



# Wandsworth Local Plan Partial Review Publication (Regulation 19) Consultation

## Guidance on Using the Response Form

The following response form can be used to provide your comments on the Wandsworth Local Plan Partial Review Publication consultation.

The consultation is an opportunity to have your say on whether you feel the Council's proposed policies should become part of the Wandsworth Local Plan.

### What is the Local Plan Partial Review?

The Wandsworth Local Plan was adopted in July 2023 and sets out a vision and strategy to guide the future development in the Borough from 2023 to 2038. It also contains all of the 'policies' that the planning applications that the Council receives are considered against.

We are currently conducting a Partial Review of the Local Plan which includes a review and update of our planning policies to ensure we are delivering more of the types of housing most needed in the Borough, with an emphasis on new genuinely affordable housing such as social rented housing.

As part of the Local Plan Partial Review, changes are proposed to six policies in total, alongside changes to other text for consistency or clarity. The six policies are:

- Policy LP23: Affordable Housing
- Policy LP24: Housing Mix
- Policy LP28: Purpose-Built Student Accommodation
- Policy LP29: Housing with Shared Facilities
- Policy LP30: Build to Rent
- Policy LP31: Specialist Housing for Vulnerable People and for Older People

More information on the Local Plan Partial Review can be found at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview)

If you would find it useful to read a non-technical summary of the Local Plan Partial Review, you can find an EasyRead summary on our website or a physical copy at locations where the consultation material is being displayed.

### How do I view what is being proposed?

You can view the consultation material online at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview) or inspect physical copies at Wandsworth Town Hall or local libraries.

You may find it helpful to read the guidance information available with the consultation material, and the non-technical EasyRead summary, before responding.

## How do I respond?

In line with national guidance, responses to this consultation should aim to focus on whether the Council's proposals are "sound" and "legally compliant" (including the duty to cooperate). These are the matters that the Government Inspector will use to test the Council's proposals before they can be made to the Local Plan. All responses to this consultation will be used to help the Government Inspector decide whether the Council's proposals are sound and legally compliant.

Further detail on what soundness and legal compliance means is provided in the accompanying 'Guidance Note on Soundness and Legal Compliance' which is provided with this form.

Once you are ready to respond, you can respond to the consultation by completing the comments form, either electronically using Word or as a print out, and returning it to the Council by:

- Email to [planningpolicy@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@wandsworth.gov.uk)
- Post to Spatial Planning and Design, Place Division, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, Wandsworth, SW18 2PU.

Alternatively, you can also make comments online via our Consultation Portal, which is available from [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview)

All responses must be received by **11.59pm on Monday 24th February 2025**. The consultation is open to everyone; however please note that responses will not be treated as confidential and those submitted anonymously will not be accepted.

# Wandsworth Local Plan Partial Review – Regulation 19 Consultation Response Form

<b>Part A: Personal Details</b>		
	1. Personal details*	2. Agent's details (if applicable)
Title		
First name		
Last name		
Job title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address		
Postcode		
Telephone		
E-mail address		
*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the title, name and organisation boxes for the respondent and complete the full contact details for the agent.		
<b>Part B: About You...</b>		
<b>3. Please tell us about yourself or who you are responding on behalf of.</b>		
Do you live in the borough?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you work in the borough?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you run a business in the borough?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a student in the borough?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a visitor to the borough?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Data protection</b></p> <p>Information provided in this form will be used fairly and lawfully and the Council will not knowingly do anything which may lead to a breach of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2018).</p> <p>All responses will be held by the London Borough of Wandsworth. They will be handled in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2018). Responses will not be treated as confidential and will be published on our website and in any subsequent statements; however, personal details like address, phone number or email address will be removed.</p> <p>For further details regarding your privacy please see the Council's information published at:  <a href="http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/privacy">www.wandsworth.gov.uk/privacy</a></p>		

### Part C: Your Response

#### 4. Do you consider the Local Plan Partial Review to be:

*If you would wish to provide different responses for different parts or policies within the Local Plan Partial Review, please use multiple forms or clarify in the comments fields at Question 5 or 7.*

4.1 Legally compliant

Yes

No

4.2 Sound

Yes

No

4.3 Compliant with the duty to co-operate

Yes

No

Further information on these terms is included within the accompanying guidance note, which can be found at the end of the response form.

#### 5. If you wish to provide comments in support of the Local Plan Partial Review, please use this box to set out your comments.

*Please aim to make clear which policies your comments apply to and refer to the soundness or legal compliance of the Local Plan Partial Review in line with the guidance provided.*

*Please continue on a separate sheet / expand the box if necessary.*

#### 6. If you answered 'No' to Question 4.2, do you think the Local Plan Partial Review is unsound because it is not:

**(Please tick all that apply)**

5.1 Positively prepared

5.2 Justified

5.3 Effective

5.4 Consistent with national policy

**7. If you have answered ‘No’ to Q4.1, 4.2 or 4.3, please use this box to set out your reasons**

*Please aim to make clear which policies your comments relate to and refer to the soundness or legal compliance of the Local Plan Partial Review in line with the guidance provided.*

*Please continue on a separate sheet / expand the box if necessary.*

**8. If you completed Question 7, please set out any modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound**

*Please aim to be precise about the modifications required and how this would overcome the issues of legal compliance or soundness you have identified*

*Please continue on a separate sheet / expand the box if necessary.*

**9. If you are seeking a modification to the Local Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)? (Please tick box as appropriate)**

**No**, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

**Yes**, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

**10. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

*Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.*

*Please continue on a separate sheet / expand the box if necessary.*

**If you are not on our consultation database and you respond to this consultation, your details will be added to the database. This allows us to contact you with updates on the progression of the Local Plan partial review and other planning policy documents.**

If you wish to be added to the consultation database and notified when milestones in the Local Plan Partial Review are reached, please tick any or all of the boxes below:

- Notify me when the Local Plan Partial Review is submitted for independent Examination
- Notify me when the Inspector's recommendations following independent Examination are published
- Notify me when Local Plan Partial Review is adopted

Or, if you do not wish to be added to our database, or you would like your details to be removed, then please tick this box.

<p><b>Signature:</b> <i>For electronic responses a typed signature is acceptable.</i></p>		<p><b>Date:</b></p>	
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# Wandsworth Local Plan Partial Review

## Publication (Regulation 19) Consultation

### Further Guidance on Soundness and Legal Compliance

#### Introduction

1. The Local Plan Partial Review has been published by Wandsworth Borough Council (the Council) in order for representations (comments) to be made on it before it is submitted for examination by a Planning Inspector. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that the purpose of the examination is to consider whether the plan complies with the relevant legal requirements, including the duty to co-operate, and is sound. The Planning Inspector will consider all comments on the plan that are made within the consultation period set by the LPA.

2. To ensure an effective and fair examination, it is important that the Planning Inspector and all other participants in the examination process are able to know who has made representations on the plan. The Council will therefore ensure that the names of those making representations can be made available (including publication on the Council's website) and taken into account by the Inspector.

#### Soundness

3. When considering whether the Local Plan Partial Review is sound, the Planning Inspector will apply the four tests of soundness set out in paragraph 35 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Local Plans are considered sound if they are:

- **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs, and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring authorities is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;
- **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
- **Effective** - deliverable over the plan period and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
- **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the NPPF.

#### Legal Compliance

4. When considering whether the Local Plan Partial Review complies with necessary laws and regulations, the Planning Inspector will need to consider:

- The plan should be included in the Council's current Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the key stages set out in the LDS should have been followed. The LDS is effectively a timetable and programme of work prepared by the LPA, setting out the Local Plans it proposes to produce.

- The process of community involvement for the Local Plan should be in general accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI sets out the Council's strategy for involving the community in the preparation and revision of Local Plans and the consideration of planning applications.
- The Council is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report when it publishes a Local Plan. This should identify the process by which SA has been carried out, and the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process. SA is a tool for assessing the extent to which the plan, when judged against reasonable alternatives, will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives.
- The plan should be in general conformity with the London Plan.
- The plan should comply with all other relevant requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended [the Regulations].

### Duty to Co-operate

**5.** When considering whether the Council has met its Duty to Co-operate, the Planning Inspector will need to consider:

- Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) requires the Council to “engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis” with neighbouring local authorities and certain other public bodies over matters during the preparation of the plan. The Council will be expected to provide evidence of how they have complied with the duty.
- Non-compliance with the duty to co-operate cannot be rectified after the submission of the plan. Therefore, the Inspector has no power to recommend modifications in this regard. Where the duty has not been complied with, the Inspector cannot recommend adoption of the plan.

### General advice

**6.** If you wish to make comments that would require a modification to the plan or part of the plan you should set out clearly in what way you consider the plan or part of the plan is legally non-compliant or unsound, having regard as appropriate to the soundness criteria in paragraph 3 above. Your comments should be supported by evidence wherever possible. It will be helpful if you also say precisely how you think the plan should be modified, including which policies.

**7.** You should aim to succinctly provide all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and any suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions. Any further submissions after the plan has been submitted for examination may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies.

**8.** Where groups or individuals share a common view on the plan, it would be helpful if they would make a single representation which represents that view, rather a large number of separate representations repeating the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

**9.** Please consider carefully how you would like your representation to be dealt with in the examination: whether you are content to rely on your written representation, or whether you wish to take part in hearing session(s). Only representors who are seeking a change to the plan have a right to be heard at the hearing session(s), if they so request. In considering this, please note that written and oral representations carry the same weight and will be given equal consideration in the examination process.