

The London Borough of Lewisham
Core Strategy Development Plan Document
Examination in Public

**Notes of the Pre-Hearing Meeting for the
Lewisham Local Development Framework Core Strategy
Development Plan Document held on Wednesday 8 December 2010 at 10am at The
Albany, Douglas Way, London SE8 4AG**

Attendance:

Douglas Machin - Planning Inspector
Beth Forge - Programme Officer
Rachel Greenhoff - Renewal
Geoffrey Thurley - Ladywell Society
Charles Batchelor - Lee Manor Society
Beryl Williamson – resident

LB Lewisham Planning Policy

Brian Regan

Matt Jericho

Ngaire Thomson

Rosemary Duckworth

Wilma Daniel

Janice Tse

Matthew Pullen

Judith Cooke – Environment Agency

(All attendees signed an attendance list).

Apologies

Rose Freeman – Theatres Trust

Samantha Coates – English Heritage

Alister Henderson – Planning

Perspectives LLP

Stuart Woodlin – Brockley Cross Action
Group

Malcolm Cadman, Tenants Action Group,
Pepys

David Hammond, Natural England

1. The Inspector introduced himself and the Programme Officer, and the roles they would play.
2. The Inspector stated that the Examination in Public would be a collaborative effort to examine the 'soundness' of the Lewisham Core Strategy. The hearings would be relatively informal and non-confrontational. On the other hand all questions would need to be asked via the Inspector who will be directing the proceedings. The Inspector would not be allowing cross-examination of speakers. Lewisham confirmed that members of the Council Legal Department would be attending in support as part of the Council team but would not be taking a lead role.
3. The hearings programme has been identified by the Inspector and is intended to examine issues that will go into whether the plan is sound. He will not address individual representations but rather the issues of soundness they may relate to. He

can consider additional matters if needed. There will be matters heard at the hearing session as well as the matters dealt with through written representations. An evening session on 1st February 2011 between 6-8pm can be arranged for those who cannot attend during the day.

4. The Inspector will write a report on the soundness of the Core Strategy and this will be submitted to the Council by the end of March 2011. The report would be about 15 pages long. It will be different from Inquiry reports written for Unitary Development Plans as it would focus on soundness issues and would not mention individual contributions from objectors.
5. The report would contain three appendices:

Appendix 1 would focus on soundness issues and include a schedule of changes the Council was content to make.

Appendix 2 would provide a schedule of further changes relating to soundness the Inspector considers should be made but which are not supported by the Council. The Council would be obliged to make these changes to the Core Strategy.

Appendix 3 would include up-dating changes and factual and textual errors. It was noted that it would be possible to include further minor updating changes of this nature until the final adoption and publication of the Strategy.
6. Once the Inquiry was closed the Inspector may ask for more information. However this will not be an opportunity to re-open the debate.
7. The Council confirmed it would publish the Inspector's report as soon as possible after a fact-checking period of two to three weeks.
8. The Inspector confirmed that the Examination would be an open process. Everyone was welcome to come and speak against the identified topics listed in the Schedule of Matters for the Examination. However it would not be possible to raise new topics and points. Those Representors who wish to speak at the Hearing should contact Beth Forge to confirm which matter they wish to speak on.
9. In respect of site visits the Inspector stated that he would go unaccompanied. If there were any sites that objectors considered should be visited then Beth Forge the Programme Officer should be contacted.
10. The Council confirmed that the evidence base documents are available to view at the Planning Office, the libraries and on the Lewisham Council website.

The meeting closed at 10.20am.