target (Table 9.5 of the SHLAA) and the methodology employed to produce that figure;
 - the apparent failure to comply with the Duty to Co-operate in particular with Councils outside Greater London as there is no obvious housing provision towards London’s needs, despite the contents of the 2014 London Plan Inspector’s report;
 - the removal of the presumption against development on garden land;
 - affordable housing thresholds rising to 50% in some cases; and
 - less flexibility on parking standards.

London Plan Process and Timetable

- 3.6 Greater London Authority officers are currently registering all representations received, including that submitted by Bromley Council, and preparing a report which will summarise the main issues.

Prior to Examination in Public (EIP)

- 3.7 In accordance with the GLA Act, the Secretary of State has appointed a Panel to conduct an examination in public (“EIP”) of the London Plan. The Panel comprises Roisin Barrett, William Fieldhouse and David Smith. All three are Planning Inspectors and independent of the Mayor and Greater London Authority (“GLA”).
- 3.8 The Panel will, having regard to the representations, consult with the Mayor before preparing a draft list of matters and participants that will be published for consultation not later than 12 weeks before the opening of the EIP. The final list of matters and participants will be published at least 6 weeks before the EIP opens.

3.9 Written statements may be made on the matters to be examined both by those invited to participate in the EIP and others. Statements must be received by the Panel Secretariat at least 3 weeks before the opening of the examination. The Panel may hold seminars relating to a limited number of technical matters prior to the first EIP sessions in order to clarify the supporting evidence and establish matters of fact. Any such seminars would be held before the deadline for submission of written statements.

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3.10 EIP sessions will take the form of structured discussions led by one or more of the Panel members relating to the defined matters. All participants will be expected to have read all the relevant statements and evidence. The Panel will adopt an inquisitorial approach, exploring each matter thoroughly. All participants will have the opportunity to speak, but all contributions must focus on the agenda set by the Panel.

3.11 The Mayor may suggest changes to the draft London Plan in response to the representations received, issues and questions raised by the Panel, or discussions at the EIP.

The Panel Report

3.12 The Panel will set out its findings in relation to the EIP matters and may include recommendations relating to the content of the draft London Plan will not respond to all representations made about the draft Plan. The Mayor can decide to accept or reject any of the recommendations but must send a statement of his reason to the Secretary of State who can direct changes. The London Assembly can decide to reject the whole plan but otherwise the Mayor intends to publish the New London Plan in Winter 2019/20.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Impact on vulnerable adults and children Policy implications Personnel implications Legal implications Financial implications Procurement implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Draft London Plan 2017 BROMLEY'S RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT LONDON PLAN CONSULTATION (DCC 25 th January Executive 7 th February 2018)