

**Report for:** Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel, 8 July 2021

**Title:** New Local Plan update

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** For information

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 The Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel has asked for an update in relation to the council's emerging New Local Plan. This report provides an update on engagement and consultation on the Plan to date, the collation of an evidence base to support and inform the Plan and sets out the next steps in the Plan's production.

## 2. Recommendations

The Scrutiny Panel is asked to note this update report.

## 3. Reasons for decision

Not applicable.

## 4. Alternative options considered

N/A

## 5. New Local Plan update

### New Local Plan

- 5.1 In November 2019 Cabinet agreed an update to the council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) setting out that a New Local Plan would be prepared to replace the suite of existing Local Plan documents which were adopted in 2017. The New Local Plan is a key corporate document which will set out a long-term vision for development and change in Haringey. A New Local Plan is required to:
- Take account of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2019);
  - Take account of the New London Plan;

- Reflect the Council’s new Borough Plan (2019);
- Respond to the Climate Emergency declared by the Council in 2019;
- Support the borough’s recovery and renewal from Covid-19;
- Meet legal and policy requirements for the Council to have an up-to-date plan and a 5 Year Housing Land Supply.

5.2 The latest timetable for preparing the New Local Plan is set out in the table below:

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Regulation</b>	<b>Date</b>
New Local Plan First Steps Engagement consultation	Pre-Reg 18	November 2020-February 2021
Draft Local Plan consultation	Reg 18	Approval late 2021 for consultation early 2022
Proposed Submission Local Plan consultation	Reg 19	2022
Submission & Examination	Reg 22-25	2022/23
Adoption	Reg 26	2023

### First Steps Engagement

5.2 From 16 November 2020 to 1 February 2021 (11 weeks) the council carried out a New Local Plan First Steps Engagement. This was the first step in preparing the New Local Plan and provided the opportunity for residents, businesses and other local stakeholders to shape the Plan from the beginning, identifying key issues and challenges the borough faces and preferences for various possible options. The engagement was designed to begin a conversation about the Plan and as such did not contain draft policies or proposals.

5.3 Alongside the New Local Plan First Steps Engagement document the council consulted on an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Scoping Report. The IIA for the New Local Plan will make sure that emerging policies and proposals have an overall positive impact on sustainability, equalities, health and habitats. It will cover the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) / Sustainability Appraisal (SA), Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA), Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

5.4 A comprehensive Communications and Engagement Plan was prepared to ensure compliance with the council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and support the objective of achieving effective, representative engagement with the public and key stakeholders. The engagement was supported by:

- A dedicated consultation website (commonplace)
- Summary guide, micro-guide, accessible documents, mobile-friendly summary
- Translations
- Topic based virtual consultation events
- Digital marketing and surveys
- Youth Advisory Board engagement (300+ young people engaged)
- Engagement with primary schools
- Haringey People feature

- Feedback from the Royal National Institute of Blind People on written materials
- 5.5 Over 1170 responses were received to the First Steps Engagement across the dedicated engagement site, email, Haringey Youth Advisory Board and digital marketing. This exceeded the quantitative target in the associated Communications and Engagement Plan and does not include additional feedback provided through social media polls and 19 online consultation events.
- 5.6 Key consultation messages for the borough included the following:
- Housing is a key priority, especially affordable housing
  - More needs to be done to address the Climate Emergency
  - High support for active travel
  - Green spaces are highly valued
  - Open space is key, especially for young people
  - Expectation of greater community involvement in Planning and provision of more support for community groups

#### Evidence base

- 5.7 In line with national policy and guidance the New Local Plan must be informed and supported by a relevant and up-to-date evidence base that is adequate and proportionate. In addition to evidence base being prepared by the Planning Policy Team, officers have commissioned the following studies to support the Plan:
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment
  - Archaeological Priority Area Study
  - Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
  - Sites of Importance to Nature Conservation Study
  - Retail and Town Centre Needs Study
  - Employment Land Study
  - Whole Plan Viability Study (currently out for tender)

#### Next steps

- 5.8 The Planning Policy Team is currently analysing responses and feedback to the First Steps Engagement and will prepare a summary consultation report. An assessment is being undertaken to understand representation of individuals and groups with protected characteristics and whether further targeted engagement is required. Work is also continuing with key partners to ensure broad engagement on the New Local Plan including local primary schools, the Voluntary and Community Sector through the Bridge Renewal Trust and the Haringey Citizens Panel.
- 5.9 Officers are working closely in relation to the preparation of the key evidence base documents listed in paragraph 5.7 and these will be published on the council's website in late 2021 once complete.
- 5.10 The New Local Plan Member Working Group comprising members of Strategic Planning Committee (formerly Regulatory Committee) and chaired by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning will be re-engaged from July 2021. A

series of workshops are planned over the period July to September to discuss key themes of the Plan and related policy options.

- 5.11 A Draft Local Plan will be prepared in the second half of 2021. Approval to consult will be sought from Cabinet at the end of the year with consultation for a minimum of 6 weeks to follow in early 2022.

### Risks

- 5.12 There are a number of risks to the delivery of the New Local Plan and its timetable, which include:
- Government reforms e.g. Planning Bill expected in 2021
  - Market uncertainty related to COVID-19 and associated economic conditions;
  - Decisions on Crossrail 2 stations;
  - Joint working with neighbouring boroughs and other statutory bodies through the statutory Duty to Cooperate;
  - Staff, resources & competing work demands on the Planning Policy Team;
  - Planning Inspectorate resources, timetabling & handling of the examination;
  - Conformity with the NPPF & London Plan; and
  - Achieving the housing target (1,592 homes per year) and being able to demonstrate a 5 Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS) of 'deliverable' sites.

## **6. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

- 6.1 The New Haringey Local Plan is cross-cutting and contributes to the Borough Plan priorities of Housing, People, Place and Economy and the Borough Plan Equality Principles and the Pledges on Residents' Engagement, Voluntary & Community Sector and Businesses are highly relevant.
- 6.2 The Year 1 and Year 2 Delivery Plans for the Housing Priority include "Deliver new Local Plan" as the first delivery priority under Outcome 1) Objective a).
- 6.3 The Local Plan is also an important part of the borough's 'recovery and renewal' from COVID-19. As further iterations of the New Local Plan emerge, it will take account of the Council's emerging recovery strategies.

## **7. Use of Appendices**

Not applicable

## **8. Background documents**

- New Local Plan First Steps Engagement consultation document November 2020:  
[https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/1.\\_new\\_local\\_plan\\_first\\_steps\\_-\\_final\\_website.pdf](https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/1._new_local_plan_first_steps_-_final_website.pdf)

## **9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

N/A