

OUR NEWHAM LOCAL PLAN



REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION GUIDANCE

What is the Local Plan?

The Local Plan serves as the primary planning document used by the Council to assess planning applications and manage areas for regeneration and development in Newham.

What is the Local Plan Refresh?

The current Local Plan, adopted in 2018, is currently being updated to meet the requirement for all Councils to maintain an up-to-date Local Plan. We have already done two rounds of consultations and engagement as part of the Local Plan Refresh:

- The [Issues and Options engagement](#) which took place between 18th October – 17th December 2021
- The [Draft Newham Local Plan \(Regulation 18\) consultation](#) which took place between 9th January – 20th February 2023

What is the Regulation 19 consultation?

This is your final opportunity to comment on the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan before we send it to central government for examination. The Regulation 19 consultation requires comments to focus on the 'legal compliance' and 'soundness' of the Local Plan.

This is the version of the plan that the Council considers to be 'legally compliant' and 'sound' and will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. This consultation is a chance for you to influence policy by commenting on the Local Plan's legal compliance and soundness and to suggest any changes you think are needed. Your comments will be considered by the Council and the Planning Inspector once the Local Plan is submitted for examination.

What is different about Regulation 19 compared to other stages of consultation?

The main difference between the Regulation 19 consultation and the previous stages of consultation is the statutory requirements.

Responses need to comment on whether the plan is sound or unsound based on the four tests of soundness as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The NPPF states the plan is sound if it meets the following **four tests of soundness**:

- 1. Positively Prepared:** The plan provides a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs and is informed by

agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development.

This includes looking at whether we are planning to meet our identified needs for homes and workspaces and whether we have worked with our neighbouring boroughs to do this. This is demonstrated in the [Newham Duty to Cooperate Statement](#).

- 2. Justified:** The plan contains an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and is based on appropriate evidence.

This includes looking at the Integrated Impact Assessment to see how it assesses the Local Plan and possible alternative options for how we might meet Newham's needs. It is also about looking at whether our policy requirements are supported by the evidence. Our [evidence base](#) is published on the council's website.

- 3. Effective:** The plan is deliverable over the plan period and is based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters, as evidenced by the statement of common ground. This is demonstrated in the [Newham Duty to Cooperate Statement](#), which will be accompanied by statement of common ground(s).

This includes looking at whether the policies are deliverable in relation to the [London Borough of Newham Local Plan Viability Study](#). Also, looking at whether policies are flexible and we've worked with other stakeholders to prepare the Local Plan. This is demonstrated in the [Newham Duty to Cooperate Statement](#).

- 4. Consistent with national policy:** The Plan enables the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with national planning policy, where relevant.

This includes looking at whether our policies are consistent with the [National Planning Policy Framework](#).





Responses are also required to consider whether the Submission (Regulation 19) Local Plan is legally compliant. To ensure **legal compliance** the Local Plan should:

- be prepared in accordance with the [Local Development Scheme](#). This is a work programme prepared by the council, setting out the timetable for the planning documents it proposes to produce.
- comply with the government legislation in the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#) and the [Town and Country Planning Local Planning \(England\) Regulations 2012](#). These pieces of legislation set out what Local Plans should contain and how they should be prepared.
- have a consultation carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement. The [Newham Statement of Community Involvement 2022](#) sets out the strategy and methods we will use to involve the community in the preparation and revision of plans and consideration of planning applications.
- be accompanied by a sustainability appraisal. Newham has produced an [Integrated Impact Assessment](#), which incorporates the Sustainability Appraisal, Strategic Environmental Assessment,

an Equalities Impact Assessment and the Health Impact Assessment. The IIA has continuously assessed the Draft Local Plan as it has been prepared to check how it and other alternative options may impact social, economic and environmental factors within Newham. The IIA aims to reduce and mitigate potential negative effects and seeks ways to deliver improvements and benefits.

- meet the requirements of the Habitat Regulations Assessment, which is a document created to identify aspects of an emerging Local Plan that would have potential to cause 'likely significant effect' on Natura 2000 (a network of nature protection areas in the European Union). This is included as part of the Integrated Impact Assessment.
- be in general conformity with the [London Plan](#), which is the strategic plan for London prepared by the Mayor of London.
- provide evidence of working collaboratively, constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and prescribed bodies on cross-boundary strategic matters. This is demonstrated in the [Newham Duty to Cooperate Statement](#).



How do I write a representation?

The consultation period runs for 7 weeks from **19th July until 6th September 2024**. You can make a representation anytime within this 7-week period provided we receive it by 5pm on the 6th September 2024.

We have prepared a model response form to help you comment on the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan in a format that meets the Regulation 19 requirements. It is available on Newham's Regulation 19 consultation webpage, as a downloadable form, and Newham Co-create, as a downloadable form or online form. The key points from the response form are outlined below:

- If you wish for your representation to be considered at the examination stage you must input your personal information, as the Inspector needs to know who you are and how to contact you. We will not publish your personal details (i.e., address, phone number, email address etc.). See our privacy notice: <https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/regulation-19-consultation> for further details on how your personal information will be used and stored. We cannot accept anonymous representations.
- The response form will allow you to refer to a specific policy, paragraph or diagram in the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan and explain why you think it is or is not legally compliant and/or sound or unsound. The explanation could include:
 - » Reference to our evidence base or appropriate external evidence and an explanation as to why you consider the part of the Plan is not justified by the evidence.
 - » Reference to national policy or the London Plan and an explanation as to why you consider the part of the Plan is not in compliance.
 - » Reference to the Integrated Impact Assessment and an explanation as to why you consider this part of the Plan has been developed without consideration of reasonable alternatives.
 - » Reference to our evidence base or appropriate external evidence and an explanation as to why you consider the part of the Plan is not effective, for example because it would be hard to deliver or is not flexible enough.
 - » Reference to the Duty to Cooperate Statement and an explanation as to why you consider the Plan was not based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters.



- It will also ask you to suggest any modifications to the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan in relation to the points you raised on the soundness and/or legal compliance. We suggest you propose your revised wording of any policy or text.
- You will need to explain why your revised wording will make the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan legally compliant or sound.
- The response form will ask if you wish to participate at the examination hearings if you are seeking a change to the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan and to explain why you consider this to be necessary.

When considering whether the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan is unsound because it doesn't include a policy on a particular issue, please consider the following questions before making a representation:

- Is the issue already covered specifically by [national planning policy](#) or the [London Plan](#)?
- Is the issue already covered by another policy in the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan?
- Does the evidence base explain why a policy was not included and/or propose an alternative approach to addressing that issue?
- If the policy is not covered elsewhere, why is the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan unsound without the policy?
- If the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan is unsound without the policy, what should the policy say to make the plan sound?

Our preference would be for you to submit comments using the downloadable or online response form but you don't have to. If you do not use the response form, make sure your response follows the guidance outlined above.

The response form will ask you if you wish to attend the future examination hearings held by the Inspector, although there is no requirement for you to attend the examination if you do not wish to. All representations submitted as part of the Regulation 19 process will be considered by inspectors and have equal weight to those made at the examination.

When submitting your representation, you can sign up to be notified on updates in process of the Local Plan Refresh including: the submission of the Submission Draft Local Plan Local Plan, the publication of the recommendations made by the Planning Inspector and the adoption of the Local Plan.

Where can I submit my representation?

The following methods can be used to submit your responses:



Online: using the downloadable or online response form on Newham Co-create and Newham's Regulation 19 consultation webpage.

Find the downloadable or online response form on Newham Co-create here: <https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/regulation-19-consultation>
<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/folders/newham-local-plan-review>

Find the downloadable response form on Newham's Regulation 19 consultation webpage here: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/planning-development-conservation/newham-local-plan-refresh>



Email: Please email your completed downloadable response form to localplan@newham.gov.uk



Post: Please post your completed downloadable response form to Planning Policy Team, London Borough of Newham, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU.

Document Availability:

Copies of the Draft Submission Local Plan, Policies Map and Integrated Impacted Assessment June 2024 and evidence base documents are available on the Council's website. Copies of the response form are available to download from the Newham Co-create and the Council's website.

Residents with limited mobility or the need to shield will be able to request the delivery of the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan and a representation form. The response form can then be posted to Newham Dockside.

Hard copies of the Draft Submission Local Plan, Policies Map and Integrated Impacted Assessment June 2024 and representation forms are available at Newham libraries and our principal office:

- **Beckton Globe Library:** 1 Kingsford Way, London E6 5JQ. Open Monday – Saturday 10am-8pm
Closed Sunday.
- **Canning Town Library:** 18, Rathbone Market, London E16 1EH. Open Monday – Saturday 10am-8pm
Closed Sunday.
- **Custom House Library:** Prince Regent Lane, London E16 3JJ. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10am-6pm; Thursday 1-8pm; Closed Wednesday, Friday, Sunday.
- **East Ham Library:** 328 Barking Road, London E6 2RT. Open Monday – Saturday 9am - 8pm;
Sunday 12-4 pm.
- **The Gate Library:** Woodgrange Road, London E7 0QH. Open Monday – Saturday 9am-8pm;
Closed Sunday.
- **Green Street Library:** 337-341 Green Street, London E13 9AR. Open Monday – Saturday 10am-8pm;
Closed Sunday.
- **Manor Park Library:** 685-693 Romford Road, London E12 5BS. Open Monday – Saturday 10am-8pm.
Closed Sunday.
- **North Woolwich Library:** 5 Pier Road, London E16 2LJ. Open Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am - 8pm;
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9.30am-5.30pm. Closed Sunday.
- **Plaistow Library:** North Street, London E13 9HN. Open Monday, Tuesday, Saturday 9.30am – 5.30pm;
Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-5pm; Thursday 1-8pm: Closed Sunday.
- **Stratford Library:** 3 The Grove, London E15 1EL. Open Monday – Saturday 9am - 8pm;
Sunday 12-4 pm.
- **Principal Office:** Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU Open Monday – Friday 7am-5pm.

Further guidance

For further guidance on how to submit a representation you can attend our **online informative session, or attend one of our four drop-in sessions:**

| Event | Date | Where to go | Information |
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| Online Informative Session | Thursday 25th July 2024, 7-8pm | Microsoft Teams – Sign up at: https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/regulation-19-consultation | The online informative session will give you an overview of the Draft Submission Newham Local Plan and how to provide responses using the guidance from the online or downloadable response form. |
| Drop-in Session 1 | Saturday 27th July 2024, 2-4pm | East Ham Library, 328 Barking Road, London E6 2RT | The drop-in sessions give you the opportunity to ask the policy team any questions you have on the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan. They will also be able to assist you with submitting a representation. |
| Drop-in Session 2 | Tuesday 30th July 2024, 6.30-8.30pm | Royal Docks Activity Centre, Albert Rd, London E16 2JB | |
| Drop-in Session 3 | Thursday 8th August 2024, 10am-12pm | Canning Town Library, 18 Rathbone Market, London E16 1EH | |
| Drop-in Session 4 | Saturday 10th August 2024, 10am-12pm | Stratford Library, Hopkins Room, 3 The Grove, London E15 1EL | |

What happens next?

Once the consultation period has finished we will use your representations to identify whether any are needed to the Local Plan to make sure it is legally compliant and sound. The council will propose these modifications for consideration during the examination. The Submission Draft Newham Local Plan Local Plan, any proposed modifications, representations and evidence base will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The Secretary of State will then appoint a Planning Inspector(s) who will carry out an independent examination of the Submission Draft Newham Local Plan and its evidence base. The Inspector(s) will undertake their own assessment of whether the Plan is legally compliant and sound and whether we have complied with the Duty to Cooperate. The Inspector(s) will review the representations made during the regulation 19 consultation and the Council's proposed modifications. The examination will include public hearing sessions where any issues or questions that are critical to the soundness and legal compliance of the Local Plan are discussed. Participants will be invited to contribute on issues and questions relevant to their representations.

All proposed main modifications must be subject to a public consultation, which will last for 6 weeks. The inspector will consider all the representations made on the proposed main modifications before finalising the examination report to the Council recommending whether we can adopt the Local Plan.

Further information about the examination can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-procedural-practice/procedure-guide-for-local-plan-examinations#section-6-main-modifications-to-the-plan>

Use the QR code to find more information and in different languages.



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