



LONDON BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH
LOCAL PLAN INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC
WRITTEN STATEMENT

MAIN MATTER 21:
IMPLEMENTATION AND DELIVERY
(POLICIES LP62 - LP63)

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Abbreviations

CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy

GLA – Greater London Authority

LP – The London Plan

NPPG – National Planning Practice Guidance

NPPF – National Planning Policy Framework

WLP – Wandsworth Local Plan

SPD – Supplementary Planning Document

TFL – Transport for London

Are the requirements of the Implementation and Delivery policies justified by appropriate available evidence, having regard to national guidance, local context, and the London Plan?

The requirements of the policies in Chapter 22 ‘Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring’ are justified by appropriate available evidence and have had regard to national guidance, local context and the London Plan.

The primary sources of evidence are as follows:

- [Whole Plan Viability Assessment \(January 2022\)](#) (SD-052)
- [Infrastructure Delivery Plan \(January 2022\)](#) (SD-072)
- [Nine Elms Battersea Development Infrastructure Requirements Refresh Study 2019/2020](#) (SD-095)

The Council has also considered the delivery plans of relevant infrastructure providers and their needs which have also been captured within the IDP. This includes infrastructure in relation to water, waste water, utilities, highways and education provision.

The Council considers that policy LP61-63 of the Implementation, Delivery and Monitoring policies are justified and consistent with National Policy which requires that Local Plans set out strategic policies to deliver, amongst other things the provision of infrastructure and community, health and other local facilities (NPPF paragraph 156).

The NPPG Community Infrastructure Levy emphasises that CIL is an important tool for local authorities to use to help them deliver the infrastructure needed to support development in their area. Local Plan Policy LP62 sets out why contributions are needed, what sort of contributions they could be and how the Council will work with other bodies to ensure the right infrastructure needs are met.

The Plan covers the full range of physical, social and green infrastructure needs as required by the NPPF. This is supported by the assessment in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (SD-072). This assessment includes both regional/sub-regional and local infrastructure.

Appendix 1 of the IDP (SD-072). clearly identifies a detailed catalogue of infrastructure projects planned in the borough to help address deficiencies that have been identified in the Local Plan and supporting evidence base documents.

For each project in the schedule, information is provided about the lead delivery agency and supporting strategy, the land requirements of the scheme in Wandsworth (if any), location in the borough, estimated cost, identified funding, funding gap, and how the funding gap could be met. This information has been collated through extensive engagement with the agencies responsible for planning and delivery of infrastructure in the borough, both within and outside of the council. The Local Plan reflects and supports the strategies of these agencies through its policies. Delivery will also be enabled by the Community Infrastructure Levy or planning obligations as applicable. Where necessary to help delivery essential infrastructure, site allocations are included in the Plan.

NPPF paragraph 28-30 sets out the parameters for Neighbourhood planning and how Local Councils can help deliver more detailed policies through this parameter. LP63 will support local communities to identify the most appropriate means of meeting their needs through Neighbourhood Planning. Collaboration between communities and the Council is critical to ensure strategic requirements are met.

Will Policy LP62 be effective in securing the necessary infrastructure to support the Borough's Growth ambitions?

Yes, LP62 Planning Obligations will be effective in securing the infrastructure necessary to mitigate the impact of development and will therefore contribute to supporting the Council's growth ambitions. The implementation of the Policy is supported by an adopted Planning Obligations SPD and informed by an up-to-date Infrastructure Delivery Plan. LP62 builds off the existing planning obligations and CIL policies which have been successful at securing funding for the Council's infrastructure projects.

The supporting text to Policy LP62 makes it clear that the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy will be the main means of addressing the infrastructure requirements arising out of developments and will be spent on local strategic infrastructure in accordance with the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan set out in the Council's Infrastructure Funding Statement. In addition, other funding sources, including through the Transport Local Investment Plan, Government and TfL/GLA funding for initiatives such as that being sought for the implementation of the Wandsworth Gyratory proposals, and through partner funding such as within Business Improvement Districts, will support the implementation of infrastructure and place-based investment.

The implementation of LP62 together with the monies arising from the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy and other funding sources will, when taken together, be effective in providing the necessary infrastructure to support the borough's Growth ambitions.

A range of funding approaches will therefore be used to bring forward growth as established in the Vision, Objectives and Spatial Development Strategy of the Local Plan, including the ambitions outlined within the Area Strategies, where appropriate, and with the priorities identified in the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Expenditure is expected to be focused on major infrastructure projects such as the Wandsworth Bridge Refurbishment, public realm improvements (incl. new playgrounds) highway works and transport improvements like the Wandsworth Town Second entrance. The Wandsworth Local Fund (WLF), the neighbourhood contribution of the CIL, also helps deliver the Borough's growth ambitions as it pays for local community and social infrastructure needed to support development.

Will Policy LP63 be effective in supporting the preparation and adoption of Neighbourhood Plans within the Borough?

National Planning Policy Guidance highlights the requirement set out at paragraph 3 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) that local authorities have a duty to provide assistance and / or advice to a neighbourhood forum or other community organisation that is producing a neighbourhood plan or Order.

The Regulation 18 Local Plan acknowledged the work that was underway in Tooting by the Tooting Bec and Broadway Neighbourhood Forum, and the initial outputs of the work undertaken helped to inform the development of the Tooting Area Strategy. The Tooting Bec and Broadway Neighbourhood Forum had been [designated in April 2017](#), and hoped to progress a neighbourhood plan for the defined area. The Regulation 18 Plan had no other policy specifically expressing support for the preparation of neighbourhood plans or Orders.

Recognising the importance of neighbourhood planning the Regulation 19 Local Plan introduced Policy LP63 to specifically clarify the role that the Council will take in providing support to neighbourhood plans within the area and the relationship of neighbourhood planning policies with the Local Plan. It clearly and positively expresses support for the production of neighbourhood plans, and expresses what the authority would be looking for in the development of policies and strategies within the forum area.

Much of the guidance and advice available to aspiring neighbourhood forums, and for those already established, is already set out elsewhere, including in the relevant legislation (the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act and the

Neighbourhood Plan Regulations) and at a ‘grass roots’ level. The government provides funding for the preparation of neighbourhood plans, and a range of organisations provide signposting and guidance on the process (including the [Road Map](#)) and the resources available to neighbourhood planning groups including Locality, the CPRE The Countryside Charity and the Royal Town Planning Institute. It is therefore considered that the combination of Policy LP63 together with the extensive support available will be effective in the preparation and adoption of neighbourhood plans within the borough.

For assistance there are currently no designated neighbourhood areas within the borough, with the Tooting Bec and Broadway Neighbourhood Forum having lapsed in April 2022. In addition to the Local Plan policy, Wandsworth Council has an extensive support section for potential neighbourhood groups on its [website](#).