

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE
26TH JULY 2022

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR WRITTEN REPLY

From Mr Andrew Stotesbury:

Practically after the fire at St Mark's Square where the Fire Service did not have equipment sufficient to reach the fire. It is reported that there are only three 64m platforms in London, and it appears that there are no fire-fighting drones.

- 1.) Please confirm that Bromley Council will immediately ensure that no planning applications will be accepted or approved for which a 64m Turntable ladder cannot reach to all the full façade areas of any elevation.

Reply:

The Local Planning Authority is assessing relevant planning applications under the government's Gateway 1 process

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fire-safety-and-high-rise-residential-buildings-from-1-august-2021> which has been created to ensure fire safety.

We cannot refuse to accept or not approve based on the criteria mentioned as this is not currently a specific requirement.

- 2.) Also, Bromley Council to confirm that no planning application will be accepted or approved that the 64m ladder's fire-fighting hose nozzle cannot be aimed directly

Reply:

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From Dr Brendan Donegan:

(In relation to agenda item 6 – Bromley Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Consultation Draft)

- 3.) Very happy that the draft SPD document refers to climate change and carbon management, but given the dangerously hot weather on 18 and 19 July, and the

likelihood of similar weather events in future years, would it make sense for the document to explicitly mention the “urban heat island effect”?

Reply:

The SPD references policies which refer to the urban heat island effect, particularly policy SI 4 of the London Plan. Guidance note 8 of the SPD states that development proposals should achieve high sustainability standards in line with this, and other, policies. It is not necessary to repeat the policies verbatim in the SPD.

- 4.) Glad to see that Bromley intends to consult for 12 weeks on this important document. How will Bromley target specific groups (e.g., older people, younger people or people with disabilities) that may not respond to traditional consultation methods? (Gov.uk and Local Government Association have excellent guides on this point).

Reply:

The scope of the consultation is yet to be determined. As noted in the committee report, officers will engage with the Council’s communications team to ensure a comprehensive consultation exercise, modelled on the Orpington Town Centre SPD consultation.

From Mr Richard Gibbons:

(In relation to agenda item 6 – Bromley Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Consultation Draft)

- 5.) Please help us put the forthcoming Bromley Town Centre Draft SPD Consultation in context; how many responses from individual LB Bromley residents has the Council received for: (a) Bromley Town Centre Commonplace Consultation; (b) Orpington Town Centre Commonplace Consultation; and (c) Draft Orpington Town Centre SPD Consultation?

Reply:

For a) and b), the Commonplace responses are not broken down by Bromley resident, hence this information is not available. For c), the Orpington Town Centre SPD responses have not yet been fully assessed, so we do not yet know how many responses came from residents. It is important to note that the ability to comment on the draft SPD was not limited to Bromley residents, nor did the consultation specifically seek residency details; where responses do allow us to distinguish local residency, this will be noted, but there may be many valid responses where this information is not provided.

- 6.) What lessons has the Council learnt from the initial Commonplace consultations for Bromley and Orpington Town Centres, and the subsequent consultation for the Draft Orpington Town Centre SPD, about facilitating community engagement with the forthcoming consultation for the Bromley Town Centre Draft SPD?

References

(a) <https://bromleytowncentre.commonplace.is/>

(b) <https://orpingtontowncentre.commonplace.is/>

(c) <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-guidance>

Reply:

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