

The London Plan

Examination in Public 2018-2019

Panel Note No. 6:

Participants and Matters for Consideration at the Examination in Public

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EIP commences at 09.30 on Tuesday 15 January 2019

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Introduction

As explained in Panel Note No. 1, our role as the Panel appointed by the Secretary of State is to determine the matters that affect the consideration of the London Plan ("matters") and the persons who may take part ("participants") in the Examination in Public ("EIP"), and to make a report in writing to the Mayor¹.

In accordance with section 338(4) of the *Greater London Authority Act 1999* (as amended) ("the GLA Act") and regulation 8(2) of *The Town and Country Planning (London Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2000* ("the regulations"), we published draft lists of matters and participants on 12 September 2018².

We have now considered all of the representations made about the draft lists of matters and participants that were received by midday on Thursday 11 October 2018 and, after consulting the Mayor, finalised our lists. In accordance with regulation 8(4), those persons who are invited to take part will be notified; the lists will be made available for inspection at City Hall; and notice will be given by advertisement at least six weeks before the opening of the EIP on Tuesday 15 January 2019.

The finalised lists of matters and participants are attached as Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively.

Written Statements

In accordance with regulation 8(5), written submissions may be made on the matters set out in Annex 1 attached. Statements may be submitted by participants and non-participants.

All written statements must be received by the Panel Secretary by **midday** on the following dates:

- Friday 7 December 2018 for weeks 1 and 2
- Friday 14 December 2018 for weeks 3 and 4
- Friday 11 January 2019 for weeks 5 and 6
- Tuesday 29 January 2019 for weeks 7 and 8
- Friday 1 March 2019 for weeks 9, 10 and 11

Unless otherwise indicated in Annex 1, written statements must not exceed 2,000 words for any matter.

Further information about submitting written statements is set out in *Panel Note 5: Procedural Information about the Examination in Public*.

Examining the Matters: Testing for Soundness

Each of the matters will be considered at the EIP. One Panel member will lead on each matter, and they will usually be supported by one or both of the other members at the EIP session. The Panel's report will set out findings on all of the

¹ GLA Act section 338 and regulation 8(7).

² Panel Note 3 including annexes [EX04A].

matters and may include recommendations relating to the content of the London Plan or associated issues.

The London Plan is required to have regard to the need to be consistent with national policy³. Whilst a revised version of the NPPF was published in July 2018, the transitional arrangements mean that we will examine the matters in the context of the policies in the 2012 version of the NPPF, along with other relevant national policy and guidance.

The legal duty relating to soundness set out in section 20(5)(b) of the *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004* does not apply to spatial development strategies such as the London Plan, and the section on plan-making in the NPPF (2012) refers to local plans rather than spatial development strategies.

However, in light of the need to ensure consistency with national policy and to reflect the findings of the Inspector who examined the *Further Alterations to the London Plan* in 2014, we will apply the soundness tests set out in the NPPF (2012), namely that the Plan should be positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy.

Further Information

Panel Note 5: Procedural Information about the Examination in Public contains detailed practical information for participants and other people wishing to submit written statements and/or attend the EIP hearings to observe.

A hearings programme, which sets out the dates and times each matter will be examined at the EIP, will be published on the website shortly.

Any queries about this note or the EIP should be taken up with the EIP Secretary.

The Panel will not enter into correspondence about the lists of matters or participants or the EIP hearing programme.

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³ GLA Act section 41.