

Introduction to the Survey Questionnaire

Please read the consultation document and then complete the survey form.

The questions in the survey are organised into the same topics as in the consultation document.

If you are completing the survey on-line you can navigate through the form by selecting the topics in the menu tree on the left hand side of the screen.

We look forward to receiving your views!

Your Contact Details

If you are completing a printed version of this form, or if you have not registered on the Council's consultation portal, you can enter your contact details in the box below. Pleaser include your e-mail address if you have one.

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Would you like your details to be added to the Council's consultation database so you can be notified of future stage of the preparation of the Local Plan?

(please select one answer)

Yes No

Would you like to be notified by e-mail or by letter?

(please select one answer)

Letter

E-mail

Housing Topic questions

The Council must provide more housing over the next fifteen years. The target for the borough is to provide 25,000 additional dwellings between 2018-2033.

1. Where do you think the borough should accommodate more housing?

- Sites in industrial or warehousing use
- Redevelopment of Council housing estates at a higher density
- Sites in town centres
- Redevelopment of areas of private housing
- Other
- No opinion

2. If you answered 'Other' to Question 1 please tell us your ideas below.

3. Do you think there are places in the borough where additional housing should not be built? If you agree then please list these areas below and state your reasons.

4. What can the Council do to enable housing to be more affordable, and to increase the amount of affordable housing provided by developers of private housing?

The Council requires private developers to provide a proportion of affordable housing on their housing developments. By supplying confidential viability reports they can achieve a reduction in the amount of affordable housing they provide. The reduction of affordable housing on the grounds of viability is allowed by Government planning guidance.

(please select one answer for each question)

| | Yes | No | No opinion |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Temporary prefabricated developments similar to the proposals at the former Ladywell Leisure Centre? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Provide more social housing? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| New housing with lower internal space standards to help people get on to the property ladder? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Support self-build housing projects? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Lower affordable housing rents? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Publish the contents of viability reports submitted by private housing developers? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Other suggestion? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

5. If you answered 'Other suggestion' to question 4, please let us have your ideas as to how social housing could be made more affordable.

[Empty text box for response to question 5]

6. The Council currently seeks to negotiate 50% of any new housing provision as affordable housing. Do you think this amount should change? (please select one answer)

- Remain at 50% Increase to 60% Reduce to 35% Reduce to 20% No opinion (radio buttons)

7. What design controls are needed to avoid any adverse impact of new housing on existing housing and on overall townscape quality? (please select all that apply)

- Borough-wide restrictions on the height of buildings [checkbox]
Allowing tall buildings only in Lewisham and Catford Town Centres and major development sites identified as suitable [checkbox]
Introducing policies to restrict large developments in residential areas [checkbox]
Policies protecting new Areas of Special Residential Character (Conservation Areas are already protected) [checkbox]
Publish more design advice [checkbox]
Other [checkbox]
No opinion [checkbox]

8. If you answered 'other' to question 7 please give your suggestions below

9. Should part of the increased housing target be met in neighbouring boroughs?

(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

Employment Topic Questions

These questions relate to the future of land and buildings in office, industrial/workshop and warehousing/storage uses.

1. Do you think that the Council should continue with the current strategy of gradually allowing poorer quality surplus industrial and warehousing land to be redeveloped for housing?
(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

2. The Borough has a number of small scattered sites such as garages, builders yards, small workshops. When the owners of these sites propose to redevelop them for housing, how should the Council react?

- Allow the residential development to be built
- Retain the site in business use if it continues to provide local services
- Seek a mixed use with part business and part housing
- No opinion

3. Do you think that the replacement of industrial and office jobs by retail and/or leisure jobs is acceptable?
(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

4. What actions should the Council take to ensure that new large mixed use developments, like those in the Deptford New Cross Area, succeed in offering a variety of new jobs?
(please select all that apply)

- Provide subsidised business space
- Make sure that the units are flexible and can be used by a variety of businesses
- Ensure that business units are designed and fitted out to be attractive to new businesses
- No opinion

5. Do you have any further suggestions as to how to ensure these mixed use developments are attractive to new businesses?

6. Do you support the creation of business incubator uses which are premises provided at low rents, and flexible terms, to support starter businesses?

(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

7. How do you think the Council should continue to support creative industries which often rely on premises with cheaper rents which are vulnerable to rising residential land values?



Retail and Town Centres Topic Questions

These questions relate to the borough's shopping facilities and how to keep them viable in the future.

1. The retail sector is facing various challenges including from the internet and changing shopping habits. What should the Council do in response to maintain the viability of the Major and District Town Centres?

- Allow units at the edge of town centres to change to other uses
- Promote uses in town centres according to their character and particular strengths
- Maintain a core of convenience shops in a centre
- Allow a wider range of entertainment and leisure uses including short term 'pop-up' lets such as art galleries
- No opinion

2. The Council can now limit the numbers of new betting shops and hot food take away shops. Should they be limited in:

(please select one answer)

- All areas of the borough?
- In the larger shopping centres only?
- In the smaller parades only?
- No opinion

3. In view of the changes to the retail sector, do you think there will be a need to plan for an orderly decline in the number of shops in the smaller centres and local parades?

(please select one answer)

- Yes No No opinion

4. If your answer to question 3 is yes how should the Council go about this process?

(please select all that apply)

- Always maintain corner shops in retail use where there is an under provision
- Allow losses at the edges of shopping parades in order to maintain a core of viable shops

Council policy currently seeks to protect A1 shops in the borough's town centres and shopping parades. Examples of A1 shops are grocery shops, newsagents, and clothes shops.

5. Do you think that the Council should adopt a more flexible approach to the change of use of A1 shops in town centres and shopping parades with high vacancy rates?
(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

6. Ideally, what sort of uses would you like to see maintained in local shopping parades?

7. The Council sets a size limit, currently 1,000 sq. m., for supermarkets close to local shopping centres in order to protect the viability of town centres. Proposals for larger new supermarkets must provide evidence that they would not have a negative effect on the functioning of a town centre. To give an idea of the floorspace sizes the Lidl and Aldi Stores in Catford are each about 1,000 square metres (1,000 sq.m). The Tesco store in Catford is 3,364 sq.m. Should this size limit change or should the 1,000 sq.m limit be retained?
(please select one answer)

Retain 1,000 sq.m threshold Increase to 2,000 sq.m. Increase to 3,000 sq.m. No opinion

Lewisham Town Centre is currently a Major Centre. These centres generally contain over 50,000 sq.m of retail, leisure and service floorspace. A Metropolitan Centre typically contains at least 100,000 sq.m of floorspace, and has a greater variety of shops providing goods such as clothes, furniture and electrical equipment.

8. Should Lewisham Town Centre aspire to become a Metropolitan Town Centre?
(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

9. The Council intends to improve and redevelop Catford Town Centre. What approach do you think should be taken?

(please select one answer)

Large scale comprehensive redevelopment to provide more shops at a modern standard

Seek incremental improvements as opportunities arise

No opinion

Transport Topic Questions

These questions relate to how development should be located in relation to transport facilities.

1. Do you think that we should direct higher density development to places where good public transport is available, and restrict development in places with poor public transport?
(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

2. Should the Council require transport assessments/travel impact statements for all new developments or only for developments larger than a certain size threshold?
(please select one answer)

For all new developments

For developments that are expected to generate a significant amount of traffic

For new developments of more than ten dwellings,

No opinion

3. Should the Council require a Travel Plan to be provided for all large developments or only for those that will generate a 'significant' amount of traffic?
(please select one answer)

For all large scale developments

For large developments that will generate a 'significant' amount of traffic

No opinion

4. Should the Council adopt car parking standards from the London Plan or adopt local standards? (See Appendix 3 in the Consultation Document)
(please select one answer)

Adopt the London Plan car parking standards

Adopt local car parking standards which restrict parking

Adopt local standards which allow more car parking

No opinion

5. Should reduced parking provision for new developments be limited to areas or locations with controlled parking zones?
(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

Environment Topic Questions

These questions relate to how Town Planning can help address climate change, and how open space should be protected.

1. Do you think that the consultation paper deals adequately with climate change issues?

(please select one answer for each question)

| | Yes | No | No opinion |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Flood risk | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Higher and unseasonal temperatures | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Urban heat island effect/urban greening | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Renewable energy and decentralised energy networks | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Heat gain and cooling within buildings | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Water resources and efficiency | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| CO2 emissions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

2. The borough is facing increased pressures from population growth, the need to expand school provision and budget pressures. Should the Council continue to protect all open space in the borough from pressures for development?

(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

3. Please give your reasons for your answer to question 2.

4. Should under-used communal green areas in housing estates be developed to create new housing, where this can be achieved without harming existing residential amenity?
(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

5. Do you know of any areas of open space that are not currently formally protected in the Local Plan and should be considered for designation? Please list them below:

**6. Do you know of any areas of open space that you think should be developed for other uses?
Please list them below.**

7. What elements do you think will be important to consider when designing developments that minimise negative impacts from noise and light pollution, waste handling and impacts on air quality? Please let us have your ideas below:

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Urban Design and Conservation Topic Questions

These questions relate to the design quality of new built development, and to the preservation or enhancement of local heritage assets such as conservation areas and listed buildings.

1. Do you think the Council is taking the right approach to achieving high quality design, by varying the approach depending on the character of the area? (See Chapter 11 of the Consultation Paper)

(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

2. Do you think that the Council should create policies to protect the special characteristics of residential areas which are not designated as Conservation Areas?

(please select one answer)

Yes No No opinion

Community Facilities, Education and Health Topic Questions

These questions cover how the Council can ensure there are enough community facilities to both cater for existing residents and for new residential development.

1. How should the Local Plan address the need for community facilities and services including schools and health provision?

(please select all that apply)

- Safeguard sites for the future
- Promote mixed use developments e.g. schools and housing on one site
- Require the provision of facilities necessary to support new housing developments
- Prevent the loss of facilities unless there is no demand
- Policy promoting schools or the expansion of existing schools
- No opinion

2. In order to provide new schools for the future and to maximise the use of available sites in the residential areas where new school places will be needed, do you agree that:

(please select all that apply)

| | Yes | No | No opinion |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Innovative use of design should be allowed in order to deliver school expansion | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The development of school sites to a higher density (school and housing on one site) is acceptable where there is good public transport access | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Should the Local Plan encourage facilities that could be used by more than one community group to maximise their value to the community?

(please select one answer)

- Yes No No opinion

4. How do you think the Local Plan should support culture, health and well-being and leisure in Lewisham?



The future of Lewisham?

We hope that you found the consultation document interesting and that it gave you an idea of the issues that Lewisham borough will need to plan for in the coming fifteen years. If you have any views on this future please let us have your comments below.

Thank you for the time you have taken to complete this questionnaire.

Your views are much appreciated, and will be reported to the Council who will consider them fully as part of the preparation of the new Local Plan for Lewisham.

