

# LEWISHAM LOCAL PLAN

Local Plan Update  
Towards Regulation 19

10/01/2022





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## The Local Plan - its role

- ❑ A **strategy** for the Council and its partners to direct **investment** across Lewisham
- ❑ Policies / guidelines used to determine **planning applications**

National Planning Policy Framework

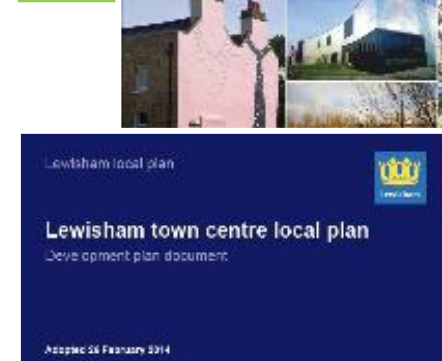
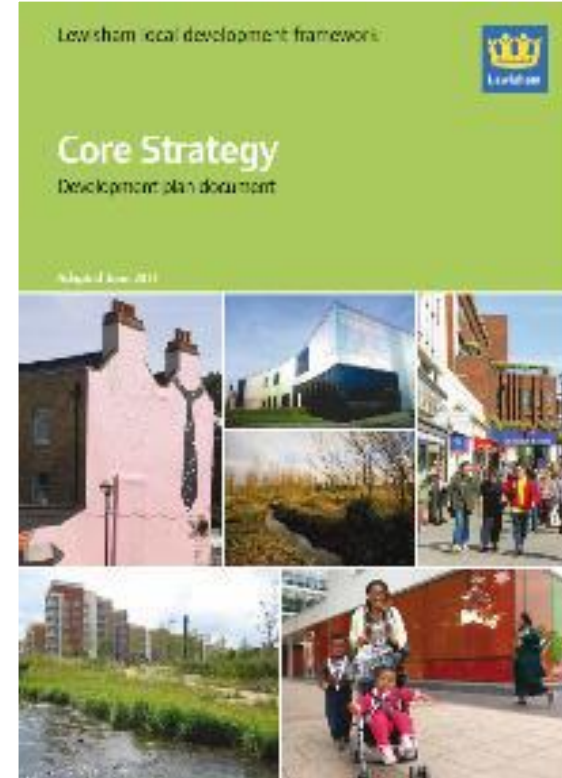
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# The London Plan

- ❑ Sets out key areas for growth and regeneration across the Capital
- ❑ Sets Lewisham's housing target - 1,667 homes per year (up 20% from current target)
- ❑ Sets out strategic policies that the Local Plan has to be in conformity with

## What can the Local Plan influence?

- Local area strategies
- Housing mix (including affordable housing)
- Design policies
- Employment areas / High Streets
- Priorities for open spaces, public realm, etc.



## The new London Plan

- Came into force 2021
- The Local Plan has to be in broad conformity with higher level policy documents – NPPF and London Plan

	Key stage	What is involved?
1	Consultation on Main Issues	Initial public consultation
2	Information gathering	Preparing the evidence base and early stakeholder engagement
3	Consultation on the 'Main Issues and Preferred Approaches'	Main opportunity for the public to shape the plan's direction <b>(January to April 2021)</b>
4	<b>Consultation on the 'Proposed Submission' Local Plan</b>	<b>Focussed on Council's compliance with legal procedures and NPPF tests of soundness (Winter/Spring 2023)</b>
5	Examination in Public	Government appointed Inspector <b>(Summer/Winter 2023)</b>
6	Adoption	Council can only adopt plan if it is found 'sound' at EiP <b>(Spring 2024 – Beyond the 2023 deadline)</b>



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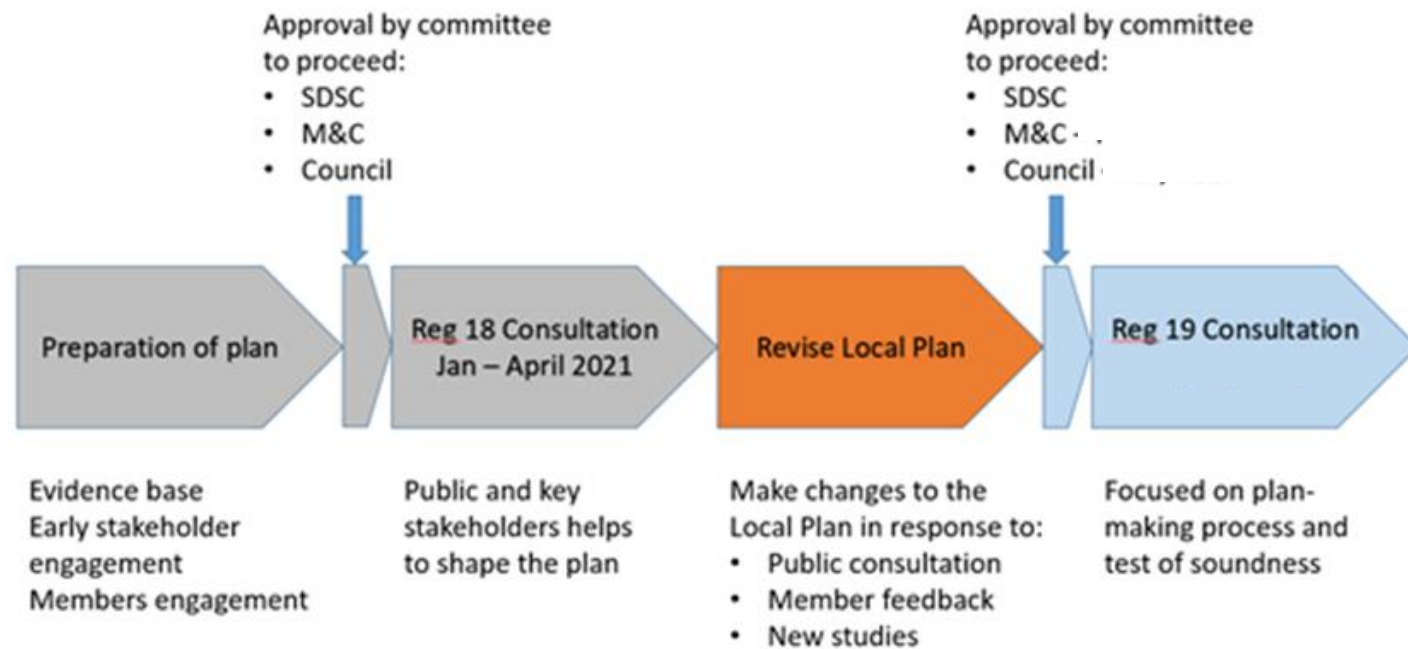
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Local Plan:

Engagement recap and  
next steps

# Member engagement to date

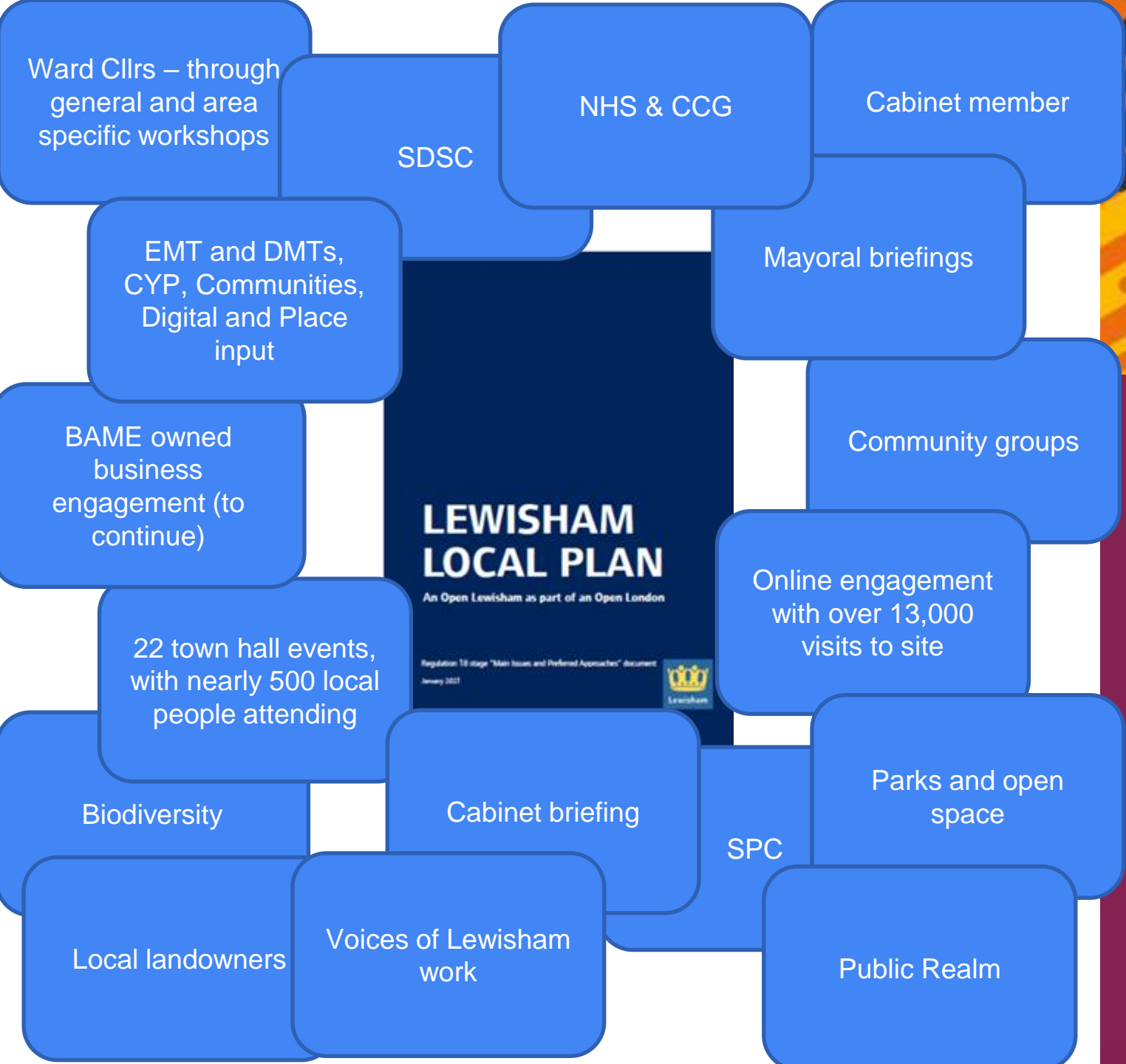
- ❑ 8 all member briefings, including 3 drop in sessions in Nov 2022 in advance of M&C and Council
- ❑ SDSC – regular Local Plan updates and endorsement of Reg 19 plan in November 2021
- ❑ Cabinet Member regular updates and briefings
- ❑ SPC – Oct 2021 Local Plan update
- ❑ Mayoral briefings
- ❑ Housing retrofit task and finish group – Oct 2021



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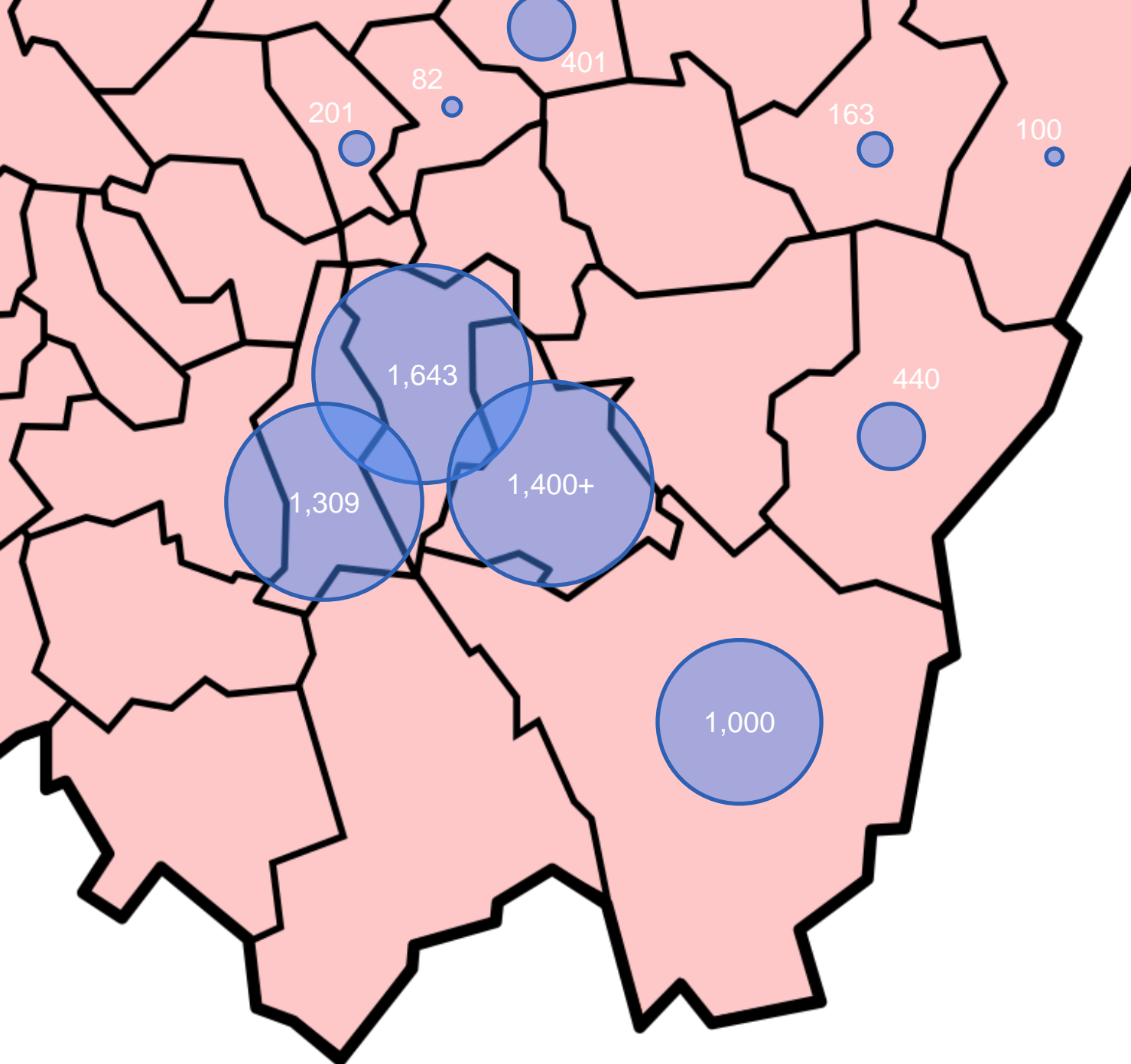
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## Local voices

- ❑ Extensive consultation with groups
  - ❑ Stakeholders including the GLA
  - ❑ Infrastructure providers feeding in to IDP
  - ❑ In person consultation targeting seldom heard voices
- March/April 22





## Consultation Stats

- How Lewisham compares to other Regulation 18 consultation
- Data collected from Council consultation statements

# SDSC Regulation 19 Consultation

- ❑ On 23rd November 2021, SDSC reviewed the proposed submission version of the Reg 19 plan.
- ❑ The Committee welcomed the updates to the Local Plan and it congratulated the planning team for its efforts in engaging with residents and recommended that the approach was shared.
- ❑ The Committee noted the creation of an integrated district park in Grove Park as an essential part of the borough's green infrastructure and recommended it was specifically named and included in the Lewisham Local Plan as well as the updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- ❑ The Committee also recommended that the Grove Park District Park should be included in Lewisham's strategic infrastructure list of green infrastructure.
- ❑ The Committee recommended that all of the borough's sites of importance for nature conservation (SINCs) should be individually named.



## Reg 19 consultation

- All matters have been addressed in the submission version of the Reg 19 plan and accompanying consultation statement and IDP

# Regulation 19 Consultation

- ❑ The Reg 19 plan responds to all comments made at Reg 18 stage about the proposed policies.
- ❑ The Reg 19 plan is tracked changed for complete transparency and is accompanied by a consultation statement outlining every individual comment and the officer response.
- ❑ The Reg 19 consultation has to be compliant with legislation and in line with our adopted Statement of Community Involvement.



## Reg 19 consultation

- Anticipated to be held over February / March

# Regulation 19 Consultation

- ❑ The consultation has to focus on ‘**soundness**’ and **legal compliance** of the Draft Local Plan.
  
- ❑ Unlike the Reg 18 consultation it is not focused on the plan content unless it relates to a point on the soundness or legal compliance.
  
- ❑ Consultation will comprise:
  - 6 week consultation using our inhouse consultation platform
  - Hard copies made available at Libraries
  - Notification of the consultation will be sent to all those who responded to the Reg 18
  - Advertised in local newspaper and on Council social media
  - Online consultation events



## Test of Soundness

- Positively prepared
- Justified
- Effective
- Consistent with national policy

Local Plan recap:

**Vision and objectives**

# Love Living in Lewisham

"Lewisham will continue to be a welcoming place where the culture and diversity of our people, and the unique qualities of our neighbourhoods, is recognised and protected.

We will always celebrate what makes us different and have a strong sense of community. We will give people the security and certainty they need so that everyone can live their best lives."

- ❑ 9 key objectives, 22 sub-objectives
- ❑ Support the Corporate Strategy
- ❑ Prepared with input from all Councillors



## An extract from the Vision

- Full Vision in Part 1 of the Local Plan (or the Summary Document)



# Key strategic objectives

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| A | <b>An Open Lewisham as part of an Open London</b>                 |
| B | Housing tailored to the community with genuinely affordable homes |
| C | A thriving local economy that tackles inequalities                |
| D | A greener borough   |
| E | Responding to the climate emergency                               |
| F | Celebrating our local identity                                    |
| G | Healthy and safe communities                                      |
| H | Securing the timely delivery of infrastructure                    |
| I | Ensuring high quality education, health and social care           |

# Delivering Good Growth: The spatial strategy



# The growth challenge

- ❑ Build at least **16,670 new homes** over a 10 year period with many more genuinely affordable homes (set by the London Plan)
- ❑ Create an inclusive local economy and deliver **20,000 m<sup>2</sup> new workspace** (set by LBL evidence base)
- ❑ Respond to challenges facing our High Streets and deliver **5,000 m<sup>2</sup> new floorspace for retail uses (town centre uses)** (set by LBL evidence base)
- ❑ **PLUS** secure new / improved **infrastructure** to support growth (IDP)

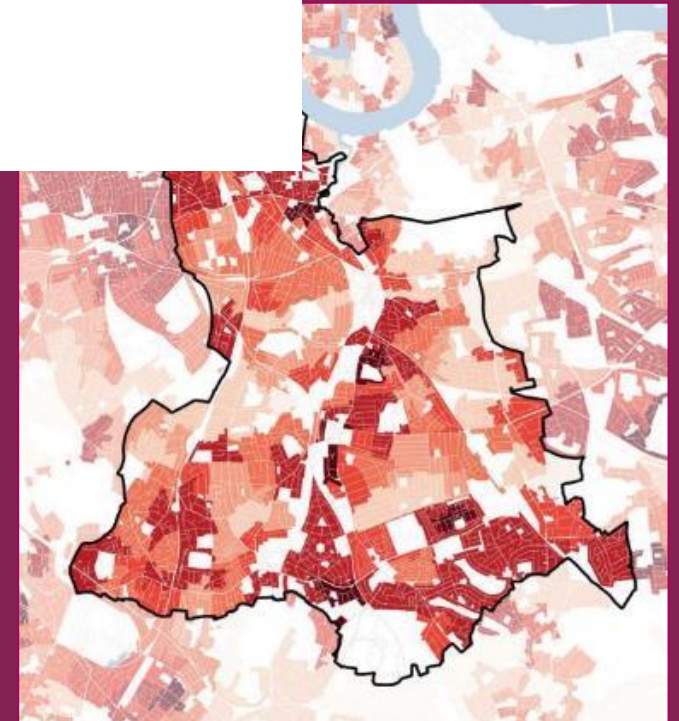
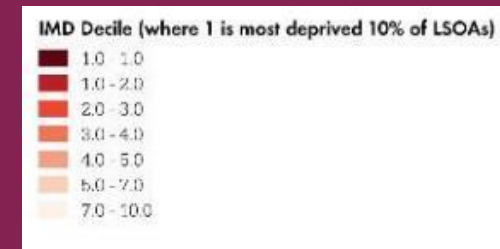


## The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- Sets out the requirement for Local Plans to demonstrate how they are going to meet their identified need

# It's not just about numbers

- ❑ Tackling the causes of deprivation and ensuring equality of opportunity
- ❑ Improving access to education, training, jobs, services and community facilities
- ❑ Protecting our natural environment
- ❑ Ensuring inclusive, distinctive and high quality places for all



# Delivering Good Growth: Development Management Policies

# Development Management Policies

Covering topics including:

- High Quality Design
- Heritage
- Housing
- Economy and Culture
- Community Infrastructure
- Green Infrastructure
- Sustainable design and Infrastructure
- Transport and Connectivity



## Key Issues

- These were the key issues raised at the Regulation 18 stage

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