



Regulation 19 Statement of Representations Procedure

1. Statement of Representation

- 1.1. This statement has been prepared by the London Borough of Lewisham [the Council] pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulations 19, 20, 21 and 35), as amended.

2. Title of Document(s)

- Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document January 2023.
- Proposed Policies Map and Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Adopted Policies Map December 2022.
- Integrated Impact Assessment and Non-technical Summary December 2022.
- Habitats Regulations Assessment December 2022.

3. Subject Matter

- 3.1. The Local Plan sets out the long-term development and investment strategy for the Borough over a 20-year period (2020-2040). It forms part of the statutory Development Plan and is one of the council's most important documents. It is used to assess all planning applications across the borough. The Local Plan makes provision for new housing (giving priority to genuinely affordable housing), employment and other development needs including infrastructure to support growth and regeneration in an inclusive and sustainable way.
- 3.2. The Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document takes account of responses from the Regulation 18 public consultation on the Local Plan: Main Issues and Preferred Approaches document which was carried out between 15th January – 11th April 2021.
- 3.3. The documents (listed in section 2. above) are being made available for public inspection to provide any individual, group, or business the opportunity to make representations on the 'soundness' and legal compliance, including the duty to co-operate of the Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document, for the consideration of an independent Planning Inspector. This Statement of Representations Procedure will also be available for inspection.

4. Period for submission of representations

- 4.1. The period for submission of representations will take place from 1st March to 25th April 2023.
- 4.2. The Council will be holding two online information sessions from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 16th March 2023 and from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 23rd March 2023. To register your interest, please use this link:
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>
- 4.3. There will also be a drop-in session at Unit 69 East Mall, Lewisham Shopping Centre from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 25th March 2023. Further information can be found at:
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>

5. How and where to view the Lewisham Local Plan – Proposed Submission and supporting documents (Statement of Fact)

- 5.1. The Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document and all supporting documents including the Statement of Representations Procedure can be downloaded and inspected online by visiting:
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>
- 5.2. You can inspect physical copies of the documents (listed in section 2. above), the Consultation Statement main report and appendices and the Statement of Representations Procedure as well as other supporting documents at the following locations:
 - London Borough of Lewisham, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London, SE6 4RU.
 - Catford Library, Catford Centre, 23-24 Winslade Way, London, SE6 4JU.
- 5.3. If you wish to inspect the documents at Laurence House, please make an appointment by emailing localplan@lewisham.gov.uk or calling 02083147400.
- 5.4. You can inspect physical copies of the documents (listed in section 2.above), the Consultation Statement main report excluding the appendices and the Statement of Representations Procedure at the following locations:
 - Deptford Lounge Library, 9 Giffin Street, London, SE8 4RJ.
 - Grove Park Community Centre, Somertrees Avenue, London, SE12 0BX.
 - Forest Hill Community Library, Dartmouth Road, London, SE23 3HZ.
 - Downham Library, 7-9 Moorside Road, Bromley, BR1 5EP.
 - Lewisham Library, 199-201 Lewisham High Street, London, SE13 6LG.
- 5.5. Information on Library opening times can be found at:
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/libraries/branches> or by calling 02083147400.
- 5.6. If you require the consultation documents in an alternative format, please contact localplan@lewisham.gov.uk.

5.7. Additionally physical copies of the documents (listed in section 2. above) can be provided to individuals if requested. The printing and postage costs of which will be incurred by those requesting additional copies. If you wish to make a purchase, please contact localplan@lewisham.gov.uk.

6. What to consider when making a representation

6.1. When making representations on the documents (listed in section 2. above), the following questions should be considered:

- **Is the plan legally compliant?** - Does the plan comply with the relevant legislation and regulations in the way it has been prepared, and in its content?
- **Does the plan comply with the 'Duty to Cooperate'?** - Has the local planning authority engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and other prescribed bodies during the preparation of the plan?
- **Is the plan 'sound'?** - Has the plan been 'positively prepared'? Is it robustly justified and evidence-led? Will it be effective in what it sets out to achieve? Is it consistent with regional and national planning policy?

7. How to make a representation

7.1. Submissions for the Regulation 19 representation period are required to be made within the 8-week period of 1st March - 25th April 2023. Your comments must be received by **12 midnight on Tuesday 25th April 2023**. Submissions should be made in writing via the following methods. Please note that you must include your full name and contact details. The Council will not be accepting anonymous submissions during this representation period.

7.2. Methods of submission:

- By completing the online survey via Council's online consultation platform: <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>
- Completing the Representation Form – A completed representation form can be returned via e-mail or post. Representation forms will be available for download at: <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/reg19consultation>.

Physical copies of the representation form will be available at locations where the documents are available for inspection (listed in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.4 above):

- E-mail: localplan@lewisham.gov.uk
- Post: Planning Service, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London, SE6 4RU.

7.3. All representations must set out clearly why, and how, it is considered that the Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document (in whole or in part) is: legally compliant or non-compliant; compliant or non-compliant with the Duty to Cooperate; and/or, sound or unsound.

- 7.4. Please note that all submissions will be required to be made public along with the name of the person making the submission, all other personal information will be kept confidential. All submissions will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Planning Inspectorate, alongside the Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document and all other supporting documents after this period of representation.
- 7.5. Lewisham Council Privacy Notice: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/about-this-site/privacy/main-privacy-statement>

8. Notification of next stages of the Lewisham Local Plan

- 8.1 When making your representation you will also have the option to request to be notified of the following stages of the Local Plan process:
- the submission of the Local Plan for independent Examination,
 - the publication of the Inspector's recommendations following independent Examination of the Local Plan, and
 - the adoption of the Local Plan.
- 8.2 Once the Regulation 19 representation period has closed, updates regarding the status of the Local Plan will be published on the Council's Planning Policy webpages. Any person who makes a submission during the Regulation 19 representation period will automatically be added to the strategic planning team's database and will be provided with updates on the progress of the Local Plan including when we submit our Local Plan for independent Examination, when the Planning Inspector's recommendations are published and when the Local Plan is adopted. If you wish to be removed from this database, please contact localplan@lewisham.gov.uk
- 8.3 An independent Planning Inspector will then be appointed by the Secretary of State of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to undertake an independent Examination into whether the Local Plan is legally compliant, meets the duty to cooperate, and passes the tests of soundness. The Examination will include hearing sessions held by the Planning Inspector in public at which those who have made a valid representation have the right to speak. If you wish to speak, please make this clear in your representation.

9 Contact the Planning Policy Team

- 9.1 If you would like any further information on the Lewisham Local Plan: Proposed Submission Document, or any of the supporting documents please contact us via:
- Telephone: 02083147400.
 - E-mail: localplan@lewisham.gov.uk
 - Post: Planning Service, Laurence House, 1 Catford Road, London, SE6 4RU.