

By email

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Dear Nick

Consultation on Barnet Draft Local Plan (Reg 19) August 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Barnet Draft Local Plan which sets out Barnet Council's preferred policy approach for its new Local Plan.

Duty-to-Cooperate

The London Borough of Haringey adopted a new suite of Local Plan documents in July 2017. These were informed by engagement with Barnet through the plan-making process. Haringey remains committed to engaging with Barnet through the plan-making process, working together on strategic matters and cross-boundary issues, particularly in respect of the New Southgate area where both boroughs have strategic objectives for managing growth and development. In this regard, please find our comments on the Barnet Draft Local Plan below.

Vision and Objectives

Haringey broadly supports the Draft Local Plan (Reg 19) vision which is that by 2036 Barnet has successfully demonstrated the benefits that good, well planned growth can deliver. We note the ten objectives which have been developed for the Plan and which underpin all of its policies, including to respond and recover from COVID19.

Growth Strategy

We welcome Barnet's decision to set a minimum housing target of 35,460 new homes across the borough over the next fifteen-year period consistent with the net housing completion targets set out in Policy H1 of the London Plan. We note that Barnet has provided a supply of sites for to 46,000 homes representing Barnet's full objectively assessed need for housing as derived from the Barnet Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2018). We note that a robust strategy is in place to deliver infrastructure to support growth above the London Plan target (see below) and therefore do not have any objection to the enhanced level of supply in the plan

Strategic Infrastructure

We welcome Policy GSS01 Delivering Sustainable Growth which states that infrastructure is key to supporting growth in Barnet, including investment in transport, education, health and open spaces. We also welcome the identification of major transport infrastructure upgrades in Policy GSS09 Existing and Major New Transport Infrastructure which are expected to be delivered in Barnet over the plan period and will support growth and development in the borough.

Barnet's draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), published in January 2021, identifies infrastructure needs to support future growth of 46,000 new homes over the next 15-year period. The IDP identifies Barnet's infrastructure needs comprehensively while highlighting some uncertainties around funding from

Government departments that may affect how planning for future provision is considered. We particularly note Barnet's commitment to maintain strong relationships with transport providers to ensure that when provision issues are identified, steps can be taken to help delivery to ensure that growth can be delivered in a sustainable manner.

Waste

Barnet Council has joined with Haringey and five other North London Boroughs to produce the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) which will form part of our respective Development Plans and sit alongside the North London Joint Waste Strategy to secure the sustainable management of waste in the region. Haringey supports Policy ECC03 Dealing with Waste which sets out a range of ways Barnet will encourage sustainable waste management including safeguarding all existing waste facilities in Barnet. Haringey will continue to work with Barnet and the five other North London Boroughs in progressing the NLWP through to adoption and designating sites to meet an aggregated apportionment target across the seven North London Boroughs.

Site allocations

Annex 1 of the Barnet Draft Local Plan sets out a schedule of site proposals. We have no comments in regard to any of the identified sites. We do however note from paragraphs 15.3.4 (and earlier paragraph 4.2.0.6) that, with regard to the designation of New Southgate as an Opportunity Area in the London Plan and the delivery of Crossrail 2, Barnet will consider bringing forward a joint area planning framework with Enfield and Haringey. We welcome this commitment to working in close partnership with Haringey on this key cross boundary development opportunity.

We note that East Finchley is identified as a District Town Centre, with plans for further development and growth in this area. We have no comments on the proposals but wish to express an interest in keeping updated on plans for this area, due to its proximity to Muswell Hill District Centre.

Future engagement/ New Haringey Local Plan

The London Borough of Haringey is at an early stage of preparing its new Local Plan which will once adopted replace the adopted 2017 Plan. We acknowledge feedback received from Barnet on Haringey's New Local Plan First Steps early engagement which took place from November 2020 – February 2021. We are currently working towards a Regulation 18 draft Local Plan consultation in early 2022 and look forward to receiving further feedback from Barnet on this.

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Yours sincerely,

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