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17<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Re. Local Development Framework – Preferred Options Part 2 Consultation**

The Council is currently preparing a new series of planning policy documents which will form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF sets out future directions for land use, development, and regeneration in the borough and the Council will use the LDF to help make decisions on major proposals planned for the borough and on planning applications.

The preparation of planning policy documents proposed to be included within the LDF must be prepared according to a set procedure<sup>1</sup> which includes substantial public and stakeholder consultation. Previous stages of consultation on the LDF took place in 2005 (on the issues and options for each of the proposed documents) and most recently with the first part of our preferred options consultation which ended on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, the: Spatial (Core) Strategy' and the Development Policies and Site Allocations Documents.

The Council, having considered what was said in the previous Issues and Options consultation, have now prepared further draft documents. These drafts are known as the Preferred Options, namely:-

- Lewisham Town Centre Area Action Plan Document which will apply to the whole of the Lewisham Town Centre.
- Catford Town Centre Area Action Plan Document which will apply to the whole of the Catford Town Centre.
- Proposals Map Document which will apply to the whole of the borough

We are consulting on the preferred options now so that the public and stakeholders have a further opportunity to influence the LDF before it is submitted for independent examination and subsequent adoption by the Council.

The attached Planning Newsletter (Edition 5 - August 2007) provides a brief introduction to all of the documents, what policy matters they address, and the key directions they are proposing. Further, full electronic copies of the preferred options, including supporting information, are contained in electronic format on the enclosed CD-Rom. We encourage you to review this information and to make a submission to tell the Council your views.

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<sup>1</sup> The procedure is set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement - July 2006.

Details of where to obtain and/or inspect full copies of all relevant material can be found in the attached Planning Newsletter (and the attached statutory notice). Information is also provided on how to make a submission.

We particularly encourage you to make your submission on-line at <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/PlanningPolicy/LocalDevelopmentFramework> where an interactive form can be found. However, a number of hard copy response forms are attached to this letter and these can also be used. If not making a submission on-line, submissions can be sent by email or post to the address identified on the attached statutory notice. Further hard copy response forms can be downloaded from the website or obtained by contacting the Council.

The consultation on the preferred options ends on the **28<sup>th</sup> September 2007** and it is important that all submissions are received by the Council by this date. As mentioned, the attached Planning Newsletter provides detailed information about this consultation but if you would like further information please speak to a member of the Planning Policy Team on 020 8314 7400, see our website at [www.lewisham.gov.uk/environment/planning](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/environment/planning) or email us at [planning.policy@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@lewisham.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B M Regan'.

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