

Agenda item:

[No.]

15 May 2008

Report Title: Wood Green Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	
Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):	
Report of: Karen Galey, Head of Economic Regeneration x2616	
Wards affected: All	Report for:
<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>1.1 To seek Lead Member approval to undertake public consultation for a period of six weeks on the draft Wood Green supplementary planning document. This has been approved by Planning Committee on 6 May.</p>	
<p>2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)</p>	
<p>3. Recommendations</p> <p>That the Lead Member for Regeneration and Enterprise approves the draft Wood Green Supplementary Planning Document for 6 week statutory public consultation.</p>	
<p>Report Authorised by: David Hennings, AD Regeneration</p> <p>Signed:.....Dated:.....</p>	
<p>Contact Officer: Mark Hopson, Physical Regeneration Manager x4529</p>	
<p>4. Director of Finance Comments</p> <p>The recommendation of this report does not give rise to any significant financial</p>	

implications. Any residual costs associated with the consultation period will be met from within the Economic Regeneration approved budget for 2008-09.

5. Head of Legal Services Comments

The Cabinet has the responsibility for approving all draft development plan documents such as the draft Wood Green Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation and all other statutory procedures prior to adoption. The Full Council has the responsibility for adoption of all development plan documents. This is not considered to be a key decision and as such can be authorised by the individual Cabinet Member within whose specific portfolio those responsibilities would fall.

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7. Executive Summary

The Wood Green Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will form part of the council's Local Development Framework (LDF) and will provide guidance to supplement policies of the adopted Unitary Development Plan and a future core strategy. It will provide a framework for the development of Wood Green town centre by providing guidance on development sites, urban design and a sustainable long term vision.

Following extensive initial consultation with Members, businesses, residents associations, strategic partners and stakeholders a draft SPD has been prepared for Wood Green town centre and the key sites identified within its boundaries.

The draft document is now subject to a statutory public consultation for the duration of up to six weeks before a final version of the document is presented for adoption in September 2008.

8. Background

In September 2005, Urban Practitioners were appointed to prepare a spatial plan and economic 'snap shot' for Wood Green Town Centre. Following some initial research, minor consultation and primary discussions with partners, a draft spatial plan was presented to the Council's Economic Regeneration department in March 2006.

As a consequence of the spatial plan report and, in response to the need for a strategic vision for the Borough's primary economic centre, Economic Regeneration in partnership with Planning re-commissioned consultants Urban Practitioners to deliver a policy for

strategic development in the form of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The objectives of the SPD are to:

- Provide high quality, user friendly, humane public realm;
- Create safer communities;
- Enhance Wood Green's market position as a metropolitan shopping centre;
- Enhance pedestrian movement and the pedestrian environment;
- Ensure that the centre benefits from development at Haringey heartlands; and
- Create new east-west links into the surrounding hinterlands.

In producing the draft document extensive initial consultation has taken place to maximise local stakeholder contributions. Consultation to date has included:

- High Street consultation event, 19 July 2007
- Walking Audit, 13 October 07
- Member/Senior officer visioning sessions
- Wood Green Action Group meetings
- Steering Group, drawn from within the Council and other key stakeholders including TfL and the PCT

Statutory consultation

If approved by committee, the statutory public consultation will be launched at The Mall shopping centre on the 19 May and thereafter, be located in the Wood Green Library for a period of 6 weeks. During this time a dedicated information stand will be erected with an accompanying comments box to encourage all visitors to submit their views and opinions. The stand will be open fully to all members of the public during the opening hours of the library.

Full details of the project, consultation and project time-scales are provided on the dedicated website which will also be used as a portal for receiving comments from the upcoming public consultation.

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