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Dear Planning Policy team

Thank you for your email below regarding the Wandsworth's Local Plan (Publication Version) Consultations.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. As a statutory consultee, the Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.

As you are aware, Wandsworth Council lies outside the defined coalfield and therefore the Coal Authority has no specific comments to make on your Local Plans / SPDs etc.

In the spirit of ensuring efficiency of resources and proportionality, it will not be necessary for the Council to provide the Coal Authority with any future drafts or updates to the emerging Plans. This letter can be used as evidence for the legal and procedural consultation requirements at examination, if necessary.

Kind regards

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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on the second draft of the Local Plan ('Publication Version'), Monday 10 January – Monday 28 February 2022

We are now consulting on the next draft of the Local Plan, known as the 'Publication' version. Wandsworth's Local Plan sets out a vision and spatial strategy to guide the development of the borough from 2023, when the Plan is anticipated to be adopted, to 2038. It is supported by key objectives for the borough, planning policies, area strategies and – at the smallest scale – guidance for the development of specific sites. Collectively, these identify where development should be targeted and set out how the borough's neighbourhoods and places will change over the next 15 years.

The views of the community are at the heart of the planning process. We previously consulted on an earlier draft of the Local Plan from January to March 2021; thank you to everyone who submitted comments. This version has taken that feedback into account, alongside input from more focused consultation events, comments from colleagues across the Council, and to account for new and updated evidence.

We are holding a public consultation on the draft Local Plan from **Monday 10 January until Monday 28 February 2022**. This consultation is the final opportunity to comment on the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. At this stage in the plan-making process, in accordance with national guidance, consultation responses should focus on the draft Local Plan's legal and procedural compliance, including the duty to cooperate, and the 'soundness' of the Plan. There are four different tests of 'soundness', which require the Local Plan to be:

- *Positively prepared* – it provides a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs and is informed by agreements with other authorities.
- *Justified* – it is based on an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and is based on proportionate evidence.
- *Effective* – it is deliverable over the plan period and is based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters.
- *Consistent with national policy* – to enable the delivery of sustainable development.

The consultation is open to everyone.

What are we consulting on?

The consultation is on the following documents:

- The 'Publication' version of the draft Local Plan.
- The Sustainability Appraisal – this document supports the Local Plan and assesses the extent to which it will help to achieve environmental, economic and social objectives when judged against reasonable alternative options.
- The Policy Map Changes document – this explains how the map of the borough's policy designations will change as a result of the draft Local Plan.

These documents can all be viewed on the Council's website as follows: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-publication

The website also provides more information about the Local Plan review process, including the timetable and links to various other supporting and evidence base documents which underpin the Local Plan.

How to respond

You can respond in the following ways:

- Online through the '[Draft Local Plan Consultation Portal](#)', which can also be accessed through the website listed above.
- By email to planningpolicy@wandsworth.gov.uk.
- By post to Planning Policy, Environment and Community Services, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18 2PU.

We would be grateful if you could please respond electronically, where possible, by using the online Consultation Portal. If you are responding by email or post, please use the response form that is available to view and download from the website listed above.

All responses must be received by **11.59pm on Monday 28 February 2021**. Please note that responses will not be treated as confidential and those submitted anonymously will not be accepted.

If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing the consultation documents or the response form online, please contact the Planning Policy team by email at planningpolicy@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Hard copies of the consultation documents and response forms are also available in Wandsworth Town Hall and the borough's libraries during normal opening hours.

What happens next?

Following the public consultation, the responses we receive will be collated and submitted – alongside the Local Plan and the supporting and relevant evidence base documents – to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State). It is the role of PINS to examine the Local Plan to consider whether it meets the various tests of 'soundness', as well as for legal and procedural compliance with the relevant regulations. Please see www.wandsworth.gov.uk/local-plan-full-review/ for more details.

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Yours faithfully,

Christine Cook
Head of Spatial and Transport Planning

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