

## Amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement

The Council's Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in July 2006. Subsequently the legislation governing Local Development Frameworks changed. The Council has also adopted a new timetable for the LDF and has updated its Local Development Scheme.

As a result of these changes, the Council has agreed the following amendments to the SCI. These changes do not affect the Council's overall approach to Community Involvement nor its commitment to public consultation and community engagement in the planning process.

Section in existing SCI	Changes
1	The LDF is now led by the Spatial Planning and Regeneration Policy Team, within the Regeneration, Planning and Property Directorate.
3	<p><b>Add note on changes to legislation and guidance as follows:</b></p> <p>In June 2008 new Regulations were published by the government revising the procedures involved in preparing LDF Development Plan Documents. In addition a new Policy Planning Statement 12 (Local Spatial Planning) was published. The existing PPS 12 (Local Development Frameworks) and its companion guide have been deleted.</p> <p>Key Changes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Strategies are the only Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that local planning authorities are obliged to produce.</li> <li>• Core Strategies will last for at least 15 years from adoption and should contain a vision, strategic objectives, a delivery strategy and robust management and monitoring arrangements.</li> <li>• It is now possible to include strategic site allocations in the Core Strategy.</li> <li>• Regulations requiring consultation on a preferred options stage are lifted. This gives greater discretion to authorities to decide who will be involved in plan preparation and how. However, PPS12 seeks wide and continuous participation, proportionate to the plan being prepared.</li> <li>• A full "sound" plan is to be published for consultation prior to submission to the Secretary of State. The revised regulations specify minor changes, including a reduction in the number of copies to be sent.</li> <li>• To be sound, a plan must be justified, effective and consistent with national policy. "Justified" is defined as being founded on a robust and credible evidence base and the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. "Effective" is defined as deliverable, flexible and capable of being monitored.</li> <li>• Local planning authorities can withdraw a DPD prior to submission without the formal intervention of the Secretary of State.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Additions to Section 3 - continued:</b></p> <p>Further changes to the regulations were made in 2009. As a consequence the Statement of Community Involvement is no longer considered to be a Development Plan Document. An independent examination will therefore no longer be required to consider any future changes to Newham's SCI.</p> <p>The Council is now required to have regard to the Local Government and Public Involvement Act 2009 when carrying out any activity relating to planning policy and the consideration of planning applications.</p> <p>Relevant legislation and guidance is listed in Appendix 9 - see below.</p>
4.2	The Community Strategy has been renamed - it is now Newham's Sustainable Community Strategy. A revised Newham SCS was agreed by the Council in February 2010.
5.4	Translation Panels are no longer included in planning documents, and translations and large print formats will only be provided when requested and where practical.
5.4	Delete 'Youth Parliament' and insert 'Young Mayor and Youth Council'
6.1	The timetable for LDF production has changed. For the latest information please refer to the Council's Local Development Scheme - which can be seen on the Council's website.
6.2	Core Strategies are now the only Development Plan Documents that local planning authorities are legally obliged to produce.
6.3	The London Plan has been given separate 'Development Plan' status, and is not part of the LDF. The London Plan is currently being reviewed. Please refer to the Greater London Authority website for the latest information.
7	<p><b>Add note on changes to legislation and guidance as follows:</b></p> <p>As noted in Section 3 above, the procedures for preparing Development Plan Documents have changed. The new procedures are summarised in the <u>diagram overleaf</u>. These changes do not affect the consultation methods to be used by Newham, as outlined on pages 12-14 of the existing SCI.</p> <p>As a result of these changes the Council is no longer preparing a 'Preferred Options' stage for its Core Strategy. Instead a document setting out 'Choices for the Core Strategy' was published in November 2010. It is unlikely that any further Preferred Options documents will be prepared in the future.</p> <p>There have been no changes to the procedures for preparing Supplementary Planning Documents, although Sustainability Appraisals are no longer a legal requirement.</p>

## The DPD Production Process

(The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008)

<b>Pre Production</b>	<b>Evidence Gathering</b>	
<b>Production</b>	<b>Prepare issues and options in consultation</b>	Regulation 25
	<b>Preparation of Submission Draft</b>	Regulations 27-29
	<b>Representations on Submission Draft</b>	
<b>Examination</b>	<b>Submission</b>	Regulation 30
	<b>Independent Examination</b>	Regulation 34
	<b>Binding Report</b>	Regulation 35

<b>8.14</b>	<p>Contact details for Planning Aid for London are now as follows:</p> <p>Unit 3.01 Whitechapel Technology Centre 65/75 Whitechapel Road London E1 1DU</p> <p>Tel: 020 7247 4900 Fax: 020 7247 8005 Email: info@planningaidforlondon.org</p>
<b>10</b>	<p>The LDF is now led by the Spatial Planning and Regeneration Policy Team, within the Regeneration, Planning and Property Directorate.</p> <p>Add: 'Please refer to the Council's current Local Development Scheme for updated information on resources'</p>
<b>App 1</b>	Add: 'Please refer to <u>Appendix 9</u> for details of the Principal Legislation and Guidance'
<b>App 3</b>	Add 'Some changes have been made the list of specific consultation bodies listed. Please see the 2008 Regulations for the latest list'.
<b>App 5</b>	See section 5.4 above.
<b>App 9</b>	<p><b>Add new Appendix: Principal Legislation and Guidance</b></p> <p>Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) (as amended) <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1281/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/1281/made</a></p> <p>Planning Act 2008 (Part 9) <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/contents</a></p>

	<p>The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended)  <a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/20042204.htm">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/20042204.htm</a></p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008  <a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20081371_en_1">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20081371_en_1</a></p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009  <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/401/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/401/contents/made</a></p> <p>PPS12: Local Spatial Planning, June 2008  <a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/pps12lsp.pdf">http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/pps12lsp.pdf</a></p> <p>Plan Making Manual 2008  <a href="http://www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pagelId=51391">http://www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pagelId=51391</a></p>
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