

# Village Group Forum Emerging Local Plan

*Tuesday, 6 September 2016*

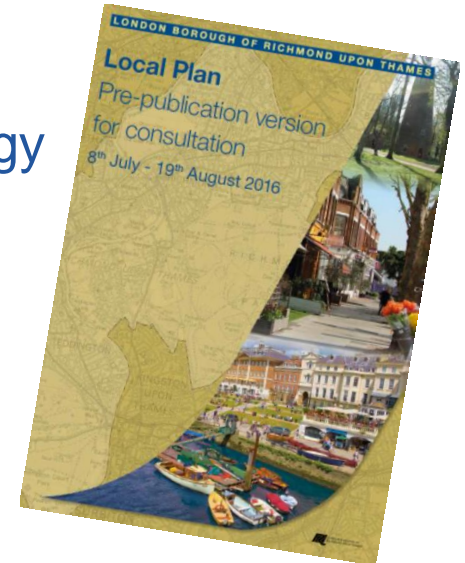
## Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Purpose of today
- Local Plan progress to date
- Summary of changes
- Initial findings and responses analysis
- Local Plan - group exercises
  1. Policies on town centres, social infrastructure, transport
  2. Policies on Green Belt/MOL, river corridors, offices / industrial estates and business parks, sustainable design
  3. Site allocations
- Next steps and timescales
- Questions



# Setting the scene

- Existing Local Plan:
  - Core Strategy
  - Development Management Plan
  - Joint West London Waste Plan
  - Twickenham Area Action Plan
  - Saved Unitary Development Plan
- Emerging Local Plan: to supersede Core Strategy and Development Management Plan
- Vision, objectives and spatial strategy
- Policies and guidance for development
- Site allocations



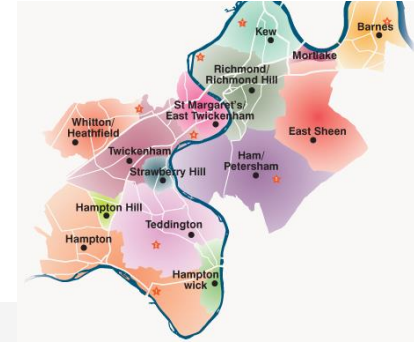
# Local Plan progress to date

Activity	Date
Review of policies and site allocations	Summer – autumn 2015
Reviewing and updating research and evidence base	Ongoing
Engagement with Duty to Cooperate bodies (incl. neighbouring boroughs, Mayor of London, Historic England)	Ongoing
Public consultation on scope of review of policies and draft site allocations	4 January - 1 February 2016
First consultation on the draft Local Plan ('Pre-publication' version)	8 July to 19 August 2016



# Summary of changes – existing v. emerging policies (1)

- **Local character and design:** largely retaining existing approaches; more emphasis on Village Planning; new policies on local environmental impacts (incl. air quality) and basements
- **Green Infrastructure:** retaining existing approaches to protecting MOL, Green Belt and OOLTI; strengthened tree policy; more emphasis on green walls; consolidating policies on rivers but retaining existing approaches
- **Climate change & sustainable design:** consolidated policies but retaining existing approaches; updated flood risk policy (also in relation to basements); new policy on waste management in development sites



# Summary of changes – existing v. emerging policies (2)

- **Town centres:** consolidated policies; retaining existing approaches; reflecting locally distinctive Village Planning Guidance SPDs; Article 4 Direction
- **Community facilities:** consolidated policies; more emphasis on marketing for alternative uses; strengthened education and health & wellbeing policies (incl. restrictions on hot food takeaways near schools); new telecommunications policy
- **Housing:** updated to reflect current housing target and local needs; robust approach to viability; consolidated approach to loss of housing, infill, backland and backgarden development





# Summary of changes – site allocations

- **Local Plan focus on strategic sites – those that contribute to delivering the policies and spatial strategy**
- **Need to ensure there is sufficient land identified for employment, retail, housing and social infrastructure**
- **Allocate key sites for certain uses where development / regeneration is anticipated to take place within the next 15 years**



# Consultation responses analysis (1)

- Wide range of responses, including from statutory consultees, community groups and residents' associations, landowners, developers and residents
- Around 100 responses in total
- **Responses from Duty to Cooperate Bodies:**
  - Environment Agency
  - Historic England
  - Natural England
  - NHS/CCG
  - Mayor of London
  - Transport for London
  - Spelthorne BC
  - LB Wandsworth
  - RB Kingston
  - Surrey County Council
  - Environment Agency
  - Historic England
  - Natural England
  - NHS and Public Health

# Consultation responses analysis (2)

## Responses from community groups / residents' associations:

- Friends of the River Crane Environment
- Ham and Petersham Association
- Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum
- Kew Society
- Kew Residents Association
- Mortlake with East Sheen Society
- Richmond Society
- Barnes Community Association
- Martingales Close Residents' Association
- Friends of Richmond Green
- Old Deer Park Working Group

# Consultation responses analysis (3)

## Responses from landowners / developers:

- St Mary's University
- Stag Brewery
- Greggs Bakery
- Cassel Hospital
- St Michael's Convent
- Platts Eyot
- Sainsbury's Supermarkets
- RFU
- Kew Biothane
- St Margaret's Business Centre
- St Clare Business Park
- Arlington Works
- Kneller Hall
- St Paul's School
- Harrodian School
- The Lady Eleanor Holles School
- Laboratory of the Government Chemist
- Udney Park Playing Fields
- Historic Royal Palaces
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Thames Water Works
- Power Leisure Bookmakers
- Sandycombe Centre, Kew
- Westminster House, Richmond
- 1D Becketts Place, Hampton Wick
- British Land

# Consultation responses analysis (4)

## Responses from other bodies / groups:

- National Grid
- Port of London Authority
- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- National Trust
- Woodland Trust
- Sport England
- Thames Water
- British Land
- London Fire Brigade
- Highways Agency
- Richmond Cycling Campaign
- Theatres Trust
- Richmond Council for Voluntary Service (RCVS)
- Councillors (e.g. Lib Dem Group of Councillors)

# Exercise 1

In your groups and tables, please consider and discuss:

- LP 25 – Development in Centres
  - What role do residential uses play in town centres?
  - Should there be more encouragement for residential in town centres?
  
- LP 28 – Social and Community Infrastructure
  - Need for adequate re-provision?
  - Need for potential of re-using or redeveloping the existing site for alternative social infrastructure uses?
  - Is it appropriate to include specific marketing requirements?
  
- LP 44 – Facilitating Sustainable Travel Choices
  - Should the policy be strengthened in relation to air pollution and cycling?
  - How could the policy be strengthened in a meaningful way to achieve public transport improvements?

# Exercise 2

In your groups and tables, please consider and discuss:

- LP 13 - Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land
  - Does the policy provide sufficient protection for Green Belt / MOL?
  - Should the policy be more explicit in terms of educational uses in MOL?
- LP 18 – River Corridors
  - Are the requirements for a public riverside walk for the River Thames clear?
  - Should there be recognition that a public riverside walk may not always be feasible?
- LP 41 and 42 – Offices / Industrial Land and Business Parks
  - Do the policies strike the right balance between protecting employment land and allowing some redevelopment? What about existing employment sites in residential areas? Should we allow for more mixed use schemes on such sites?
- LP 22 – Sustainable Design and Construction
  - Should the policy be strengthened in relation to ‘zero carbon’?
  - What if developments could not achieve ‘zero carbon’ – would it lead to implications for overall viability, such as on affordable housing contributions?

# Exercise 3

In your groups and tables, please consider and discuss:

- Kneller Hall, Whitton
- St Clare Business Park
- Udney Park Playing Fields
- SA 11 Twickenham Stadium
- SA 16 St Michael's Convent



# What happens next?

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Publish all consultation responses</b>	<b>By end of Sep 2016</b>
<b>Analyse all consultation responses received, including feedback from today's Forum</b>	<b>By end of Oct 2016</b>
<b>Engagement with Duty to Cooperate bodies, landowners and other statutory consultees</b>	<b>Ongoing and as required</b>
<b>Second consultation on the draft Local Plan ('Publication' version)</b>	<b>Winter 2016/17</b>
<b>Submission of the draft Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination in Public</b>	<b>Spring/Summer 2017</b>
<b>Independent Examination in Public</b>	<b>Autumn/Winter 2017</b>
<b>Adoption of the Local Plan</b>	<b>Spring 2018</b>



# Questions?

For any queries on the Local Plan process,  
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# Suggestions for future agenda items?

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