

Safer Communities Partnership Board Paper

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1.0 Introduction

- This presentation highlights the forthcoming public consultation on the Local Plan starting on January 27th and lasting for 7 weeks until 16th March.
- We would welcome feedback from SCP Board on this draft document as a response sent during the consultation period.
- The Local Plan shapes the future of Barnet as a place, looking ahead to 2036, providing the overarching local policy framework for delivering sustainable development. It is a strategic document that acts as the spatial expression of corporate strategies.
- This is the first formal stage for the Local Plan (Regulation 18) setting out the Council's Preferred Approach. Evidence gathering has been underway since 2016 to justify the approach of the Local Plan, ensuring alignment with the Mayor's replacement London Plan as well as consistency with new national planning policy.

- This initial draft version of the Local Plan, as approved by Policy and Resources on Jan 6th 2020 consisting of 51 policies. It will replace the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies documents adopted in 2012.
- The Local Plan also includes a Schedule of Proposals that sets out proposals for the redevelopment of 67 sites across Barnet. Proposals are largely residential led and currently without planning consent. In total these proposals are capable of generating c16,000 new homes.
- The Reg 18 document has been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment (including Equalities and Health Impact Assessments).
- Barnet's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) – an important supporting document for the Local Plan and the CIL Charging Schedule - is currently under review. The IDP sets out what new social infrastructure will be required over the Local Plan period, with details of its broad location, the anticipated cost and how it will be funded.

2.0 Timing and Next Steps

- Engagement with service leads commenced with visioning workshops in October 2017.
- This stage (Reg 18) is the main consultation stage and therefore the key opportunity to comment seeking to influence the plan's content.
- Although there will be further opportunity to input at the next regulatory stage, (Reg 19) in late 2020, the scope for making changes narrows at each subsequent stage.
- The anticipated timings for next steps are:
 - Reg 19: Publication of Local Plan and Consultation – Autumn 2020
 - Reg 22: Submission – Winter 2020/21
 - Reg 24: Examination in Public – Summer 2021
 - Reg 26: Adoption – Winter 2021/2

3.0 Summary

- The main challenge faced by the Local Plan is a need to deliver an increased housing target of 46,000 additional homes in response to population growth. The Growth and Spatial Strategy section sets out how this housing growth will be distributed across regeneration areas in Brent Cross and Colindale together with growth areas in Barnet's town centres, around transport nodes and along major thoroughfares.
- As with the previous Local Plan, the key challenge for Barnet is to accommodate further growth and respond to the needs and pressures of demographic change, while maintaining the distinctive character and attractive qualities of the Borough.

3.1 Policies with specific reference and relevance to community safety

- Planning policies can contribute greatly to many of these determinants of community safety, an important issue that the plan needs to include so as to ensure new development proposals over the plan period address these matters.
- The four policies referenced below contain specific community safety aspects:

3.2 Policy (CDH01) Promote High Quality Design

- The Local Plan incorporates a number of core good design principles, including safety. This over-arching design policy expects development proposals to ensure attractive, safe and active frontages. Specific policy reference is also made to adopting the principles of Secured by Design to create safe and secure environments that reduce opportunities for crime and help minimise the fear of crime.
- Supporting text for this Policy (Section 6.5 of the draft plan) provides more detailed guidance on community safety and how a well-designed environment can help to reduce both the real and perceived risk of crime. The design and layout of buildings, open spaces, roads and footpaths can influence opportunities to commit crime and also affect people's sense of safety and security. Appropriate design and layout of landscaping, planting and lighting can help reduce crime and the fear of crime.
- Measures to design out crime should be integral to development proposals, adopting Secured by Design. The Council will ensure through conditions on planning consents that Secured by Design is applied.

3.3 Policy CDH03 – Public Realm

- This new Local Plan policy highlights the need to provide a safe and secure environment for a variety of appropriate uses; promotes use of the Secured by Design Resilient Design Tool for places where crowds may congregate, and the importance of considering the relationship between building design and the public realm in terms of natural surveillance.

3.4 Policy TOW04 - Night-Time Economy

- Another new Local Plan policy included a policy on the night time economy (TOW04) which expresses support for proposals for night-time economy provided there is no significant resultant negative impacts listed which including anti-social behaviour.
- Diversification of night-time uses can add to the vitality and viability of town centres and should promote inclusive access and safety.

3.5 Policy CHW04 – Making Barnet a safer place

- With increased diversity and population mobility it is important that new communities integrate cohesively with settled ones.
- This policy outlines that how the Council will work with partners to:
 - i) tackle risks of terrorism, crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - ii) require development proposals to reflect ‘Secured By Design’ (see Policy CDH01);
 - iii) expect measures to design out crime together with appropriate fire safety solutions to be integral to development proposals;
 - iv) work with the Metropolitan Police, London Ambulance and London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority to provide effective and responsive emergency services in Barnet;
 - v) support the work of neighbourhood policing teams to make our neighbourhoods safer places to live in, work in and visit;
 - vi) encourage appropriate security and community safety measures in buildings, spaces and the transport system;
 - vii) require developers to demonstrate that they have incorporated design principles which limits the opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour and thereby contribute to community safety and security in all new development;
 - viii) ensure that through the town centre strategy programme safer and more secure town centre environments are promoted; and
 - ix) promote safer streets and public areas including open spaces (see Policy CDH03).