

Summary of key changes to the SCI within the addendum

This document is aimed to provide an overview of key changes made to the SCI through the proposed addendum. It is intended to be used as a supporting document to help respondents complete the consultation survey on the proposed addendum to the Lewisham SCI.

Section 2 – Stakeholders

Factual updates to reflect the latest legislation regarding different types of consultee groups and their constituent bodies or persons. This includes the new statutory Duty to cooperate with prescribed bodies on cross-boundary matters during the plan making process

Section 3 – Consultation Tools

Update to the range of consultation tools available to the Council in order to:

- Meet the latest statutory requirements for public consultation
- Make factual updates to reflect tools which are no longer used or available (e.g. Planning Newsletter)
- To ensure Council officers can continue to facilitate effective public consultation using a variety of methods, recognising improvements and increasing use of Council's webpage and other digital/online platforms; and
- In the interests of public health and safety; to ensure sufficient flexibility to respond to the latest legislation and social distancing guidance with respect to COVID-19

Section 4 – Important information

Factual updates to provide correct information about document access, and contact details for internal and external bodies.

Section 5 – Local Development Framework / Plan Making

Factual updates and to set out the Council's minimum commitments for public consultation during the preparation of planning policy and guidance documents. The amendments are necessary:

- To reflect the latest legislation and policy regarding the preparation of planning policy and guidance documents
- To set out details of how the Council will fulfil its statutory duty to support neighbourhood planning
- To ensure Council officers can continue to facilitate effective public consultation. This includes flexibility to tailor public consultations taking into account the scope and nature of the planning document and communities or other groups likely to be affected by the proposals

- In the interests of public health and safety; to ensure sufficient flexibility to respond to the latest legislation and social distancing guidance with respect to COVID-19

Section 7 – Resources and Monitoring

Factual updates to reflect the legislative requirements in respect of SCI reviews and to clarify Council commitments in respect of monitoring the SCI.

Appendix 1 – Background to the planning system

Deleted To avoid unnecessary duplication of updated information presented elsewhere in the Addendum

Appendix 2 – Sustainability / Sustainability appraisal

Factual updates to reflect the latest legislation on sustainability appraisal, including that it is no longer required for Supplementary Planning Documents. Updates references to latest standing guidance (i.e. NPPG).

Appendix 3 – Tests of Soundness for a Development Plan

Factual updates to reflect the revised Tests of Soundness set out in the NPPF (2019) and to provide a new informative on the 'basic conditions' that neighbourhood plans are required to meet.

Further information and contacts

Factual updates to update details regarding Council planning webpages and contact information (email, telephone, post).

