

# **Lewisham Local Plan consultation strategy – M&C Draft**

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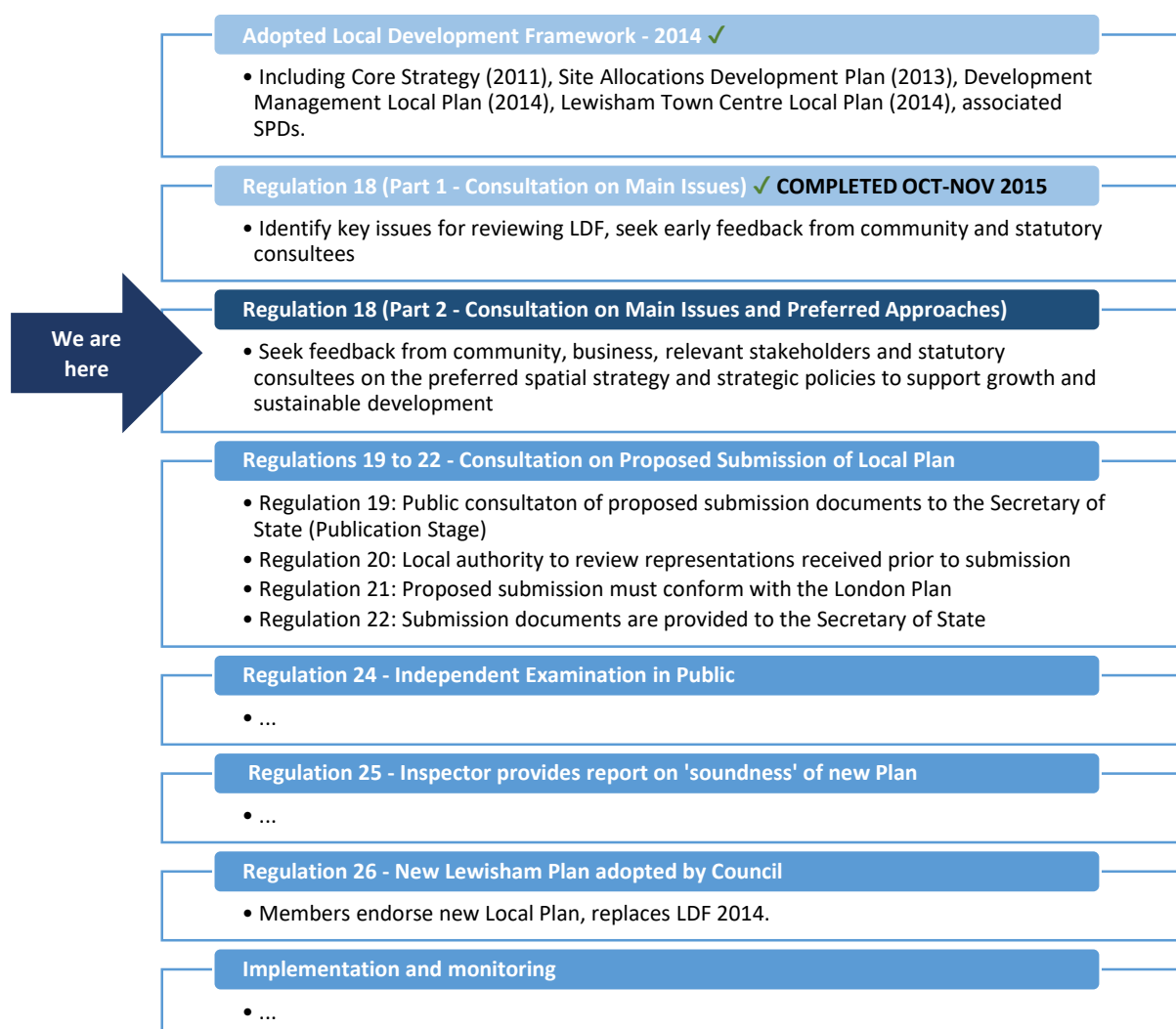
# 1. What is a Local Plan?

- 1.1. The Lewisham Local Plan will be the key planning document for the borough. It will set out the planning strategy for growth, and how we will deliver the new homes needed over the next 20 years. It will contain the planning policies that will be used to assess planning applications in the future. It will identify the areas in the borough where growth is expected and how these areas are likely to change in order to accommodate that growth.
- 1.2. The new Lewisham Local Plan will replace the existing Local Development Framework (LDF), which is currently made up of:
- Core Strategy – Development Plan (adopted June 2011)
  - Development Management Local Plan (adopted Nov 2014)
  - Site Allocations Local Plan (adopted June 2013)
  - Lewisham Town Centre Local Plan (adopted Feb 2014)
- 1.3. It is anticipated that the new Lewisham Local Plan will be supported by a number of supplementary planning documents (SPDs):
- New Cross Gate SPD (2019)
  - Surry Canal Triangle SPD (not adopted)
  - Alterations and extensions SPD (2019)
  - Shopfront design SPD (2006)
  - Planning obligations SPD (2015)
  - River corridors improvement plan SPD (2015)
- 1.4. This Consultation Strategy should be read alongside the draft Regulation 18 Lewisham Local Plan – Main Issues and Preferred Approaches document (2020). The draft Local Plan document is currently available on the Council website at <https://bit.ly/3272vq8>

# 2. Where are we now?

- 2.1. There are several stages involved in the production of the new Lewisham Local Plan. An indicative timeline for the production of the Lewisham Local Plan was set out in the Local Development Scheme (20XX), and is available to view on the council website.

2.2. The flowchart below summarises the steps that need to be taken to prepare a new Local Plan in accordance with the current national planning framework, and where the Council is in that process.



2.3. After commencing the Local Plan Review in early 2015, Council undertook a Regulation 18 consultation of the Lewisham Local Plan – ‘Consultation on Main Issues’ in October – November 2015. Activities and engagement undertaken, and responses received during the consultation are outlined the Regulation 18 Consultation Statement.

2.4. In preparing the consultation strategy for the next round of Regulation 18 consultation (Main Issues and Preferred Approaches), Council officers have completed an assessment of what is required from a statutory perspective, including Lewisham’s Statement of Community Involvement (2006) for the next stage of public consultation.

### **3. How will we consult on the Lewisham Local Plan**

3.1. This consultation strategy explains how we will consult on the Draft Lewisham Local Plan Reg 18 preferred options document. It will set out how the consultation strategy will meet the requirements of Reg 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the guidance set out in the Statement of Community involvement (SCI) on consulting the community in the preparation of the planning policy and guidance.

3.2. This consultation strategy should be read alongside the 'Lewisham Local Plan – preferred approach' (2020) available to view on the Councils website [insert website]

3.3. The SCI (2006) sets out how the Council will consult the community in the preparation of planning documents and sets out a range of possible methods of consultation that involve the wider community. Lewisham has a diverse population which requires a wide range of approaches to consulting on planning documents. The consultation methods that are outlined in the SCI will be adapted, where appropriate, to meet the requirements needed to consult effectively on the Lewisham Local Plan – preferred approach (2020).

3.4. The Lewisham Local Plan is a 20 year spatial strategy for the whole of the borough and will therefore have a wide reaching impact on the borough's residents and businesses. Below we have identified the groups the Lewisham Local Plan will likely affect:

- Existing residents living in and around the borough including council tenants; people in need of housing
- Existing businesses and business looking to move into the borough
- Landowners within the borough
- Congregations in the many faith premises that are located within the borough
- Shoppers and visitors to the area
- Students who are studying and/or residing in the borough
- Cyclists and pedestrians using the existing cycle routes in the borough
- Developers and self-builders

## 4. Our consultation strategy

- 4.1. The public consultation on the Lewisham Local Plan preferred approach (2020) will run for a 12 week period. This period of consultation goes well beyond the statutory requirement of 6 weeks as required in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Lewisham Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2006).
- 4.2. The Consultation for the Lewisham Local Plan preferred approach will be open from XX May 2020 to XX July/Aug 2020.
- 4.3. All responses must be received by X.
- 4.4. The table below outlines the consultation exercises that we propose to use. These methods are based on best practice.

<b>Consultation activity</b>	<b>Consultees</b>	<b>SCI / Legal Status (required/not required)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Mail Out (physical/e-mail)	Statutory consultees, general consultees, consultee database, adjoining site allocation properties	Required	Formal Letters informing consultees dates of consultation and how to make representations
Local Plan published via Council website	All	Required	Draft LP and all supporting documents to be published via council planning policy website
Press notices	All	Required	Press notices to be published in all Local media outlets as specified by SCI (2006)
Press releases	All residents, visitors, businesses, Hard to Reach (HTR) groups, community organisations	Required as outlined in SCI	Press releases to be published in local press such as Lewisham ledger, Catford conversations, Lewisham life.  Consultation activities also to be published via this method

<b>Consultation activity</b>	<b>Consultees</b>	<b>SCI / Legal Status (required/not required)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Social media	All	Required as outlined in SCI	Using council social media accounts to promote draft LP consultation activities and how to make representations regarding the draft Plan  Possibility for standalone social media accounts to be managed by the policy team that would promote the draft LP consultation
Commonplace website	All	Not required	Draft LP to be published by chapter via commonplace (existing council license)  Draft Plans sub areas to be separated and plan to be made more accessible for reading by members of the public and capability to submit comments around general policy themes
Citizen Space	All	Required as standard council protocol	Draft LP to be published via the councils own consultation portal
Permanent exhibition	All residents, visitors, businesses, HTR groups, community organisations	Not required	Permanent exhibition to be in place in key locations throughout the borough allowing members of the public to view the Plan along with exhibition boards, leaflets

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Draft Local Plan physical copies	All residents, visitors, businesses, HTR groups, community organisations	Required	Draft local plan to be made available at all council libraries and selected community centres throughout the borough
Drop in sessions	All residents, visitors, businesses, HTR groups, community organisations	Not required	Drop in sessions on a weekly basis that will allow the community and members of the public to comment on overview of the
Community meetings	All residents, visitors, businesses, HTR groups, community organisations	Not required	Specific community meetings in each of the sub areas allowing a questions and answer session with council officers/members regarding the plan and its vision
HTR group meetings	All residents, visitors, businesses, HTR groups, community organisations	Required	Targeting the HTR groups within the borough with specific meetings allowing for question and answer sessions with council officers and members
Agent and developer forums	Stat consultees, developers, agents	Required	Specific forum for local agents and landowners/developers in the borough to have a question/answer session with council officers/members
On street leafletting	All residents, visitors, businesses, HTR groups, community organisations	Not required	Handing out publications providing an overview of the draft LP to members of the public at key locations throughout the borough

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Local ward assembly meetings	Local ward assembly groups	Required	Presentation of the draft LP overview to all ward assemblies in the borough
Mayoral press release	All	Not Required	Mayoral press release announcing the start of the consultation period. Press release to be published via local press and Lewisham council social media accounts

## 5. How to comment

5.1. The public consultation on the draft Lewisham Local Plan - Preferred Options (2020) will run for an 8 -12 week period from XXXX to XXXX 2020. You can respond in the following way:

- Post - Planning Policy, London Borough of Lewisham, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, SE6 4RU
- E-mail – [Planning.policy@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.policy@lewisham.gov.uk)
- Online Commonplace - XXXXXXXXXXcommonplace.org.uk

5.2. All consultation responses must be received by XXXX XXX

5.3. Copies of the Draft Lewisham Local Plan can be viewed:

- The council website [www.lewisham.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/planningpolicy)
- The Planning Resource Centre, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, SE6 4RU
- Blackheath Village community library
- Crofton Park community library
- Deptford Lounge
- Downham Library
- Forest Hill community library
- Grove Park community library
- Lewisham Library
- Manor House community library
- New Cross community library
- Pepys community library
- Sydenham community library
- Torridon Road community library



## 6. Reporting Back

- 6.1. The council is committed to reporting back on responses to the consultation. Following this stage of public consultation the council will:
- Acknowledge and give full consideration to all representations received and engage in further discussions where this will assist in developing the document
  - Make a summary of responses available on the council website
  - Produce a consultation statement detailing the consultation exercises undertaken in this consultation and detailing the comments and how they have affected the development of policy at the Reg 18 stage of the plans production
- 6.2. The outcomes of the Draft Lewisham Local Plan – Preferred Options consultation (2020) will inform the Reg 19 submission version of the document
- 6.3. All respondents to the consultation will be added to the Strategic Planning consultation database and will be notified of the next consultation stages of the plan making process as well as other consultations that will be carried out by the strategic planning team.