

## **REPORT OF THE CABINET TO COUNCIL: 18 March 2013**

Chair: Councillor Claire Kober

### **Recommendation from Cabinet: Adoption of Adoption of Haringey's Local Plan Strategic Policies (formerly the Core Strategy)**

The Council has reserved the right to exercise certain functions including the approval of Haringey's Local Plan.

This report recommends the adoption of Haringey's Local Plan Strategic Policies (formerly the Core Strategy) and Policies Map as a statutory development plan document.

### **Background Information**

The LP is one of the Council's most important corporate strategies. It is the primary strategic document of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and sets out the strategic planning and regeneration framework (how growth and change will be managed) up until 2026.

In April 2010, Cabinet resolved to publish the Proposed Submission Local Plan for statutory consultation and submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The LP was submitted on the 9 March 2011. The Examination in Public was conducted by Mr Andrew Seaman and the hearing sessions took place for six days between 28 June and 6 July 2011, with an additional hearing on the 22 February 2012. The examination considered the soundness of the plan based on three key tests – whether it was justified (founded on a robust and credible evidence base); effective (deliverable, flexible and able to be monitored) and consistent with national policy.

The outcome of the examination was that the LP was sound, subject to changes. The Inspector's Report concluded that the LP provided an appropriate basis for the planning of the borough until 2026 provided a number of modifications were made to the Plan. The report was received on 17 December 2012 and is available on the Council's website.

The Council proposed a total of three hundred and eighty-one changes to the LP. The majority of which related to factual updates, corrections of error, or other modifications required for better clarity or interpretation of the Plan. Of these three hundred and eighty-one changes, the Inspector's Report deals with fifty-eight main modifications that were needed to make the LP sound and legally compliant. Many of these changes were suggested by officers at the examination stage in response to the Inspector's written questions prior to the Hearing sessions. The Inspector's Report mentions that none of these changes alter the thrust of the Council's overall strategy.

During the examination, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was introduced, which replaced Planning Policy Statements and Guidance Notes. The Government also issued its Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. The Council subsequently produced a topic paper that analysed the implications arising from the

submitted plan and put forward resulting modifications that were necessary to make the Plan NPPF compliant.

During the 2011 hearings, the draft replacement London Plan was a document subject to potential change. The Mayor indicated that the LP was in general conformity with the London Plan in existence at that time. Subsequently the London Plan was published on the 22 July 2011 and the Mayor has confirmed that the submitted LP is in general conformity with this final document.

By adopting the LP, the Council will have an up-to-date development plan, which will provide a strong basis for strategic planning and regeneration in the borough up to 2026. The adopted LP will replace sixty-three of the one hundred and two policies in the 2006 Unitary Development Plan (UDP). The timely adoption of the LP is mindful of the changes proposed to the planning system as part of the Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework. Having an up-to-date plan would enable the Council to influence and direct where development goes. Without an up-to-date plan a national presumption in favour of sustainable development applies regardless of any previous positions of the Council on local issues.

Furthermore, the adopted LP incorporates a new policy relating to a presumption in favour of sustainable development which emphasises the consistency of the LP with national policy.

The 2006 Proposals Map, now referred to as the 'Policies Map', has also been amended to reflect changes as a result of the Local Plan. The Policies Map will continue to be updated as we produce further planning policy documents.

Subject to Council formally adopting the LP officers will carry out the necessary adoption procedures including the publication of a Notice of Adoption in the local newspaper. In addition to the changes mentioned above, the Inspector allows the Council to make minor changes to page, figure and paragraph numbering. These and other modifications including formatting changes (where necessary) will be made at the final printing stage.

Under section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the adoption of the LP can be legally challenged by any 'aggrieved person' on the grounds that either a procedural requirement has not been complied with, or that the Inspector has acted outside his powers. Any such challenge must be lodged with the High Court not later than six weeks after the adoption of the LP. It is therefore officers' intention to delay final printing until the statutory period for legal challenge is over.

**CABINET RECOMMENDS:**

That Council adopts Haringey's Local Plan Strategic Policies (formerly the Core Strategy).