

# Planning Policy Newsletter

## Winter 2017

### Camden Local Plan progressing through examination

During the summer, the Camden Local Plan was formally submitted to the government for public examination. Planning Inspector Katie Child was appointed to conduct the examination to consider whether the Plan is legally compliant and 'sound' (that is, has been positively prepared, is effective, justified by evidence and consistent with national policy).

Public hearings were held during October 2016 at Camden Town Hall. This provided the Inspector with an opportunity to ask the Council about the Plan and hear the views of residents and other stakeholders who had made representations on the Submission Draft Plan during consultation earlier in the year. The Inspector is currently considering the Plan, representations made and other submitted material.

Consultation on changes to the Plan proposed by the Council ("modifications") will take place early in the new year. Following this, the Inspector will issue her Report.

For more information on the examination, including all documentation, please see our [examination webpage](#).

### Kentish Town Neighbourhood Plan adopted

In September 2016, the Council formally adopted the [Kentish Town Neighbourhood Plan](#). This followed the local referendum in June where 91% of those voting supported using the Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan now forms part of the statutory 'development plan' for the Kentish Town area. It will therefore be used alongside the Council's own planning documents when making decisions on planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

### Highgate Neighbourhood Plan at examination

The Highgate Neighbourhood Forum submitted their Neighbourhood Plan to Camden and Haringey Councils in July 2016.

Following consultation on the Plan in September - November, it was submitted for independent examination in December.

Jill Kingaby has been appointed as Examiner to consider whether the Plan meets statutory tests (known as 'basic conditions') and other legal requirements.

Please see our [Highgate Neighbourhood Forum webpage](#) for more information and updates.





## Consultation on Mount Pleasant Community Right to Build Order

The Council is currently consulting on a Community Right to Build Order proposal from the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood Forum.

Community Right to Build Orders are prepared by community organisations and grant planning permission for development that complies with the Order. Similar to a neighbourhood plan, they are subject to an independent examination and a local referendum.

The Order proposes a development of 125 residential units, 1,200 sqm of commercial space, 900 sqm of open space and a 'pocket park' at Mount Pleasant / Phoenix Place.

The Order is available to view on [our website](#). Consultation closes on 26 January 2017.

The Order will then be submitted for independent examination, where the Examiner will consider the proposals and the representations received and assess the Order against statutory tests.

## Council confirms basement development rights to be removed

The Council is using its planning powers to withdraw the rights which allow basement development of a certain size and nature to take place without planning permission.

This is through the use of a borough-wide 'non-immediate' [Article 4 direction](#).

The Council has now formally confirmed the Direction, which will come into force on 1 June 2017.

## North London Waste Plan delayed

Consultation on the draft North London Waste Plan (NLWP) took place between July and September 2015. Since then, the seven boroughs have been working on the submission version of the Plan.

The programme to publish the NLWP for further consultation has, however, been delayed to enable the boroughs to consider the impact of the proposed Crossrail 2 scheme on sites in the Lee Valley.

Further information and updates will be available shortly on the [NLWP website](#).

## Contact us

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