

Waltham Forest Town Hall, Fellowship Square, Forest Road, London E17 4JF

**Ask For:** Local Plan Team  
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**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam

### **Re: Local Plan Part 1 (LP1) Proposed Main Modifications Consultation**

Part 1 of Waltham Forest's new Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 30th April 2021 for Examination in Public. The Examination process included two weeks of Hearing Sessions in March 2022 and a further week in March 2023. Following the latter, the Planning Inspectors appointed to examine the Plan, Mrs S Housden BA (Hons) BPI MRTPI and Mrs C Jack BSc (Hons) MA MA(TP) MRTPI, have agreed with the Council a schedule of Main Modifications proposed to make the Plan sound and/or legally compliant.

These proposed Main Modifications will now be subject to an eight-week consultation from 27<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023. Responses to this consultation will be forwarded to the Inspectors, who will take them into account before issuing their report on the Plan. If the Inspectors find the Plan sound, the Council will then be able to take steps to adopt it later in 2023/ early in 2024.

The Main Modifications are presented in a table showing proposed changes to the previously published [Proposed Submission Version of the Plan](#). Proposed additions are underlined and proposed deletions are struck through. For example: 'This text is to be retained and this text is to be added. ~~but this text is to be deleted.~~' All page, paragraph and policy numbers are referenced according to the [Proposed Submission Version of the Plan](#) and will be updated as necessary before adoption. For ease of use, a modified version of the Plan is available to review online alongside the table of Main Modifications, but it is important to note that this is for information only. Any representations you wish to make should refer to the Main Modifications schedule, and if there are discrepancies between the documents, it is the schedule which takes precedence.

The proposed Main Modifications have been subject to updated Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment, which are also available for review as part of this consultation. The Inspectors will take into account any comments received in relation to the following documents which have been published alongside the Main Modifications schedule:

- Sustainability Appraisal of the Main Modifications (LPE78)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Main Modifications (LPE79)
- Further update to the five Year Housing Land Supply Statement (LPE32a)
- Further update to the Housing Trajectory (LPE31a)

The Policies Map is not defined in legislation as a development plan document, so the Inspectors do not have the power to recommend Main Modifications to it. However, as the

role of the policies map is to illustrate geographically the application of policies in the Plan, it does need to be updated in line with the proposed Main Modifications. For completeness, the Council is therefore also inviting comments on a Proposed Changes to Submission Policies Map document.

The Council also proposes a number of “Additional Modifications” to the Plan. These changes are not necessary for legal compliance and/or soundness but are proposed to enhance the clarity of the Plan and provide factual updates. A schedule of Additional Modifications is also available for review, but this is for information only. Representations are not sought on this schedule, and will not be put before the Inspectors for consideration.

Copies of the proposed Main Modifications schedule, the Proposed Changes to Submission Policies Map document and the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment reports are available as follows:

- On the Council’s website at <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-examination-lp1>; and
- In the borough’s main libraries; and
- At the Town Hall reception on request. Please email in advance if you would like to view this copy.

You can make representations on the Main Modifications and/or Policies Map Changes in the following ways:

- By following this link:  
[https://walthamforest-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/pp/lp1\\_mainmods](https://walthamforest-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/pp/lp1_mainmods)
- By emailing [localplanconsultations@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:localplanconsultations@walthamforest.gov.uk)
- By writing to the Local Plan Team, Place Directorate, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Fellowship Square, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF.

Please send us your response by 5pm on 27th September 2023, and include the Main Modification reference number (MM1, MM2 etc) to which your representation refers.

This consultation is **not** an opportunity to raise matters relating to other parts of the Plan that have already been considered by the Inspectors during the Examination process. As the Main Modifications are proposed to make the Plan sound and/or legally compliant, you should consider the tests of soundness when submitting any representation. Paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2021) states that plans are sound if they are:

- a) positively prepared;
- b) justified;
- c) effective; and
- d) consistent with national policy.

Please note that your response will **not** be treated as confidential. Your comment and name will be made public as it will form part of the Local Plan evidence base, and we are required to provide your full details to the Planning Inspectors and Programme Officer.

Further information about the Local Plan and Examination are on the website at <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-examination-lp1>

If you have any queries, please email [localplanconsultations@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:localplanconsultations@walthamforest.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully

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