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Your Ref: Draft Barnet Local Plan Reg 19

Date: 9 August 2021

Dear Nick,

RE: The London borough of Enfield's response to the Draft Barnet Local Plan Regulation 19 consultation 2021 – 2036 (August 2021)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Local Plan (2021 -2036), which was published under Regulation 19 of the Local Plan Regulations in July 2021. The London borough of Enfield (LBE) has reviewed the document and wishes to make observations on the following areas of the draft plan and plan making process.


Duty to cooperate

Close cooperation with LB Barnet has been well established between the two councils for many years. Discussions to address specific cross boundary issues arising from the LB Enfield Regulation 18 consultation have been undertaken from mid 2017 onwards. At the Duty to Cooperate (DtC) meeting held with officers on 28 July 2021, the discussion focussed on several strategic matters, including a greater understanding of cross-borough transformational growth and regeneration potential.

LB Enfield welcomes ongoing discussions regarding cross boundary matters with LB Barnet as some of the strategic matters relate to housing growth, infrastructure provision and finally place making around the New Southgate area, where both authorities have identified the need to work together to identify future growth opportunities within the emerging New Southgate Opportunity Area and generate a joint business case for future orbital public transport investment.

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Barnet's draft Local Plan

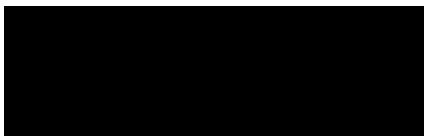
Officers have reviewed the Barnet Draft Local Plan published under Regulation 19 of the Local Plan Regulations, its supporting evidence and Enfield's representation to the Barnet draft Local Plan published under Regulation 18.

In summary, I feel there are no strategic cross-boundary matters of concern for Enfield Council. There are several positives related to sub-regional orbital outer London transport and active travel connectivity, the regeneration potential at New Southgate aligned with the New London Plan Opportunity Areas designation and a new Regional Park designation in the Brent Valley and Barnet Plateau. However, LB Enfield would welcome stronger links between the eastern parts of the Barnet area to Enfield, especially in terms of creating better connections through the enhancements of east-west connectivity particularly around walking, cycling and public transport to enable Enfield's residents to benefit from the regeneration associated at New Barnet and New Southgate. LB Enfield looks forward to continuing to work with the LB Barnet to deliver improved connectivity and public realm improvements.

I hope the above comments serve to assist in moving the Barnet Local Plan forward. From Enfield's perspective we look forward to continuing cross-boundary development conversations particularly regarding housing growth, infrastructure planning and town centres that both authorities are progressing beyond Local Plan preparation and adoption.

Finally, as mentioned by officers at your meeting in July, Enfield Council is undertaking a consultation on the draft New Enfield Local Plan under Regulation 18. The consultation plan has a hybrid nature with strong consultation elements designed to seek people's views on the spatial planning challenges Enfield as a borough faces and the range of policy options being considered. It also contains the council's preferred policy options. Consultation closes on the 13 September 2021 and I look forward to receiving Barnet's response.

Yours sincerely,



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