

Our Newham Local Plan: WASTE AND UTILITIES

Main Changes from the Draft (Regulation 18) to the Draft Submission (Regulation 19) Newham Local Plan

Updates to reflect progress on the Joint Waste Plan Policy W1: Waste management capacity

We have changed the policy's implementation text to set out how developments will be assessed upon the adoption of the updated East London Joint Waste Plan.

This change has been made following progress on the preparation of the East London Waste Plan and comments from the Greater London Authority who wanted greater certainty on when the plan would be progressed. We considered a change was necessary in order to provide better clarity on how applications for the development of waste sites will be assessed while the plan-making process for the Joint Waste Plan continues. We plan to consult on a Regulation 18 draft Joint Waste Plan in mid-2024. This draft will set out which waste sites we will continue to safeguard, noting our evidence base shows there is surplus capacity in east London to manage waste arisings in the area.



Requiring Automated Vacuum Waste Collection Systems Policy W3: Waste management in developments

We are now making the largest site allocations in the borough deliver Automated Vacuum Waste Collection Systems.

This change has been made following internal review with waste colleagues, who outlined their concerns that traditional waste collection systems may cause significant highways, air quality and resource impacts given the high level of high-density new development planned in the borough over the next 15 years. We agreed this change was necessary to ensure effective waste collection on our site allocations delivering the highest density of residential apartments.



Removing reference to Digital Economy W4: Utilities and digital connectivity infrastructure

Wording changes have been made in the policy name and the main policy to redirect the focus of the policy to digital connectivity infrastructure and remove details about digital economic growth.

The changes have been made following internal review with our digital economy lead and representations received from developers and residents who requested further details on how the Plan would support the data and digital economy. We considered this change was necessary to reduce duplication and provide better clarity that the focus of this policy is digital connectivity and that policy guidance regarding data and digital economic growth is covered in the Inclusive Economy policies and relevant Neighbourhood policies.



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Impact on infrastructure capacity and assets **W4: Utilities and digital connectivity infrastructure**

Further details have been added to the policy text and implementation text to clarify that any development required to submit an impact assessment on utility infrastructure capacity must include considerations of on and off-site impact and the cumulative impact. New wording has been added to require new developments to clean up wastewater infrastructure misconnections and to ensure the proposal will not create new misconnections.

These changes have been made following the representations received from the Thames Water, the National Grid and the Environmental Agency who requested additional guidance be added regarding how the impact of new development on infrastructure capacity and assets would be considered. In addition the GLA's publication of the draft Digital Strategy and Digital Connectivity Infrastructure London Plan Guidance highlighted detailed requirements for assessing the impact of new development on digital connectivity infrastructure. We agreed these changes were necessary in order to deliver the Local Plan's objective to ensure sufficient utilities infrastructure is provided to ensure new developments and neighbourhoods in Newham have access to utilities services.

Security consideration of digital infrastructure **W4: Utilities and digital connectivity infrastructure**

A new policy requirement for pre-application consultation with Counter Terrorism Security Advisors was added to ensure digital infrastructure security is appropriately considered at the earliest opportunity.

This change has been made following the representation received from the Metropolitan Police, who requested applicants undertake pre-application engagement with them. We agreed this change was necessary to enable the delivery of reliable connectivity infrastructure throughout the borough. This change is also in line with the London Plan, which requires certain types of development, such as commercial, to consider communications access and security.



Waste heat network requirement **W4: Utilities and digital connectivity infrastructure**

Further details have been added to the policy and implementation text to clarify that the heat network will not have to be decarbonised at the point of application. Instead a fully funded decarbonisation plan, which will be implemented within the lifetime of the Local Plan, must be in place at the point of application. This change aligns with changes made to the Climate Emergency policy.

This change has been made following the representation received from developers, residents and the LLDC who requested changes to the heat network policy to expressly consider waste heat as a decarbonised energy source. We agreed this change was necessary as it ensures a balance between the delivery of a decarbonised energy system while aligning with the London Plan's support for heat networks.

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5pm, 6 September 2024!**

