

Lambeth Development Viability SPD – Draft Consultation and Engagement Plan

November 2016

Regulations 11 to 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 set out the statutory requirements for producing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The requirements of the Regulations are summarised below:

- A two-stage process of consultation is required in relation to proposed SPDs.
- There is little by way of prescription in relation to the first stage of consultation; there is no specified list of consultees or timescale for representations.
- Once the first stage is undertaken a statement must be prepared in accordance with Regulation 12, which explains who was consulted at the first stage, what issues were raised and how those issues have been addressed in the SPD.
- The second stage of consultation requires that statement, together with the draft SPD, to be made available to the public. A consultation period of at least four weeks is required.

The first stage of consultation is the most important in practical terms as this provides an opportunity for the community and stakeholders to influence the content of the draft SPD and for the council to take account of and reflect comments received, if appropriate, in the final iteration of the SPD.

The Lambeth Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2015 sets out how the council will engage with the community and other stakeholders in the development of planning policy documents. The SCI states that, in developing SPDs, the council may use the same general methods of engagement for SPDs as Development Plan Documents – these methods are set out in Table 1 of the SCI. It specifies at least one round of public engagement with a minimum consultation period of four weeks. The consultation methods considered to be most appropriate for consultation on this SPD are set out below.

Public consultation on the draft SPD is proposed to take place over two calendar months, from December 2016 to February 2017. This goes beyond minimum requirements, to promote wider participation. The principal elements of the proposed consultation approach are:

- Electronic notification of the consultation with links to the draft SPD and response form emailed to contacts on the planning policy consultation database (this includes businesses, community groups, amenity societies, developers and landowners, individuals who have asked to be kept informed).
- Electronic notification of the consultation with links to the draft SPD and response form emailed to neighbouring boroughs and the GLA.
- Copies of the draft SPD and response form to be made available:
 - Online – on the planning policy pages of the Lambeth website
 - Hard copies at Phoenix House and all Lambeth libraries
- Press release (subject to further discussion with the Press Office)

The consultation will be open to responses from any interested parties.

As set out above, the Regulations require a second stage of consultation. This will take place after responses to the first stage of consultation have been considered and any amendments made to the SPD. It is likely to be undertaken during spring 2017. The Regulations require that a statement setting out who was consulted during preparation of the SPD and a summary of the main issues raised and how those issues have been addressed,

be made available to the public, together with the SPD. In accordance with the Regulations the statement and SPD will be available at Phoenix House and all Lambeth libraries and published on the council's website. Contacts on the planning policy consultation database, neighbouring boroughs and the GLA will also be notified electronically. Representations will be invited over a (minimum) four week period.

In accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening statement will be prepared to determine whether the SPD requires a full SEA. The council is required to consult with three prescribed statutory organisations (Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency) on this screening statement for five weeks.