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1 Introduction

1.1 This consultation statement, prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012, sets out how the Council considers it has fulfilled its statutory duty to consult and engage with the public on the preparation of the new Local Plan.

1.2 The Havering Local Plan will replace the 2008 Havering Local Development Framework and will outline plans for how the Council will deliver its Vision- Making a Greater London and the management of future development in the borough until 2031, whilst outlining clear policies on the type and standard of development that should take place.

1.3 The Council is aware of the vital role of public engagement in the plan making process and is committed to ensuring that the Local Plan has support from all stakeholders including residents.

1.4 The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council will involve local people when preparing planning documents. In undertaking the consultation on the Local Plan the Council has followed the principles of the SCI.

1.5 Havering's Consultation process has included; an initial Regulation 18 consultation (completed in 2015), and the publication of the Havering Local Plan 'Direction of Travel' Document in December of 2016. The Council has also taken a positive and open approach to comments and sites submitted throughout the preparation of the Local Plan. Additionally, Havering Council has been in the process of fulfilling its on-going statutory 'Duty to Co-operate' commitments, further details of which are set out in the Council's Duty to Co-operate Statement.

2 Consultation Process

2.1 Regulation 18 Consultation

2.1.1 Initial consultation ran for a six week period from the 9th February until the 23rd March 2015. The Council specifically consulted with the organisations, bodies and groups identified in Appendix B in order to gather their views on the issues facing the borough and preferred and alternative options for tackling these issues. The document was made available online on the planning policy pages of the Havering website and was also sent to 704 stakeholders held on the Local Plan Consultation Database (LPCD) which included statutory bodies, local amenity and residents' groups, businesses and individual residents.

2.1.2 There were 73 separate consultee responses raising 494 comments. The Consultation responses have been collated to form a brief overview of the responses

received towards each question and how the Council have addressed these concerns.

2.1.3 The key points that arose from consultation are summarised in section 3 of this document.

2.1.4 The table below outlines the consultation methods adopted throughout the initial stages of the development of the new Local Plan to satisfy the requirements of a Regulation 18 Consultation.

Table 1: Regulation 18 consultation procedure

Requirements of Regulation 18 Consultation Statement in accordance with Town and Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations 2012	How the Council satisfied the requirement
Which bodies and persons the local planning authority invited to make representations under regulation 18.	<p>Local Plan Consultation Database (LPCD) consultees were notified on the opportunities to participate in preparation of the new Local Plan.</p> <p>The LPCD consisted of residents and organisations who had consulted on previous policy matters, those that had contacted the planning department directly for inclusion on the database and statutory bodies for which the council must satisfy commitments to engage in ongoing duty to co-operate obligations.</p>
How those bodies and persons were invited to make representations under regulation 18.	<p>Consultation ran for a period of 6 weeks from 9th February 2015 to 23rd March 2015.</p> <p>This included a period of publicity across the Borough, with public notice regarding the Local Plan placed in 'The Romford Recorder,' (a local newspaper) on Friday 13th February 2015.</p> <p>A press release was also publicised on: http://www.hornchurchlife.co.uk/havering-2/havering-holds-consultation-on-new-havering-local-plan/. This can be viewed in Appendix 4.</p> <p>Such publicity was prepared in an attempt to raise awareness of the upcoming Local Plan Consultation and the opportunity for</p>

	<p>inclusion on the LPCD.</p> <p>Emails were sent to 602 residents and organisations stored on the Local Plan Consultation Database (LPCD), with a further 102 letters delivered to participants without access to email.</p> <p>Copies of the consultation questionnaire were made available at the Romford Public Advice and Service Centre and all Libraries in the borough.</p> <p>See Appendix 2 & 3 for details.</p>
A summary of the main issues raised by the representations made pursuant to regulation 18.	<p>The main issues raised in the representations are summarised in section 3 of this document.</p> <p>Summary paragraphs were generated through identifying general themes within the responses which allowed them to be grouped together. However, it should be noted that the Council has considered and taken account of every comment individually (see below).</p>
How any representations made pursuant to regulation 18 have been taken into account.	<p>The Council has responded to each comment submitted to the Council following the period of consultation. Replies also outlined how the comments have informed the Local Plan.</p> <p>These can be found in a separate Annex.</p>

2.2 Direction of travel

2.2.1 The publication of the Havering Local Plan Direction of Travel (DoT) document in November 2016 was not a statutory requirement; however the Council was committed to continue to engage with stakeholders and provide them with an update on the progress of the Local Plan, its timeframe for delivery as well as the emerging vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy. The Council also welcomed comments on the progress of the Local Plan work to date.

2.2.2 The DoT document was sent to an expanded Local Plan Consultation Database of 3814 stakeholders, ranging from residents & public bodies, to developers, neighbouring boroughs and planning consultancies, this included any stakeholders that had previously commented on the initial Regulation 18

consultation. The Local Plan consultation database had expanded as a result of the publicity around the Regulation 18 Consultation as well as a wider Council initiative to connect with local residents.

2.2.3 The Direction of Travel asked for comments to be submitted between the 28th November 2016 and the 30th December 2016. The table below outlines the consultation methods the council adopted.

Table 2: Direction of Travel Procedure

Method	How
Emails and Letters to Local Plan Consultation Database	<p>LPCD consultees notified on opportunities to participate in preparation of the new Local Plan.</p> <p>Emails sent to 3,711 residents and organisations on the database.</p> <p>Letters sent to a further 103 recipients who did not have access to email, with hard copies provided on request.</p> <p>This can be found in Appendix 5.</p>
Internet	<p>Documents available to download from: www.haverling.gov.uk</p>

2.2.4 Although not a statutory requirement, this statement will provide a summary of the representations received in response to the Direction of Travel document and a summary of how these have been taken into account will be provided, similar to the Regulation 18 Consultation.

2.3 Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

2.3.1 Consultation on the draft Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report took place between Monday 24 November 2014 and Monday 12 January 2015. The responses are summarised in a separate statement that can be found on the Council's website.

2.4 Duty to Co-operate

2.4.1 The 'Duty to Co-operate' was introduced in the Localism Act 2011. It places a legal duty on local authorities and other public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross-boundary matters.

2.4.2 A separate Duty to Co-operate Statement has been prepared, outlining how the Duty has been satisfied for the preparation of the Local Plan.

2.5 Submitted sites

2.5.1 During the preparation of the Local Plan landowners and developer and have submitted details of specific sites to be considered for development. These sites have been submitted throughout the following stages:

- Havering call for sites 2014 undertaken as part of the Havering Employment Land Review 2015
- Havering Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation 2015
- Havering Local Plan Direction of Travel publication 2016
- Green Belt sites submitted outside of a consultation or call for sites periods

Havering Call for Sites 2014

2.5.2 Alongside the preparation of the Havering Employment Land Review (2015) the Council ran a Call for Sites in accordance with the Government's Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). This included housing sites that are capable of delivering five or more dwellings or economic land uses (retail, leisure, cultural and community facilities, offices, warehousing or industrial uses) of 0.25ha or 500sq m of floorspace and above. Sites were able to be submitted until 6 October 2014. A total of 39 sites were submitted during the Call for Sites. 34 of these sites were submissions for potential release from the Green Belt.

Havering Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation 2015

2.5.3 Initial consultation on the Local Plan (Regulation 18) ran in early 2015 (refer to section 2.1 for further information). A total number of 27 sites were submitted during the consultation.

Havering Local Plan Direction of Travel publication 2016

2.5.4 The Council published the Havering Local Plan Direction of Travel document in late 2016 (refer to section 2.2 for further information). Members of the public and stakeholders were invited to comment on this document. 1 site was submitted, which was located in the Green Belt.

Sites submitted outside of a formal consultation or call for sites stage

2.5.5 The Council has maintained an open dialogue with landowners, planning agents and developments throughout the preparation of the Local Plan with regards to the submission of potential development sites. The Council has therefore accepted the submission of sites within outside of the consultation and Call for Sites periods. 38 sites have been submitted to the Council after the Regulation 18 consultation all of which were in the Green Belt.

2.5.6 Sites known to the Council prior to the start of the Local Plan process have also been considered during the preparation of the Local Plan.

Objections to submitted sites

2.5.7 In addition to the sites submitted to the Council for potential development, the Council has also received a number of representations from individuals and resident groups objecting to the development of certain sites within the Green Belt. This included a petition against any development of the Mardyke Farm site. The Council has taken these comments seriously, and considered them in the approach to sites in the Local Plan. The objections against sites have been taken into consideration in the responses to sites as set out in section 3 of this statement.

3 Summary of main issues

3.1 Regulation 18 Consultation Responses

3.1.1 The Regulation 18 public consultation followed a questionnaire format with 17 questions. There were 73 separate consultee responses raising 494 comments. This included 4 consultee responses received outside of the formal consultation period yielding 4 comments. The consultation responses have been collated to form a brief overview of the responses received towards each question and how the Council have addressed these concerns.

3.1.2 The key points that arose from consultation are summarised below. However, given the diversity of stakeholders who responded and the breadth of comments made it is not possible to fully reflect all of the comments that were made.

3.1.3 All comments received and the Council's responses to the representations are set out in full in Appendix 6 and should be referred to for further detail.

Q1 – Do you agree that these are the right priorities for the new Havering Local Plan?

RESPONSES	45/73
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	17
<i>Residents</i>	16
<i>Public Bodies</i>	12

Key themes from the responses:

- General high level support for the priorities
- Greater detail sought

Q2 – How should the Local Plan support business growth, training opportunities and a strong local economy?

RESPONSES	35/73
<i>Residents</i>	13
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	13
<i>Public Bodies</i>	7

Key themes from the responses:

- General support for business growth

- There is a need to ensure sufficient land is available for employment uses
- Requests for an updated Employment Land Review
- Support for apprenticeships, training and skills
- There is a need for supporting transport infrastructure
- Some support for release of the Green Belt for economic benefit

Q3 - What do you think the Local Plan priorities for housing should be?

RESPONSES	43/73
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	20
<i>Residents</i>	15
<i>Public Bodies</i>	8

Key themes from the responses:

- The need to meet and exceed the minimum London Plan housing target
- Prioritise sustainable locations for new housing development
- The need to provide a mix of homes
- To meet the need for gypsy and traveller accommodation
- Support for high quality housing
- Support for affordable housing
- Support for extra care housing
- The need to ensure supporting infrastructure alongside new homes
- Some support for the Green Belt to be used for housing development
- Some concern about new housing in areas that have already seen development such as Romford

Q4 - Where do you think new homes should be located?

RESPONSES	45/73
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	22
<i>Residents</i>	16
<i>Public Bodies</i>	7

Key themes from the responses:

- Support from landowners and agents for development in the Green Belt, particularly using low quality green belt
- Requests for a Green Belt Review

- Support for development in sustainable locations such as town centres
- Support for development of brownfield land
- Support from residents to protect the Green Belt and open space from Development

Q5 - How do you think the Local Plan should continue to support the protection, improvement and growth of the Borough's town centres?

RESPONSES	30/73
<i>Residents</i>	15
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	11
<i>Public Bodies</i>	4

Key themes from the responses:

- Support from landowners and agents for development in the Green Belt, particularly using low quality green belt
- Requests for a Green Belt Review
- Support for development in sustainable locations such as town centres
- Support for development of brownfield land
- Support from residents to protect the Green Belt and open space from Development

Q6 - What do you think the transport priorities in Havering are and how should the Plan address them?

RESPONSES	37/73
<i>Residents</i>	16
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	11
<i>Public Bodies</i>	10

Key themes from the responses:

- Recommendation to take account of other strategic transport projects in the sub-region
- Requests for public transport improvements across the borough, particularly to essential services
- Support for the promotion of sustainable transport modes
- Support for measures to tackle congestion

Q7 - How do you think the plan should address the need for community facilities and services including schools and health provision?

RESPONSES	31/73
<i>Residents</i>	15
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	10
<i>Public Bodies</i>	6

Key themes from the responses:

- Request for the Local Plan to be supported by evidence concerning the provision of infrastructure
- To plan for sufficient school places
- To provide health centres
- To use developer contributions to fund for community infrastructure

Q8 - How do you think the Plan should support the culture and leisure offer within Havering?

RESPONSES	29/73
<i>Residents</i>	15
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	11
<i>Public Bodies</i>	3

Key themes from the responses:

- To retain existing cultural and leisure facilities
- To promote facilities in accessible locations
- To enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt
- Need to modernise facilities

Q9- How do you think the Local Plan should protect and enhance the Borough's Green Belt

RESPONSES	44/73
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	19
<i>Residents</i>	15
<i>Public Bodies</i>	10

Key themes from the responses:

- To protect the Green Belt from development
- To make the underperforming areas of the Green Belt available for development
- To enhance the beneficial use of the Green Belt for recreation and biodiversity
- Requests for a Green Belt Review
- To provide for Gypsy and Traveller sites in the Green Belt to meet local needs
- To continue to support mineral extraction in the Green Belt

Q10- Do you have any revisions to the Green Belt boundary?

RESPONSES	33/73
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	18
<i>Residents</i>	12
<i>Public Bodies</i>	3

Key themes from the responses:

- The submission of 24 sites by landowners and developers for potential Green Belt release, the majority for housing development
- Support from residents to protect the Green Belt from development
- Requests for a Green Belt Review

Q11- How do you think the Local Plan should seek to address Climate Change and sustainability?

RESPONSES	33/73
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	15
<i>Residents</i>	14
<i>Public Bodies</i>	4

Key themes from the responses:

- Support for renewable energy provision, energy efficiency and recycling
- Need to address air quality issues
- To promote development in sustainable locations
- To minimise emissions and address flood risk

Q12- How do you think the Local Plan should manage the natural environment?

RESPONSES	32/73
<i>Residents</i>	14
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	11
<i>Public Bodies</i>	7

Key themes from the responses:

- To ensure management and maintenance of parks, rivers and green spaces
- To make sure development does not impact on nature conservation sites and protected species

Q13- How do you think the Local Plan should seek to address the production and management of waste?

RESPONSES	22/73
<i>Residents</i>	13
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	5
<i>Public Bodies</i>	4

Key themes from the responses:

- To minimise the production of waste and promote the use of secondary aggregates
- To encourage recycling
- Support for the protection of existing waste management facilities

Q14 - How do you think the Local Plan should address the provision of minerals?

RESPONSES	18/73
<i>Residents</i>	11
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	4
<i>Public Bodies</i>	3

Key themes from the responses:

- Acknowledgement of the need to meet the London Plan apportionment

- To promote the restoration of quarries
- Support for continued mineral extraction in the Green Belt

Q15 – How do you think the Local Plan should ensure high quality design?

RESPONSES	23/73
<i>Residents</i>	14
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	6
<i>Public Bodies</i>	3

Key themes from the responses:

- Support for high quality design which is in keeping with the local area
- To consider density on a site-by-site basis

Q16 - How do you think the Local Plan should protect and enhance Havering's heritage assets?

RESPONSES	17/73
<i>Resident</i>	11
<i>Public Bodies</i>	5
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	1

Key themes from the responses:

- Support for the protection of Havering's heritage assets including Conservation Areas and Listed Buildings
- Support for the protection of valuable landscapes

Q17 – Do you have any additional comments?

RESPONSES	43/73
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	19
<i>Public bodies</i>	13
<i>Resident</i>	11

Key themes from the responses:

- Acknowledgements and commitments to co-operate from local authorities and public bodies
- Additional justification regarding the submitted sites

3.2 Direction of Travel Responses

3.2.1 The Direction of Travel document yielded responses from 20 recipients. These responses have been divided into key themes that were identified to form a brief overview of responses received in reference to the document. The key points that arose from consultation and the Council's responses are summarised below.

<i>TOTAL RESPONSES</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Public bodies</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Residents</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Consultants & Developers</i>	<i>5</i>

Key themes from the responses:

- To retain green and open spaces
- Support to retain the Green Belt
- The need to plan for Traveller sites
- Need for town centres to adapt to changing
- Support for improved transport links
- Support for comprehensive development in the borough's Housing Zones
- Requests for a Green Belt Review
- To safeguard land for the provision of new schools
- Request for evidence base regarding sports facilities
- Request for transport evidence
- To set out a robust framework for sustainable development while enhancing the historic environment

4 Council's response to sites submitted

4.1 Section 2.5 sets out how specific sites have been submitted throughout the preparation of the Local Plan. The details of these sites are listed in Appendix 8 and additional information that has been submitted in support of these sites is set out in Appendix 9.

4.2 Majority of the sites put forward are within the Green Belt and the Council's response to these is set out below.

4.3 The Council's response to non-Green Belt sites is set out in Appendix 8.

Green Belt Sites

4.2 Over the course of the preparation of the Local Plan 81 sites located within the Green Belt have been submitted to the Council for potential release. One site has been withdrawn, making the total number of Green Belt sites at 80.

4.3 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is clear that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances, through the preparation or review of a Local Plan.

4.4 The Council has prepared a Green Belt study which found that all of the Green Belt in the borough makes a contribution towards the purposes of the Green Belt identified in the NPPF. No exceptional circumstances have been identified to make any modifications to the Green Belt in the Local Plan.

4.5 Green Belt boundaries therefore remain unchanged within the Local Plan. Please refer to the Green Belt Study and Housing Position Statement for further information.

Appendix 1 – Public Notice



London Borough of Havering

PLANNING & COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

PREPARATION OF A LOCAL PLAN (REGULATION 18)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The London Borough of Havering is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan, which will plan for and manage development in Havering up until 2031 and set out clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where.

The first stage is to identify the issues the Borough will face over the next 15 years and the priorities for the Local Plan. In order to help shape the emerging Local Plan, the Council is seeking your views on what it ought to contain.

Consultation on a new Local Plan for Havering runs from Monday 9th February until Monday 23rd March 2015.

Further information and a Questionnaire is available on the Council's website at

www.havering.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultations. Copies of the Questionnaire are also available at the Romford Public Advice and Service Centre between 9am and 5pm, and all Libraries in the borough. Alternatively you may request a copy from: developmentplanning@havering.gov.uk or (01708) 432522.

Representations must be made in writing and sent to the Council at the following electronic or postal address **by 5.00pm on Monday 23rd March 2015**. Comments cannot be treated as confidential.

Email: developmentplanning@havering.gov.uk

Appendix 2 – Email notice initial consultation

From: London Borough of Havering [<mailto:havering@public.govdelivery.com>]

Sent: 09 February 2015 17:25

To:

Subject: Havering Local Plan consultation launched

Your Council updates

 **Havering**
LONDON BOROUGH



Your Council
@

Local Plan consultation launched



Monday 9 February 2015

Local Plan until 2031

Havering Council is in the process of preparing a [new Local Plan](#), which will plan for and manage building development in Havering up until 2031 and set out clear policies on what will or will not be permitted in each location.



The first stage is to identify the planning and development issues the Borough will face over the next 15 years and the priorities for the Local Plan. In order to help shape the emerging Local Plan, the Council is seeking your views on what it ought to contain.

Consultation on the new Local Plan for Havering runs from Monday 9 February until Monday 23

Response deadline

Representations must be made [online here](#), or in writing, to the Council **by 5.00pm on Monday 23 March 2015**.

Written responses should be sent by email to [Development Planning](#) or by post to:

Development Planning, London Borough of Havering, Town Hall, Main Road, Romford, RM1 3BD

Any comments will be available to the public.



Current consultations

March 2015.

Make your views known

Further information and a questionnaire is available on the [Council's website](#)



Copies of the questionnaire are also available at:

- the [Romford Public Advice and Service Centre](#) between 9am and 5pm
- [all libraries](#) in the borough and
- on request by email to [Development Planning](#).

Note: image is of actors.

The next steps

If you wish to be kept informed of the progress on the Local Plan [please click here and add your details](#).

You can [download details](#) of current planning policy consultations, and how to respond to them, here.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please email [Development Planning](#).



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Appendix 3 – Letter Initial consultation



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Telephone: (01708) 432522

Email: [developmentplanning @havering.gov.uk](mailto:developmentplanning@havering.gov.uk)

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Date: 09 February 2015

Dear

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING - LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The London Borough of Havering is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan, which will plan for and manage development in Havering up until 2031 and set out clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where. The first stage is to identify the issues the Borough will face over the next 15 years and the priorities for the Local Plan. In order to help shape the emerging Local Plan, the Council is seeking your views on what it ought to contain.

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A questionnaire is enclosed with this letter and is also available on the Council's website at www.havering.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultations. Further copies of the questionnaire are also available at the Romford Public Advice and Service Centre between 9am and 5pm, and all Libraries in the borough. Alternatively you may request further copies from: developmentplanning@havering.gov.uk or (01708) 432522.

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Email: developmentplanning@havering.gov.uk

Development Planning
London Borough of Havering
Town Hall
Main Road
Romford
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If you require further information about this consultation please contact the Development Planning team on (01708) 432522 or by email: developmentplanning@havering.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

Development Planning



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Appendix 4 – Press Release online



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Havering holds consultation on new Havering Local Plan

The London Borough of Havering is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan, which will plan for and manage development in Havering up until 2031 and set out clear policies on what will or will not be permitted and where.

The borough is giving a list of strategic priorities that they believe the Local Plan should be addressing and giving you the chance to comment on these priorities. The priorities they have listed are:

- Business growth and economic activity
- New housing provision
- Town centre development
- Transport Infrastructure
- Social Infrastructure including schools and health provision
- Culture and leisure provision
- Protecting and enhancing the Green Belt
- Environmental management and climate change
- Waste management and minerals extraction
- Delivering high quality design
- Protecting and enhancing Havering's heritage assets

For more information about all of the above priorities please take a look at the [document online here](#)

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The [Questionnaire](#) and [Response form](#) are available to download. Copies of the Questionnaire are also available at the [Romford Public Advice and Service Centre](#) between 9am and 5pm, and all Libraries in the borough. Alternatively you may request a copy from: developmentplanning@haverling.gov.uk or 01708 432522.



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Appendix 5 – Letter Direction of Travel



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Date: 29th November 2016

www.havering.gov.uk

Dear Sir or Madam;

Re: Local Plan Direction of Travel

The London Borough of Havering is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan which will set out the Council's planning policies to guide future development and land use within the Borough over the next 15 years.

The Council has now published a Local Plan Direction of Travel document which provides an update on the progress of the Local Plan and the timeframe for its delivery. It also sets out further details on the emerging vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the Local Plan that will be reflected in the Pre-Submission Local Plan in due course. This document can be viewed on the Council's website;

<https://www3.havering.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Current-consultations.aspx>

Alternatively if you require a hard copy of the Direction of Travel Document please contact the development planning team on the telephone number provided.

Subject to Member approval, formal consultation on the Pre-Submission version of the Local Plan (under Regulation 19) is scheduled to commence in early 2017, followed by submission to the Planning Inspectorate in spring 2017.

The Direction of Travel is not a formal part of the Local Plan process and is not subject to statutory consultation. However, it is important that the Local Plan reflects issues that are important to our stakeholders and we welcome comments during the preparation of the Plan.

If you have any comments that you would like to be taken into consideration as the Local Plan progresses please send them to us by 30th December 2016. Comments can be sent to developmentplanning@havering.gov.uk or The Development Planning Team, London Borough of Havering, Town Hall, Main Road, RM1 3BD.

If you have previously submitted comments, there is no need to resubmit these as they are already being considered.

The Local Plan pages of the [Council's website](http://www.havering.gov.uk) contain up to date information about the progression of the Plan and stakeholders are advised to check these pages to keep abreast of progress.

Kind regards
Development Planning Team