

Children and Young People's Board Paper

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Introduction

- This presentation highlights public consultation on the Local Plan that started on January 27th and lasts for 7 weeks until 16th March 2020.
- We would welcome feedback from CYP Board on this draft document as a response sent during the consultation period.
- This is one of a number of consultation engagement events planned highlighting Local Plan policy issues relating to the interests of children and young people.
Other events include:
 - i) Presentation to School Governor Chairs and Vice Chairs – 22nd Jan.
 - ii) The Professionals and Young People's Forum (take over day) – 7th Feb
 - iii) Barnet Youth Board – 27th Feb.
 - iv) Youth Assembly - 10th March.
- 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 and plans, including The Children and Young People's Plan.

- 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 consists of 51 predominantly land-use based policies. Once adopted, 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 potential 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.

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 make changes to the Plan.
- 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

Summary

- The main challenge faced by the Local Plan is a need to deliver 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, whilst maintaining the distinctive character and attractive qualities of the Borough.

Policies with specific relevance to children and young people

- Once adopted the new Barnet Local Plan will be used to determine applications for future developments.
- Many of the policies relate to issues impacting on children and young people, including a number of those identified in the Children and Young People's Plan 2019-2023. Examples include planning policies relating to schools, housing types, safety, play areas, open spaces, parks and recreation, community uses and hot food takeaways.
- Barnet has a large and growing number of children, young people and families and approving development that accords with Local Plan policies will help ensure delivery of CYP plan's vision to be a 'family friendly' London borough – an excellent place to live for children and their families.

Policies referenced below focus on delivery of some of the seven key outcomes for children and young people outlined in the CYP plan relevant Local Plan Policies include:

i) Safe & Secure - Children and young people are safe and protected from harm

Policy CDH01 Promote High Quality Design

- The Local Plan incorporates core good design principles, including safety. This over-arching design policy emphasises the use of Secured by Design to create safe and secure environments that reduce opportunities for crime and help minimise the fear of crime. Measures to design out crime should be integral to development proposals and the Council will ensure through conditions on planning consents that Secured by Design is applied.
- Supporting text (Section 6.5) provides 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.

Policy CDH03 – Public Realm

- This 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.

Policy TOW04 - Night-Time Economy

- Support for proposals for night-time economy provided there is no significant resultant negative impacts such as 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.

Policy CHW04 – Making Barnet a safer place

- With increased diversity and population mobility it is important that new communities integrate cohesively with settled ones. Safer and more secure town centre environments are promoted; as is safer streets and public areas including open spaces.

ii) Family & Belonging – Families and children can be together and part of a community that encourages resilience

Policy HOU02 Housing Mix

- Strong emphasis on the delivery of family homes and safe, strong and cohesive neighbourhoods providing a mix of dwelling types (affordable, market and rent) and sizes for the borough's growing and diverse population.
- Particular need for 2, 3 and 4 bedroom family size properties across all tenures - with 3 bedroom properties being the highest priority.
- Ensure that smallest 2 bedroom affordable homes provides at least 4 bedspaces.

iii) Health & Wellbeing - Children are supported to achieve a healthy start in life, enjoy a healthy lifestyle and to build resilience

Policy GSS13 Strategic Parks and Recreation

- Provision of new and improved indoor and outdoor leisure and recreation facilities that promote healthy and active lifestyles.

Policy CDH07 Amenity Space and Landscaping

- Ensures development proposals include provision of adequate and good quality amenity space (inc gardens) and children's play space.

Policy TOW03 Managing Clustering of Town Centre Uses

- This new policy resists the proliferation and over concentration of hot food takeaways setting controls and restrictions on their use and location, including prohibiting within 400m of the boundary of an existing school or youth centre.

Policy CHW01 Community Infrastructure

- Policy states that the Council will ensure that capital investment in schools and services for young people address the needs of a growing more diverse and increasingly younger population.
- Refers to ensuring adequate provision of a wide range of community facilities including libraries, leisure centres, swimming pools, arts and cultural facilities as well as community meeting places and facilities for younger people.

Policy CHW02 Promoting health and wellbeing

- Policy sets out the range of cross cutting policy initiatives and ways in which the Council will require developers to build safe, accessible, sustainable and high-quality places that promote health and wellbeing.
- Measures to achieve this include design, housing, transport, healthy food, natural and sustainable environment.

Policy ECC04 Barnet's Parks and Open Spaces

- Explains how the Council will meet increased demand for access to open space and opportunities for physical activity, tackling deficiencies and under provision.

Policy TRC01 Sustainable and Active Travel

- Working to deliver a more sustainable transport network that supports a growing population.

- Adopting and delivering the Mayor of London's Healthy Streets approach making streets healthier and more inclusive places for children and young people.
- Barnet is also considering pilot areas for the school streets initiative and, in terms of wider policy, the extension of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone in leading to air quality improvements across the borough.

iv) Education & Learning – Children and young people can learn about the world around them

- Ensure there are sufficient school places to meet the needs of children and young people. (See Policy CHW01)

v) Culture – Our attitudes and behaviours enhance the way we work with children and young people

vi) Cooperation & Leadership – We include children and young people in decision making

vii) Communication – Information is shared effectively to children, young people and families across the borough

Whilst no specific land use policies in emerging Local Plan on these objective themes, the policies in the Local Plan will potentially have a major influence on the lives of children and young people living and working in the Borough over the next 15+ years.

This is the chance for young people to have their say on the future direction, priorities and policy approach that the Council should take!