

City of London Local Plan

Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement

January 2015

This statement fulfils the requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Part 4: Post Adoption Procedures.

Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement for the City of London Local Plan

This statement has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, regulation 16 (3) and (4). The City of London's Local Plan was adopted on 15th January 2015. The Local Plan as adopted, accompanying Environmental Report and a copy of this statement may be viewed at:

- Built Environment Enquiries Desk, City of London, Guildhall, London EC2V 7HH or requested by telephone: 020 7332 1148 or on the City Corporation's website at: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/localplan

Preparation of the Local Plan

The City of London Corporation took account of the following considerations in preparing the Local Plan:

a) How environmental considerations have been integrated into the plan

Sustainability considerations have been incorporated into the plan through an iterative process where the sustainability appraisal (SA) has informed each stage of the development of policy, through:

Scoping – the scope of the Local Plan SA was identified and consulted on in August 2011. This identified the relevant sustainability issues for the City and provided the framework against which the Local Plan would be assessed.

Issues and Options – Assessment of options for policies to deal with the relevant range of issues was carried out. The assessment findings were published as a sustainability commentary in October 2011 and used in the selection and development of the preferred options for the development management policies and alterations to the adopted Core Strategy.

Draft Local Plan – Further assessment against the City's sustainability objectives was carried out on the various iterations of the preferred options. The results of this assessment were published in an SA Report during January - March 2013, alongside the consultation on the Draft Local Plan. Where sustainability issues were identified, the mitigating effect of other policies was assessed and further mitigation measures were promoted where appropriate.

Publication and Submission – Changes made at publication and further modifications proposed at submission stages were screened to ensure that these changes would not have any additional adverse sustainability impacts. The final Sustainability Appraisal Report was validated by external consultants LUC and published in Dec 2013.

Examination – no significant changes were proposed at examination stage; therefore no further SA was required. The Inspector's report noted that:

The Sustainability Appraisal demonstrates that the Local Plan contains the most appropriate Strategy.

Policies have taken account of the various rounds of public consultation, the evidence base and the sustainability appraisal and equalities impact assessment

Legal compliance: SA has been carried out and is adequate.

- Douglas Machin BSc DipTP MRTPI – November 2014

(b) How the environmental report has been taken into account

At each stage of development of the Local Plan the findings of the sustainability appraisal were taken into account to inform policy development. At issues and options and draft Local Plan stages, policy options which were identified as having overall negative impacts were eliminated from subsequent drafts or mitigation introduced to offset the negative elements. For example, the SA identified that noise from play areas had the potential to cause disturbance to residents and the business environment. An additional point has therefore been included in later iterations requiring play areas to be located where they will not cause undue disturbance.

Where uncertain impacts were identified policy approaches were modified to provide greater certainty regarding outcomes. For example the later iterations of policy DM1.1: *Protection of office accommodation* included more specific criteria such as consideration of viability in order to avoid the danger of viable offices being converted to alternative uses.

Full details of how the findings of the SA were taken into account in the development of policy can be found in the Local Plan Preparation Statement (May 2014).

(c) How opinions expressed as a result of consultation have been taken into account

Extensive consultation was carried out throughout the development of policy and consultation responses were taken into account alongside the sustainability appraisal and other evidence studies in the drafting of subsequent policy.

The Local Plan Consultation Statements (Dec 2013 and May 2014) provide comprehensive details of the consultation process which accompanied the development of the Local Plan and demonstrate how responses were taken into account.

(d) Any trans-boundary consultations with other Member States

No trans-boundary consultations with other Member States were deemed necessary for this document.

(e) Reasons for choosing the plan or programme as adopted, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with

The Local Plan Preparation Statement (May 2014) demonstrates that all reasonable options and alternatives have been considered, setting out a clear explanation of how options and alternatives were generated, appraised, selected or rejected and the role that Sustainability Appraisal and community engagement have played in this process.

(f) Measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the plan or programme

A draft monitoring programme was included in Figure 12 of the SA Report. This has been reviewed to provide a comprehensive programme to evaluate the significant environmental effects of implementation of the Local Plan.

The final proposed SA monitoring framework has been incorporated into the monitoring framework for the Local Plan and is included in Appendix 1. Monitoring results will be reported in the Local Plan Monitoring Reports and their implications for future plans will be analyzed through subsequent SA Scoping reports.

Appendix 1: Sustainability Appraisal Monitoring Framework

Sustainability Objective	Monitoring Indicators	Monitoring By	Timeframe	Reported in
1. Reduce poverty and promote social inclusion in and around the City	Census information	Office for National Statistics (ONS)	10 years	City of London Census reports
	Deprivation indices	Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)	Periodic	DCLG – English indices of deprivation 2010 and 2015
	Affordable housing completions	City of London Corporation	Annual	City of London Local Plan Monitoring Report - Housing
2. Improve the health of city workers, residents and visitors	Area of open space	City of London Corporation	Periodic	City of London Local plan Monitoring Paper – Open Spaces
	Cycling facilities	City of London Corporation	Periodic	City of London Cycle Parking Strategy
	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) – Local Services	City of London Corporation	Periodic	City & Hackney Health and Wellbeing Board Joint Strategic Needs Assessment report
3. Improve the education and skills of the working and residential population	Census information – qualification level and occupation	Office for National Statistics (ONS)	10 Years	City of London Census reports
	Educational facilities in the City	City of London Corporation	Annual	City of London Infrastructure Delivery Plan
4. Tackle anti-social behaviour	Crime statistics	City of London Police	Annual	UK Crime Stats for the City of London
5. Increase opportunities for rewarding employment in the City of London	Employment in the City	Business Register Employment Survey (BRES), Office for National Statistics	Annual	City of London Employment Trends report
6. Ensure that the City is a safe and pleasant place to live and work; and 20. Enhance the attractiveness of the City as a business location	Public Realm Enhancement schemes	City of London Corporation	Periodic	City of London Public Realm Enhancement Strategies
	Accident statistics	Transport for London	Annual	Transport for London reports
	Street works permitting	City of London Corporation	Annual	Street works permitting reports

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7. Improve equality and accessibility for all	Access surveys	City of London Corporation	Periodic	City of London Access Team reports
8. Reduce the negative effect of transport on the environment; and 19. to encourage the use and provision of efficient transport	Transport statistics	Transport for London	Annual	Transport for London reports
	Air quality - Particulates (PM10) and Nitrogen dioxide	City of London Corporation Environmental Health Department	Annual	City of London Air Quality review
	City of London Workforce Census 2011 Travel to work data	Office for National Statistics (ONS)	10 years	City of London Census reports
9. Improve water quality and enhance management of the resource	River water quality	Environment Agency	Periodic	Environment Agency publications
	BREEAM water credits	BREEAM assessors	Ongoing	City of London Local Plan Monitoring report – Sustainable Development & Climate Change
10. Improve air quality	Air quality - Particulates (PM10) and Nitrogen dioxide	City Of London Corporation Environmental Health Department	Annual	City of London Air Quality annual review
11. Maintain and enhance biodiversity	Biodiversity surveys	City of London Corporation Open Spaces Dept	Periodic	Biodiversity survey reports
12. Conserve and enhance the historic and archaeological environment	At risk register of historic assets	English Heritage	Ongoing	English Heritage - Heritage at Risk Register
13. Protect, maintain and enhance the built environment of the City incorporating sustainable design & construction methods; and 14. Climate change mitigation; and 15. Climate change adaptation	BREEAM assessments	BREEAM assessors	Ongoing	City of London Local Plan Monitoring report – Sustainable Development & Climate Change

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16. Adopt the 'Waste hierarchy' in all activities – prevention, preparing for reuse, recycling, other recovery, disposal	Waste Statistics Waste Data Interrogator	Environment Agency	Annual	City of London Local Plan Monitoring Report - Waste
17. Encourage growth in the City's financial and business services	Employment trends	City of London Corporation	Annual	City of London Employment Trends report
18. Maintain and, where appropriate, encourage growth in non-financial economic sectors.	Employment trends	City of London Corporation	Annual	City of London Employment Trends report
21. Improve the social and environmental performance of the economy.	Periodic research reports	City of London Corporation Economic Development Unit (EDU)	Periodic	EDU research reports