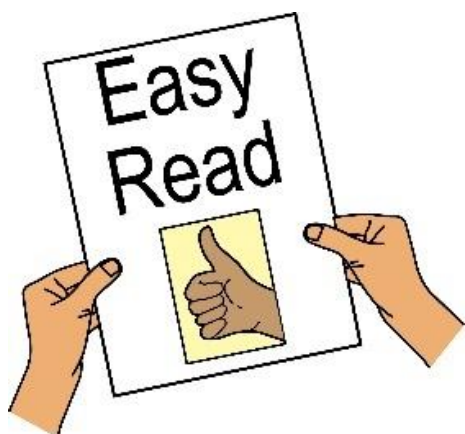




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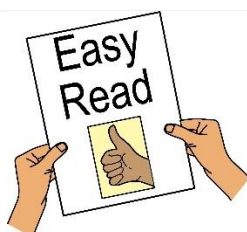


Guide to Local Plans – Part 2

Local Plan: this is an important document made by local planning authorities. Local plans set out any developments that will happen in the future.



This is Part 2 of the document. Please make sure to read Part 1 first.



This is the Easy Read version of this document.

4. London Boroughs – what stages of Local Planning are we at?



Here is a list of London Boroughs. We will now tell you where each borough is up to with their Local Plan.

Barking and Dagenham

The Local Plan was agreed in September 2024



Barnet - The Local Plan was agreed in March 2025



Bexley

The Local Plan was agreed in April 2023

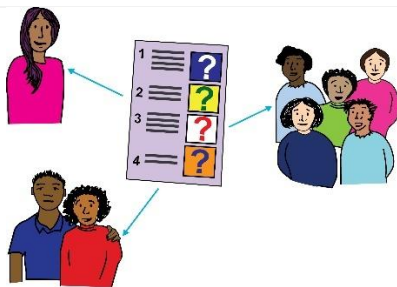
Brent

The Local Plan was agreed in February 2022



Bromley

The Local Plan has been delayed.



Camden

They are in the 2nd stage of **consultation**. This is under Regulation 19.

Consultation: here, this means asking people to have their say about a development in their area.



City of London Corporation

An inspector is examining the Local Plan.



City of Westminster

The Local Plan was agreed in April 2021



Croydon

The Local Plan will be submitted to the **Planning Inspectorate**.

Planning Inspectorate: this is a part of the Government that looks at planning and development in the United Kingdom. They examine Local Plans.



Ealing

An Inspector is examining the Local Plan



Enfield

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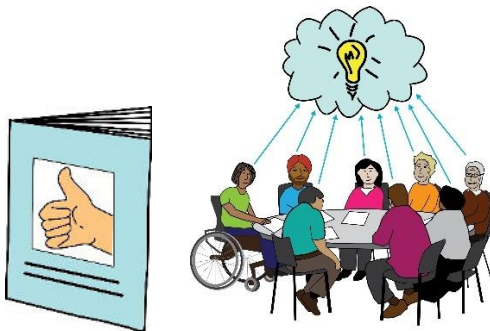
Greenwich

An Inspector is examining the Local Plan



Hackney

The Local Plan was agreed in July 2020



Hammersmith and Fulham

The Local Plan was agreed in February 2018. There is going to be a consultation about Regulation 18



Haringey

The new Local Plan was adopted in 2024. This means it has been made final.



Harrow

An Inspector is examining the Local Plan



Havering

The Local Plan was adopted in November 2021. This means it has been made final.



Hillingdon

They are in the 2nd stage of consultation. This is under Regulation 19.



Hounslow

The Local Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.



Islington

The Local Plan was agreed in September 2023



Kensington and Chelsea

The Local Plan was agreed in July 2024



Kingston upon Thames

They are in the 2nd stage of consultation. This is under Regulation 19.



Lambeth

The Local Plan was agreed in September 2021



Lewisham

An Inspector is examining the Local Plan



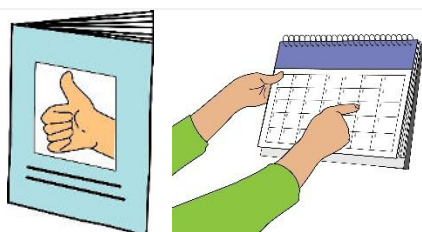
Merton

An Inspector is examining the Local Plan








Newham

They are in the 2nd stage of consultation. This is under Regulation 19.



Redbridge

The Local Plan was agreed in March 2018.

	They are waiting for the dates for a review.
	Richmond upon Thames An Inspector is examining the Local Plan
	Southwark The Local Plan was agreed in February 2022
	Sutton The Local Plan was agreed in February 2022
	Tower Hamlets The Local Plan was agreed in January 2020
	Waltham Forest An Inspector is examining the Local Plan



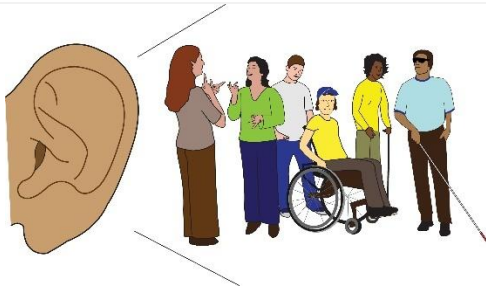
Wandsworth

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5. How to get involved in the process



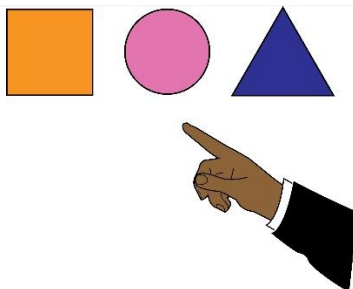
Local Plans guide the future development of an area. They are very important in making planning decisions for many years.



Everyone has different values and aims. It is really important to hear from a diverse range of voices.



This is so everyone can have their say when authorities are writing policies and plans.



Local Plans can't solve every issue. But they help guide decisions on housing, infrastructure, and the environment.



Getting involved early means that authorities can think about your views before they make big decisions.

5a. How you can get involved



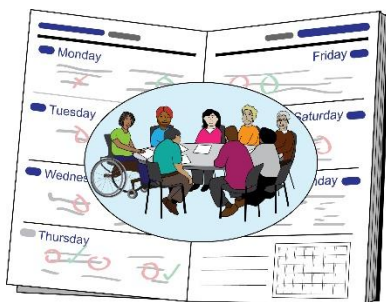
You can get involved in the Local Plan process in lots of different ways:



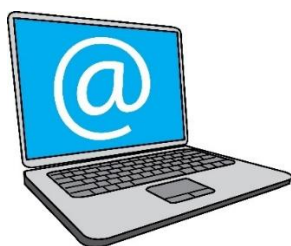
- **Check the Local Development Scheme:**

This is available on the **local planning authority's** website.

Local planning authorities: this is the part of your local council that makes decisions about developments happening in your area.



The Local Development Scheme shows the timetable for making and consulting on the Local Plan.

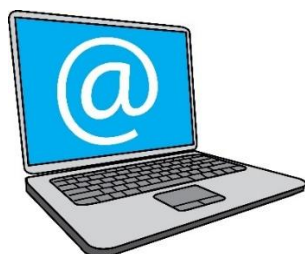


Look for consultations happening now:

Check the local planning authority's website often. They often ask for views on drafts of policies and plans they are making. You can also sign up to get emails that tell you when consultations are happening.



- **Respond to 'Call for Sites':** You might own land or know about some land that could be used for future development. If so, you can tell the Council to make them aware.



- **Join the mailing list:** You can ask to be put on the Council's mailing list. This is to get updates on future consultations.



- **Get in touch with planning policy officers directly:**

Lots of Councils are open to discussions. Especially about specific community needs. For example, active travel routes and green spaces.



- **Go to an Examination in Public:**

After a Local Plan is submitted, an independent Inspector holds hearings.



This is to check that the Local Plan is 'sound'.

People who replied to consultations in the past can ask to speak at these hearings.

If you take part in the process early, you can help create a Local Plan that meets your needs.



You can also help make sure that future developments fit in with community aims and wishes.

5b. How can Planning Aid for London help



Planning Aid for London gives free advice, training and support.



This is so that people from **underserved communities** can make a difference in the planning process.

Underserved communities: this means communities who have less access to resources, services, and opportunities. This is compared to other communities.



If you would like some advice, please get in touch or visit our website:

www.planningaidforlondon.org.uk

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