

Examination of Newham Local Plan

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IN2.1: Inspector's Further Preliminary Questions to the Council

Further to my Preliminary Questions published on 10 September 2025¹, the Council is also requested to respond to the following Further Preliminary Questions by midday on Tuesday 23 September 2023.

Information requirements for planning applications

Local planning authorities should publish a list of their information requirements for applications for planning permission. These requirements should be kept to the minimum needed to make decisions, and should be reviewed at least every two years. Local planning authorities should only request supporting information that is relevant, necessary and material to the application in question².

Various policies and other parts of the Plan require applicants for planning permission to provide particular types of information (assessments, strategies, evidence to demonstrate compliance with specified guidance or standards, etc).

FPQ1. (a) Could the Council provide a list of all the specified information that applicants are required to provide along with the policy and/or other part of the Plan that refer to each?

(b) What is the justification for referring to these information requirements in the Plan, rather than on a published list which the Council will review at least every two years?

Policy HS1 part 1 – new homes in relation to designated centres and parades

Policy HS1 part 1 states that all new homes should be within a maximum 400 metre radius of at least one designated centre or parade, or be within a 15 minutes walking distance of at least two designated centres or parades.

¹ IN2.

² NPPF 44.

It is not clear which parts of the Borough fall within or beyond those specified distances. It is not therefore clear which parts of the Borough policy HS1 would allow new homes to be built within.

FPQ2. Could the Council provide a map of the Borough showing the relevant designated centres and parades along with the specified radii / distances from each.
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