

Lewisham housing strategy 2020–26 consultation draft questions

Overview

We are consulting on our housing strategy for 2020–26.

We want to hear from you so we can make sure we are taking the right steps to solve the housing crisis.

Details of how we are proposing to do this are available in the Housing Strategy 2020-26 consultation supporting document.

Other language support

If you want to share your views in this consultation, but English is not your first language, you can get translation in another language.

Please email us your name, phone number and language and we will contact you in your desired language.

What happens next

Thank you for your comments on this consultation. We will consider them when we make our decisions about the final Housing Strategy 2020-26

About you

1. Are you a resident of London Borough of Lewisham?
 - Yes
 - No
2. How would you describe yourself?
 - Private tenant
 - Social tenant
 - Homeowner
 - Landlord
 - Other
 - Free text box to follow
3. Are you filling in this consultation as...
 - An individual
 - On behalf of an organisation. If so, please specify which one:
 - Free-text box to follow

How important are the issues listed below to you?

Delivering the homes that Lewisham needs

There is a severe shortage of genuinely affordable homes in Lewisham. Fewer households than ever before can afford housing in Lewisham. We are ambitious in our vision to increase the number of social homes in the borough. These homes will include the open space and facilities that communities need.

We will deliver specialist and temporary accommodation. These homes will help protect some of our most vulnerable residents at times of urgent need.

For more information, please see pages 4–5 of the housing strategy summary.

4. Building as many council-owned homes at social rent as possible.
 - Important
 - Somewhat important
 - Neither important nor unimportant
 - Somewhat unimportant
 - Unimportant
 - Don't know
5. Providing community facilities and open space in new developments.
 - Important
 - Somewhat important
 - Neither important nor unimportant
 - Somewhat unimportant
 - Unimportant
 - Don't know
6. Delivering high-quality temporary and specialist accommodation to protect some of our most vulnerable residents, including homeless households.
 - Important
 - Somewhat important
 - Neither important nor unimportant
 - Somewhat unimportant
 - Unimportant
 - Don't know
7. Do you have any further comments on the subject of 'delivering the homes that Lewisham needs?'

[comment box]

Preventing homelessness and meeting housing need

Lewisham residents are increasingly facing severe and challenging housing needs. Homelessness has increased, and there is a shortage of genuinely affordable housing. We are working with households to prevent homelessness as early as possible and support Lewisham residents when they are in urgent need. We want to stop using the worst types of temporary accommodation when households do become homeless

There are many reasons why a household might be in housing need. We want to use all the powers we have to give our residents the homes they need.

For more information, please see page 6 of the housing strategy summary.

8. Preventing homelessness by providing personalised support for households as early as possible.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

9. Using all the available housing in Lewisham to reduce the number of homeless households in bed and breakfasts or living out of Lewisham.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

10. Increasing the number of housing options for those with needs that require specialist accommodation.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

11. Do you have any further comments on the subject of 'preventing homelessness and meeting housing need'?

[comment box]

Improving the quality, standard and safety of housing

Housing in Lewisham has changed in recent years. The private rented sector is now almost as large as the social rented sector. Costs have also increased rapidly. The private rented sector needs to be a safe, stable and affordable option for residents.

We have worked with our partners to improve the quality of our homes. We want to go further in ensuring the safety and standard of our homes.

There is also a climate emergency. We will take measures to reduce emissions from our housing, and support others to do so. We will improve the energy efficiency of our housing and stop fuel poverty for those experiencing it.

For more information, please see page 7 of the housing strategy summary.

12. Improving the quality of private sector housing by building our own housing with stable rents and longer tenancies, and working with the sector to put in place best practice.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

13. Improving the safety, quality and energy efficiency of homes owned by us.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

14. Investing in housing in Lewisham to reduce the carbon footprint and help solve the climate emergency.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

15. Do you have any further comments on the subject of 'improving the quality, standard and safety of housing'?

[comment box]

Supporting our residents to lead safe, independent and active lives

Households are increasingly likely to have older members and live to older ages than before. Helping them to enjoy their home for longer is important. This will allow households to maintain an excellent quality of life for as long as possible. We will work closely with partners to help residents remain in their homes, and to expand their opportunities.

For more information, please see page 8 of the housing strategy summary.

16. Providing more support to help households keep their tenancies and access services.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

17. Supporting and promoting activity to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of residents.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

18. Ensuring that there is a joined-up approach across housing, health, social care and other partners to support residents according to their needs.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

19. Do you have any further comments on the subject of 'supporting our residents to lead safe, independent and active lives'?

[comment box]

Strengthening communities and embracing diversity

The first step to a strong community is having a place to call home. Strong communities are built by active and empowered residents. We want to give residents control over the future of where they live. Empowered residents are better able to make the right decisions for their communities and make sure Lewisham's welcoming, dynamic tradition continues into the future.

Our vision is that Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all. We are proud to offer sanctuary to people fleeing violence and oppression.

For more information, please see page 9 of the housing strategy summary.

20. Guaranteeing the rights of council tenants affected by council-led developments, and ensuring residents have a strong voice in decisions about the future of their estates.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

21. Promoting the rights of residents in the private rented sector.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

22. Offering sanctuary to those fleeing violence and oppression.

- Important
- Somewhat important
- Neither important nor unimportant
- Somewhat unimportant
- Unimportant
- Don't know

23. Do you have any further comments on the subject of 'strengthening communities and embracing diversity'?

[comment box]

24. Are there any other priorities not mentioned above, or in the housing strategy summary, that you think we should address in our housing strategy 2020–26?

Please briefly say why you think these priorities are important:

[comment box]

25. Where did you hear about this consultation?

- Lewisham Council's website
- Other website (please specify below)
Free text box to follow
- Lewisham Life magazine
- Social media
- Email
- My councillor
- Other (please specify below)
A free-text box to follow

26. Standard equalities questions to be added

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