

Report No.
DRR18/047

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Date: **Tuesday 11 September 2018**

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

Title: **DRAFT LONDON PLAN UPDATE**

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Ward: (All Wards)

1. Reason for report

The Mayor of London published the New Draft London Plan for public consultation at the beginning of December 2017. Following Executive on 7th February 2018, the Chief Planner was authorised, in consultation with the Leader, to prepare and submit the Council's response by 2nd March 2018. Following this consultation period, on 13 August 2018 the Mayor published Minor Suggested changes to the draft London Plan. The independent Panel leading the Examination in Public (EiP) have outlined provisional dates for key stages in the EiP.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Development Control Committee:

- 2.1 Welcome the specific Minor Suggested Changes at Petts Wood and West Wickham as referred to at paragraph 3.4 of this report**
- 2.2 Apart from 2.1, maintain the Council's objections to the draft London Plan of March 2018**
- 2.3 Note the provisional dates of key stages of the Examination in Public as set out in Table 3.5 of this report and agree that submissions will be made to the Examination in Public in support of the Council's objections of March 2018 to the draft London Plan.**

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: No Impact
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: New Policy. The new London Plan when adopted will form part of the statutory Development Plan for the Borough, along with the Bromley Local Plan (assuming adoption prior to the London Plan)
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People Excellent Council Quality Environment Safe Bromley Supporting Independence Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres Healthy Bromley Regeneration
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning
 4. Total current budget for this head: £1.667m
 5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budget 2018/19
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 165.86ftes

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: n/a

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Mayor of London published his New Draft London Plan for public consultation at the beginning of December 2017. As with the current London Plan, this is a Spatial Development Strategy which has been produced in accordance with the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (as amended). When adopted, it will replace the current London Plan which was originally published in 2011 and amended through a number of formal alterations up until March 2016. It will be the overall strategic plan for London, setting out an integrated economic, environmental, transport, and social framework for the development of the Capital for the next 20 to 25 years (that is 2019 to 2041).
- 3.2 Bromley raised strong objections to a number of issues in its representation considered by Development Control Committee and Executive in February this year. Representations related primarily to the increased housing target (including large 'small site' allocation), affordable housing and parking standards.
- 3.3 The Mayor has now published 'Minor Suggested Changes' to the draft London Plan (13th August 2018). These changes have been produced following a review of consultation responses, and consist of clarifications, corrections and factual updates. With the GLA table of changes running to some 606 pages there is concern that there is no opportunity to comment on the numerous changes which collectively, and in some instances individually, could be considered significant. For example, they 'minor' changes also appear to introduce other significant policy changes, notably with regard to
- measures to achieve the strategic target of 50% affordable housing - the suggested change to the supporting text of Policy H5 'Delivering affordable housing' clarifies that public sector land will be expected to deliver at least 50% affordable housing **on each site**. At least 50% affordable housing will be expected across the portfolio of public sector landowners who have agreements with the Mayor.
 - Parking and car clubs –suggested changes to the supporting text of Policy T6.1 'Residential parking' indicate that parking spaces should be leased rather than sold with a view to efficient use and flexibility for re purposing subject to changes in transport technology or services. Also the provision of car clubs is indicated as counting towards the maximum parking.
- 3.4 Analysis of the 'minor suggested changes' is ongoing given the limited time available since their publication in August. The suggested changes do however include the reduction in the 'Residential Growth Potential' (amended Table A1.1 Town Centre Network) in Petts Wood and West Wickham from 'medium' to 'incremental'. This responds to Council's concerns set out in its representation dated 2nd March 2018.

The Examination In Public (EiP)

- 3.5 Secretary of State has appointed a Panel to conduct the EiP of the draft London Plan comprises Roisin Barrett, William Fieldhouse and David Smith. All three are Planning Inspectors and independent of the Mayor and Greater London Authority (GLA). The role of the Panel is to determine the matters that affect the consideration of the London Plan and the persons who may take part in the EiP, and to make a report in writing to the Mayor (as specified in the Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000). The Table outlines the provisional dates for key stages in the EiP

Key Stages in the Examination in Public

Provisional Date	Key Stage
End of August 2018	Panel consult the Mayor on draft list on matters and participants
Mid September 2018	Publication of draft list of matters and participants
Mid October 2018	Deadline for comments on draft list of matters and participants
Early November 2018	Technical seminars (if necessary)
Early November 2018	Publication of final list of matters and participants (at least six weeks before EiP starts)
Early December 2018	First deadline for written statements in response to EiP matters
Mid January to May 2019	EiP Hearing sessions
Summary 2019	Panel report

- 3.6 Further changes may be suggested by the Mayor in due course in response to matters raised by an independent Panel leading the Examination in Public (EiP), or discussions at the EiP. All changes will be considered by the Panel.
- 3.7 Following the EiP Hearing sessions, the Panel will produce a report setting out its findings and recommending changes to the Plan which the Mayor can decide to accept or reject. The Panel will take account of written statements, discussions at the EiP, and any changes to the draft Plan suggested by the Mayor. However, the report will not respond to all representations made about the draft Plan. Subsequent to that, the Secretary of State 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 autumn 2019.
- 3.6 Until the new Draft London Plan is adopted, the current London Plan (2016) is the strategic plan with which the Draft Local Plan should be in conformity and which is to be taken into account when making planning decisions.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 When adopted, the new Draft London Plan will replace the current London Plan (2016) and will form part of Bromley's Development Plan. It will therefore be used for decision making on planning applications alongside the Local Plan (when adopted) and the Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan. The new London Plan will also influence any new planning policy documents produced by Bromley (such as a reviewed Area Action Plan or a revised Local Plan) as these are required to be "in general conformity" with it.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications at this stage.
- 5.2 There could be future costs associated with the preparation and submission of the Council's representation and attendance at any subsequent hearing sessions into the new London Plan. Any costs will have to be contained within the existing planning budget.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Impact on vulnerable adults and children Personnel Procurement
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	<p>The London Plan (2016) https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/current-london-plan</p> <p>The London Plan – Draft for Public Consultation (December 2017) https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan</p> <p>The London Plan - Minor Suggested Changes (August 2018) https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan/download-draft-london-plan-0</p> <p>London Borough of Bromley London Plan Consultation Response (2018) https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan/consultation-responses-draft-new-london-plan/london-plan-consultation-responses-london-boroughs</p>