



Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document – Regulation 19 Consultation Guidance Note

The Local Plan will play a vital role in how we manage new development and coordinate investment. Throughout the preparation of the plan, we have sought to ensure that everyone with an interest in Lewisham has had the opportunity to help shape the new plan.

A Regulation 19 consultation is the next stage of the Local Plan consultation process. As part of the Regulation 19 consultation, we have prepared the **Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document** for public consultation which has been informed by the previous consultation and engagement exercises we have undertaken for the new plan. This includes public consultations on the Issues and Options document in October - November 2015, the Main Issues and Preferred Approaches Document in January - April 2021, Call for Sites exercises and engagement on evidence base documents.

During this consultation the Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document and its supporting documents will be made available for public inspection to provide any individual, group, or business the opportunity to make a representation.

This Guidance Note should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Representation Procedure.

Title of documents available for inspection and subject to this consultation:

- Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document January 2023.
- Proposed Policies Map and Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Adopted Policies Map December 2022.
- Integrated Impact Assessment and Non-technical Summary December 2022.
- Habitats Regulations Assessment December 2022

This consultation will require submissions to specifically focus on the following issues:

Is the Plan Legally Compliant?

Does the Plan comply with the relevant legislation and regulations in the way it has been prepared, and in its content?

The Planning Inspector will first check that the Local Plan meets the legal requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) (the Act) and the Regulations before moving on to consider the tests of soundness.

The Local Plan must meet the legal requirements under sections 19,20 and 24 of the Act, and duty to cooperate under section 20(5)(c) of the Act. To be legally compliant, it should:

- Be prepared in accordance with the Council’s Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- Be prepared in accordance with the Statement of community Involvement (SCI).
- Comply with the Regulations.
- Be supported by a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report.
- Have regard to national policies and advice.
- Be in general conformity with the London Plan.

Does the Plan comply with the ‘Duty to Cooperate’?

Lewisham Council must have demonstrated how it engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with adjoining Local Planning Authorities and other public bodies throughout the production of the Local Plan.

Is the Plan Sound?

Has the Plan been ‘positively prepared’? Is it robustly justified and evidence-led? Will it be effective in what it sets out to achieve? Is it consistent with regional and national planning policy?

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (para.35) sets out that in order to be ‘sound’ a Local Plan should pass the following tests:

Be positively prepared	Providing a strategy which, as a minimum seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring authorities is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development.
Be Justified	An appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence.
Be Effective	Deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred.
Be consistent with national policy	Enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF.

How to complete the representation form

In submitting a representation, you will need to complete an online or physical representation form. When completing the form please:

- Complete a new representation form for each issue you wish to comment on.
- Clearly identify which policy or part of the Plan your representation relates to.
- Indicate by ticking the relevant box if you wish to speak at the Examination.

Where can I inspect the Local Plan and its supporting documents

You can inspect physical copies of the documents, the Consultation Statement main report and appendices and the Statement of Representations Procedure as well as other supporting documents at the following locations:

- London Borough of Lewisham, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London, SE6 4RU.
- Catford Library, Catford Centre, 23-24 Winslade Way, London, SE6 4JU.

If you wish to inspect the documents at Laurence House, please make an appointment by emailing localplan@lewisham.gov.uk or calling 02083147400

(Please note that you need to make an appointment by e-mailing LocalPlan@Lewisham.gov.uk if you wish to inspect the Plan and its supporting documents at Laurence House).

You can inspect physical copies of the documents, the Consultation Statement main report excluding the appendices and the Statement of Representations Procedure at the following locations:

- Deptford Lounge Library, 9 Giffin Street, London, SE8 4RJ.
- Grove Park Community Centre, Somertrees Avenue, London, SE12 0BX.
- Forest Hill Community Library, Dartmouth Road, London, SE23 3HZ.
- Downham Library, 7-9 Moorside Road, Bromley, BR1 5EP.
- Lewisham Library, 199-201 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6LG.

Information on Library opening times can be found at: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/libraries/branches> or by calling 02083147400.

Online Meetings

The Council will be holding two online information sessions from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 16th March 2023 and from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 23rd March 2023. To register your interest, please use this link:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>

Local Plan Drop in sessions

There will also be a drop-in session at Unit 69 East Mall, Lewisham Shopping Centre from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 25th March 2023. Further information can be found at: <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>

Have your say

The consultation is open from **1st March 2023 to 25th April 2023**.

For further information and to have your say, visit:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>

Email - localplan@lewisham.gov.uk

Complete the following questionnaire and return to: Planning Service, Laurence House, 1 Catford Rd, Catford, London, SE6 4RU.

Representations must be received by **midnight on Tuesday 25th April 2023**.

Please note that all representations will be made public along with the name of the person making the submission, all other personal information will be kept confidential. All representations will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Planning Inspectorate along with the Lewisham Local Plan - Proposed Submission Document and its supporting documents in due course.

What happens next?

All representations received will be recorded and considered and the representations will be submitted to an independent examiner. In addition, all comments will be recorded and collated within a Consultation Statement.

Further information on the plan process is set out in the adopted Local Development Scheme:

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s105304/LDS%20Appendix.pdf>

Thank You

We would like to thank you for your support and involvement so far as we invite you once again to comment on our Local Plan and supporting documents before we submit them to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Lewisham Local Plan – Proposed Submission document Regulation 19 draft Consultation Questions

This form has two parts

Part A – Personal details to be completed once

Part B – Your representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A - Personal Details

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First Name	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	Line 2	<input type="text"/>
Job Title	<input type="text"/>	Line 3	<input type="text"/>
Organisation	<input type="text"/>	Line 4	<input type="text"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text"/>	Post code	<input type="text"/>
		E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>

Part B (Please use a separate sheet for each representation)

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All representations will then be submitted to the Secretary of State and the Planning Inspectorate along with the Lewisham Local Plan - Proposed Submission Document and its supporting documents in due course.

1. **To which chapter of the Lewisham Local Plan – Proposed Submission document does your representation relate?** Chapter name

2. **To which part of the chosen chapter does your representation relate? (Representations must be made on a specific policy within the chapter. Please state the policy number and name in the box below)** Policy name/number

3. **Do you consider that this part of the chapter is legally compliant?** Yes No

4. **Do you consider that this part of the chapter sound?** Yes No

5. **Do you consider that this part of the chapter is compliant with the Duty to Co-operate?** Yes No

6. **Please give details of why you consider this part of the chapter is not legally compliant, is unsound, or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate.**

If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Plan, or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this text box to set out your comments.

Continue answer on separate sheet if necessary.

7. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified above.

*(Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible. **Continue answer on separate sheet if necessary.***

8. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

Yes

No

(I do wish to participate in an examination hearing session) (I do not wish to participate in an examination hearing session)

9. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary. *Continue answer on separate sheet if necessary.*