

Barnet Local Plan examination – actions arising during the course of examination

Date	Action	Deadline
20.09.22	Barnet to provide a hard copy of opening statement to program officer for the examination library	20.09.22
20.09.22	Barnet to provide list of speakers for each session for stage 1 of the examination	21.09.22
20.09.22	Barnet to produce a Sustainability Appraisal Technical Paper concerning, among other things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signposting and setting out the location of evidence and the role of that evidence within the Sustainability Appraisal. For example: schedule 2 SEA regulations, cumulative impacts (economic, social and environmental); mitigation measures; risks; and, climate change. • A summary of the approach taken to reasonable alternatives, including the chosen methodology, the relationship with the London Plan, and the provision of further narrative relating to the process undertaken. 	21.10.22
20.09.22	Barnet to provide a redacted copy of correspondence with Natural England as an Exam Document concerning SoCG progression	23.09.22
20.09.22	Barnet to produce a Habitats Regulation Assessment technical note, concerning, among other things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relationship between the Barnet Plan and other plans, in particular explanation of what the baseline is for the Barnet HRA and why that has been chosen. • The principles underlying the selection of pathways between Barnet and relevant sites. 	21.10.22
20.09.22	Addition of London Plan inspectors' report to examination library	21.09.22
20.09.22	Barnet to produce a progress update concerning ongoing work on statements of common ground with the Environment Agency, National Highways and Historic England	23.09.22
20.09.22	Barnet to provide a summary of any outstanding issues / ongoing works with partners, including Environment Agency and National Highways	21.10.22
21.09.22	Provision of a note explaining why the Council have exercised their judgment that each policy listed in MM17 is a strategic policy	28.09.22
21.09.22	Provision of a note concerning the Council's commitment to an early review of the plan. This note should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include any actions required if there is a firm commitment to embed a review in the plan; and, • Consider the impact of any review on Local Development Scheme 	28.09.22
21.09.22	Provision of a note concerning sites that are included in a development framework (and already covered by SPD) that have not been allocated and why they are not included in the plan. This note should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw together previous development frameworks, including consideration of issues bringing sites forward (for example, why some sites in SPDs have not been brought forward and proposed as site allocations); 	21.10.22

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider sites in Growth Areas and Opportunity Areas; and, • Explain the site selection process methodology applied to date in those regards. 	
21.09.22	<p>Provision of a note concerning the review of policies mapping boundaries and other maps in the Plan, explaining what is being prepared and why, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison with London Plan – with consideration of boundaries, what has been prepared and the differences on the Proposed Policies Map and maps within the Plan; • Matters of consistency • [Clarification on thoroughfare routes – will need to know for Matter 6] 	21.10.22
21.09.22	<p>Provision of a note addressing how housing numbers (anything covered by a GSS policy with a requirement to deliver in it) have been arrived at (with reference to the density matrix where appropriate) and how they contribute towards overall provision. This will include consideration of housing allocations in Opportunity Areas, Growth Areas and Town Centres, and any other sources of supply that could not be proposed as allocations but are intended to contribute for example, existing planning permissions and sites under construction. If there is a shortfall this note must bring it together. This note should also consider briefly what options are available to the Council if allocations do not go to plan (having regard to the duty to positively prepare a plan).</p>	21.10.22
21.09.22	<p>Provision of a note (if possible agreed with stakeholders in the form of a Statement of Common Ground) concerning ongoing discussions on Brent Cross</p>	28.10.22
21.09.22	<p>Brownfield register to be provided for uploading onto the examination website.</p>	21.10.22
21.09.22	<p>Provision of a note on town centres to consider, at the least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References made throughout the local plan, including updates and amendments where necessary; • Ensure there is a consistency of interpretation throughout the plan and relative to the London Plan that is not misleading in terms of categorisation of District Town Centres; • Whether Policy GSS08 can or should become more reflective of the definition of town centres, having particular regard to what is appropriate in what location; and, • The requirements of national and local policy, in particular NPPF Chapter 7. 	30.09.22
22.09.22	<p>Provision of a brief note on small sites to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what the Council's position is on provision of small sites; • Precise form of wording to be provided for Policy GSS01 via MM – as set out in SoCG with GLA; • Provide breakdown of sites referred to in Table 5A (MM37); and, 	30.09.22

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a table setting out small and medium sized sites (no larger than one hectare). 	
22.09.22	<p>Provision of a note on affordable housing and market housing. To include / consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM25 and any further changes that may be required in those respects • MM120 and any further changes that may be required in those respects. • Policy HOU01 - Cross-reference to London Plan. Including explanation of why Policy HOU01 may emphasize certain elements of London Plan Policies H4 and H5 over others • Note in relation to approach intended in terms of habitable rooms and habitable floorspace with respect to Policy HOU01. • Clarification concerning first homes, including potential modification to supporting text concerning the future approach to first homes if not addressed specifically in policies of the Plan. • Build to rent, major development, MM17 and any further changes that may be required in those respects. • Reflecting on wording of Policy HOU01 – whether the policy approach should focus on compliance with SHMA and then set out criteria for exemptions to housing mix after it, including moving away from “innovative housing criteria” by being more specific on developments where flexibility would be permissible. • Table / explanation providing guidance on what is meant by “basis of calculations for the affordable housing requirement” (Policy HOU01 current text) - focus to be on what Council will do with information provided (para 5.4.11) • Modification concerning definition of affordable rent not being intermediate housing • Inclusion of definition of “threshold” (Policy HOU01(c)) • Supporting text on Build to Rent – including consideration (with potential redraft) of approach to build to rent clarifying whether qualified and if so how • Policy HOU02 – addition of criteria (g) (subject to other amendments) • Policy HOU03 – clarification and/or explanation of the justification for the 400m distance and the associated changes to PTAL. • Maps to be provided: 400m and 800m buffer zones, PTAL: when submitted and projections based on policy-on position at end of Plan period. • Policy HOU03 – further explanation as why “Original building” is appropriate rather than the building that exists at the time of an application (including any PD rights context). 	28.10.22

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy HOU03 – Interaction between bedroom sizes, justification for use of “larger homes” terminology. • Policy HOU04 – specialist housing, Table 8, reflecting on approach to care homes (see 4.13.6 London Plan) • Policy HOU04 – relationship with Policy CDH02 and M4(2)/M4(3) standards. • HMO, defining what concentrations may be harmful and how planning applications would be determined. • Student accommodation – drawing together progress on Hendon Hub and how feeds into delivery and identified needs, together with clarification any other education projects elsewhere that may generate need for student accommodation in Barnet. • Student accommodation - viability study requirements – is there an unintentional omission in the Plan? • Policy HOU04 part 4 – explain whether requirements set out in the supporting text relating to character and amenities and management plans justified and if so, why are they not included in the policy wording? • Policy HOU04 – monitoring in terms of specialist older peoples housing. Can the Council clarify its approach in that respect and what action would be taken if the annual benchmark of units per annum were not achieved? • Policy HOU05 – 1(a), (b) closed list. How will applications demonstrate compliance? • Policy HOU05 – modification for supporting text suggested in Barnet hearing note (meanwhile uses) • Policy HOU06 – policy correct in terms of Policy H11? Clarification on whether it has a purpose in that context or may need to be re-purposed to assist restructure of Policy HOU02. • Self-build – further detail on need and provision of narrative in relation to self-build list. Clarification on what Barnet is trying to achieve. • Check references to London Plan policies are accurate throughout. 	
22.09.22	Provision of a table (with explanation) considering the gross margin of affordable housing when comparing 35% provision to the 10,600 home target over plan period to show theoretical margin over minimum of 10,600. This should seek to demonstrate that, subject to viability issues, capacity to meet target via 35%.	28.10.22