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Dear Sir/Madam,

**London Borough of Richmond upon Thames – Local Plan Pre-Publication
(Regulation 18) Consultation 10 December 2021 to 31 January 2022**

Following our consultation in spring 2020 on the Direction of Travel, we have now prepared the first draft of the Local Plan, known as the ‘Pre-Publication Local Plan’.

We are consulting on the first draft of the Local Plan, which sets out a 15-year strategic vision, objectives and the spatial strategy. The draft Plan includes place-based strategies covering the whole borough, along with accompanying site allocations, as well as the thematic planning policies that will guide future development in the borough. It will inform how growth will be accommodated across the borough. The draft Plan seeks to address future challenges including climate change, health, affordability and liveability.

The draft Plan has been informed by a number of evidence base studies including an Open Land Review (Green Belt, Metropolitan Open Land, Local Green Space and Other Open Land of Townscape Importance), a review of nature conservation sites, an Urban Design Study, assessments of future needs for housing, retail and leisure, and employment land and premises.

The draft Local Plan, the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, and other documents and evidence that support the draft Local Plan, are all available on our website.

The consultation is open to everyone. We would like to hear your thoughts and views on the draft Local Plan, and we are particularly keen to hear from our local communities, businesses as well as landowners and other key organisations in the borough. We have produced a response form, containing a number of questions, which we hope will help you in responding.

We will also hold a number of themed virtual events in January 2022, which will explain more about the draft Local Plan and provide an opportunity to discuss topics – more details, including how to register, will be on our website by the end of the year.

Where to view the documents and how to respond by 31 January 2022

The documents can be viewed as follows:

- Read the consultation documents at:

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/draft_local_plan_pre_publication_version and through our Consultation Portal at: <https://richmond-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>

- View the consultation material at the Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ and in the Borough's main libraries.

Please contact us should you have problems accessing or printing the documents.

You can respond by:

- Completing the **online response form** through our Consultation Portal <https://richmond-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>
- Completing the word or pdf version of the **response form** available from https://www.richmond.gov.uk/draft_local_plan_pre_publication_version and sending it by
 - **email** to **LocalPlan@richmond.gov.uk** or
 - **post** to Spatial Planning and Design, LB Richmond upon Thames, Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ

We would prefer all comments to be made electronically. Please note that the **deadline for comments is Monday 31 January 2022**, and responses will not be treated as confidential.

What happens next

Following this consultation, we will consider and analyse all responses received and make changes to the Plan, where appropriate. There will be a further round of public consultation on our final version of the Local Plan (so called 'Publication' or 'Regulation 19' version) later in 2022. This will be the version that we will submit – together with the representations received – to the Secretary of State for independent examination in public. The Local Plan is anticipated to be adopted in Autumn 2024.

You have received this notification as you have previously engaged with the Richmond Planning Policy and Design team or we have identified you as a stakeholder. The Council is committed to ensuring that personal data is processed in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) data protection principles including keeping data secure. The Council's Privacy Notice is published on the webpage www.richmond.gov.uk/data_protection. We hope that you or your organisation will continue to take an interest in, and contribute to, future planning policy and design policy. If you'd like to continue hearing from us, then you do not need to do anything to respond to this. If, however, you would prefer not to receive notifications regarding planning policy and design matters from us, then please notify us, preferably by email to LocalPlan@richmond.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

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