



London Borough of Lewisham

ADOPTION STATEMENT FOR LEWISHAM LOCAL PLAN

Date of adoption: 16 July 2025

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
(as amended)
Localism Act 2011**

In accordance with Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that on 16 July 2025 the London Borough of Lewisham adopted its new Local Plan, entitled the Lewisham Local Plan 2020 - 2040.

The Lewisham Local Plan 2020 – 2040 replaces the Lewisham Core Strategy (2011), Lewisham Site Allocations Local Plan (2013), Lewisham Development Management Local Plan (2014), and Lewisham Town Centre Local Plan (2014).

The development plan for the London Borough of Lewisham now consists of the Lewisham Local Plan 2020 – 2040, the London Plan (2021), and made Neighbourhood Plans.

The Lewisham Local Plan 2020 – 2040 sets out a long-term development and investment strategy for the Borough of Lewisham. It is comprised of a strategic vision, objectives and a borough-wide spatial strategy that directs good growth towards the places and neighbourhoods that have capacity to accommodate it; as well as a suite of strategic and non-strategic planning policies and 75 site allocations that will guide future development of the borough. It looks ahead from 2020 to 2040 and takes a positive approach towards planning for and accommodating future growth over that period.

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 3 November 2023. The Local Plan was subject to independent examination conducted by Caroline Mulloy BSc (Hons) DipTP MRTPI and Dr Rachael Bust BSc (Hons) MA MSc LLM PhD MIO L MCM I FGS MIEEnvSci MRTPI, two Planning Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspectors chaired public hearing sessions between 18 June 2024 and 19 July 2024. Following the Inspectors' post hearing letter on 8 November 2024, the proposed main modifications were subject to public consultation between 13 February 2025 and 26 March 2025.

The final Inspectors' Report, dated 25 June 2025, confirmed that the Lewisham Local Plan 2020 - 2040, subject to a number of main modifications (as appended to the Inspectors' Report), is justified, effective, consistent with national policy, in

general conformity with the London Plan, satisfies the requirements referred to in Section 20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act and is sound.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the adopted Lewisham Local Plan 2020 - 2040 incorporates the main modifications (as appended to the Inspectors' Report). It now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications.

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the following documents have been published and made available online on the Council's website: [Lewisham Council - A new local plan for Lewisham](#):

- Adopted Lewisham Local Plan 2020 – 2040 (incorporating main modifications and additional modifications),
- Lewisham Local Plan Adoption Statement (July 2025),
- Integrated Impact Assessment (incorporating Sustainability Appraisal) and accompanying Adoption Statement (June 2025),
- Inspectors' Report and Appendix (June 2025), and
- Schedule of Policies Map Changes (January 2025).

Paper copies of these documents will soon be made available for public inspection at:

Deptford Lounge Library
9 Giffin Street
London, SE8 4RJ.

Grove Park Community Library
Somertrees Avenue
London, SE120BX.

Forest Hill Community Library
Dartmouth Road
London, SE23 3HZ.

Downham Library
7-9 Moorside Road
Bromley, BR1 5EP.

Sydenham Library
Sydenham Road
London, SE26 5SE.

Catford Library
Catford Centre
23-24 Winslade Way
London, SE6 4RU.

London Borough of Lewisham
Laurence House
1 Catford Rd
London, SE6 4RU.

Please arrange an appointment for viewing at Laurence House by emailing localplan@lewisham.gov.uk.

Please check the Council's website [Lewisham Council - A new local plan for Lewisham](#) for exact dates of availability, as the website will be updated once these documents have been distributed to the Libraries.

Information on Library opening times can be found at: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/libraries/branches> or by calling 02083147400.

The Council will prepare a final desk top published version of the adopted Lewisham Local Plan 2020 - 2040 and the Policies Map and will publish them on the Council's website in Autumn 2025. These final versions will incorporate additional

modifications that fix necessary technical, factual, grammatical and typographical corrections that do not materially affect the policies in the Plan.

Any person aggrieved by the Lewisham Local Plan 2020 – 2040 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the ground that:

- (a) the Local Plan is not within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; or
- (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made promptly, and in any event, no later than the end of the period of six weeks after the date of this notice. The six-week period commences on 17 July 2025 and concludes on 28 August 2025.

If you require further information, please contact us via:

email localplan@lewisham.gov.uk.
post to Strategic Planning Team
 London Borough of Lewisham
 Laurence House
 1 Catford Rd
 London
 SE6 4RU.

In accordance with the regulations a copy of this Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

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