

Planning Policy Newsletter

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Camden's Local Plan Review

We are in the process of reviewing and updating the Camden Local Plan 2017, the Council's main planning document, which provides the framework for managing development in the borough.

The new Camden Local Plan will set out the Council's vision for future development in Camden over the next 15 years and includes the planning policies and site allocations to help achieve this.

The draft new Camden Local Plan was published for consultation and engagement from January to March 2024, to enable residents, businesses, community groups, landowners and other key stakeholders to share their views on the proposed policies - [Draft new Local Plan - Camden Council](#).

We received around 2,400 comments on the draft Local Plan from around 250 respondents, with the chapters that generated the most comments overall being:

- The South Area and Central Area chapters, including site allocations;
- Climate Change;
- Design; and
- Housing

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the consultation. We are currently updating and finalising the Plan and the responses received to the consultation are informing this process.

We are planning to publish the final draft Local Plan for further consultation in Spring 2025 before the Plan is then submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination later next year.



Gypsy & Traveller Site identification work

The Council has a statutory obligation to plan for the needs of Gypsies and Travellers.

To inform the preparation of the Local Plan we have commissioned a Gypsy and Traveller Site Identification Study to identify Council-owned sites which could potentially be allocated in the new Local Plan to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers. No decision has been made at this stage on which sites, if any, will be allocated in the Plan, and further consideration of suitability is being undertaken.

The Gypsy and Traveller Site Identification Study has been published on the Council Website and we are inviting comments – [Draft new Local Plan - Camden Council](#)

If you would like to comment on this study, then please email your comments to planningpolicy@camden.gov.uk

The closing date for comments is 29 January 2025.

Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan reaches examination

Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum have prepared a revised draft of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan, which was adopted in 2018. They are the first forum in Camden - and in London - to bring forward an update to their plan.

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2040 has been subject to two rounds of consultation. The representations received during the second consultation have been passed to the Independent Examiner appointed to assess the Plan. The Examiner will consider if the revised Plan meets the 'Basic Conditions' against which all neighbourhood plans are tested, and other legal requirements. The examiner will also consider whether the Plan will require a local referendum. Please see here for examination documents and updates: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/hampstead-neighbourhood-forum>

Neighbourhood Plan Redesignations

In November this year, the **Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum** was formally redesignated by the Council for a further five years following a period of local consultation and engagement. This is the third time that the Forum has been redesignated.

Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum have submitted an application to be redesignated for a further five year period. Consultation on the application closed in November and a decision on the redesignation will take place early next year.

The Council has also launched consultation on the redesignation of the **Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum**. The application can be viewed at: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/kentish-town-neighbourhood-forum>. Any comments should be submitted to the Council by **Wednesday 29 January 2025**. A decision on the redesignation will take place in Spring 2025. For further details see the Council's [neighbourhood planning webpages](#).

Progress on the Euston Area Plan

The Euston Area Plan (EAP) sets out Camden's vision for the future of Euston and its expectations for how new homes, jobs, green spaces and community facilities should be delivered. Originally adopted in 2015, it is in the process of being updated.

Following consultation on proposed updates to the EAP in early 2023, the previous government announced a pause to HS2 works, while strategic decisions were made about the future of Euston. Work on the EAP was therefore also paused. With confirmation in October 2023 that HS2 would come to Euston, work was restarted on the Plan.

Further consultation was held over the summer to show the 'direction of travel', highlighting key government announcements and the affect that they could have on the updates to the EAP. In reviewing the limited information available, the Council concluded that many of the issues at Euston remain broadly the same as previously, as do its aspirations for the area. All responses will be considered alongside responses to the early 2023 consultation when further updates to the EAP are made.

Following the pause in production of the EAP, the Plan is now working to a similar timetable to the new Local Plan, with consultation on a submission draft timetabled for Spring 2025, with the EAP then submitted for Examination.



Regis Road Area Guidance

The Council is inviting residents, businesses and other interested parties to have their say on its draft Regis Road Area Guidance. This will act as an addition to our adopted [Kentish Town Planning Framework Supplementary Planning Document](#).

The Regis Road area is identified in the Local Plan as an area for growth and an opportunity for comprehensive redevelopment. The Kentish Town Planning Framework, adopted in 2020 following extensive public consultation, sets out a vision and key aims for this area of the borough as an innovative and sustainable mixed-use neighbourhood. This includes industrial, commercial and creative uses alongside high-quality homes, including affordable homes, with new green public spaces and improved connectivity, all of which support a diverse local community.

The Regis Road Area Guidance builds on the Framework's vision and objectives and reflects changes since 2020. It will provide further guidance for the future comprehensive development in the area.

For more information and to respond to the consultation please visit: <https://regisroadareaguidance.commonplace.is/>
An exhibition of the consultation material is available to view in Kentish Town Library, 252-266 Kentish Town Road, NW5 2AA, **until Monday 23 December 2024**.



Bloomsbury Vision

Bloomsbury is home to historic London Squares and many listed buildings and tourist attractions. It also sits within the Knowledge Quarter. The Bloomsbury Vision is an opportunity to bring together ideas and projects across land ownerships, to create a cohesive public realm strategy for Bloomsbury to move towards a green, sustainable, safe, active and thriving neighbourhood. A steering group was set up with the Council and major landowners: University of London, University College London, Birkbeck and the British Museum, to discuss emerging plans and collaborate on the vision.

The vision intends to help delivery teams guide and shape projects within the area in a cohesive manner. It outlines key projects across the area, and sets out ambitions and potential delivery pathways. We envisage consultation on the Vision will take place in Spring 2025.



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