

# Draft New Camden Local Plan

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# Introduction

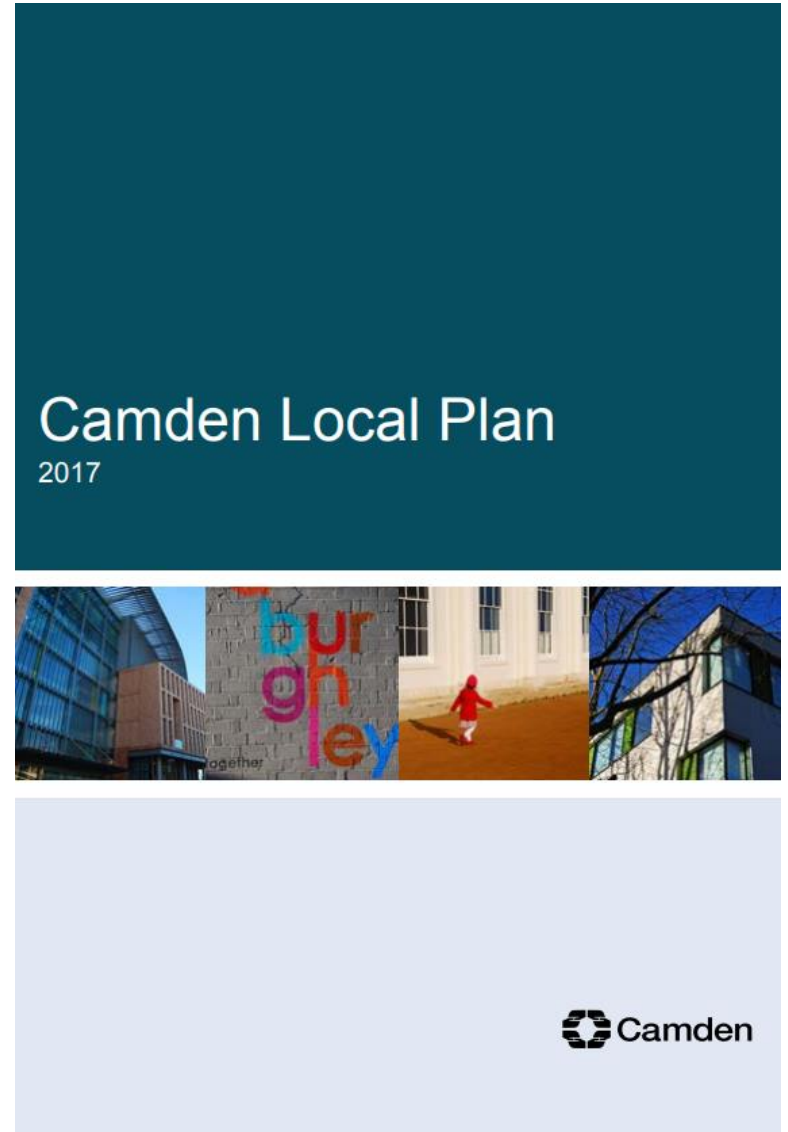
Presentation will cover:

- Introduction to the Local Plan Review
- Inclusive Economy
- Supporting Camden's Communities
- Transport and Infrastructure



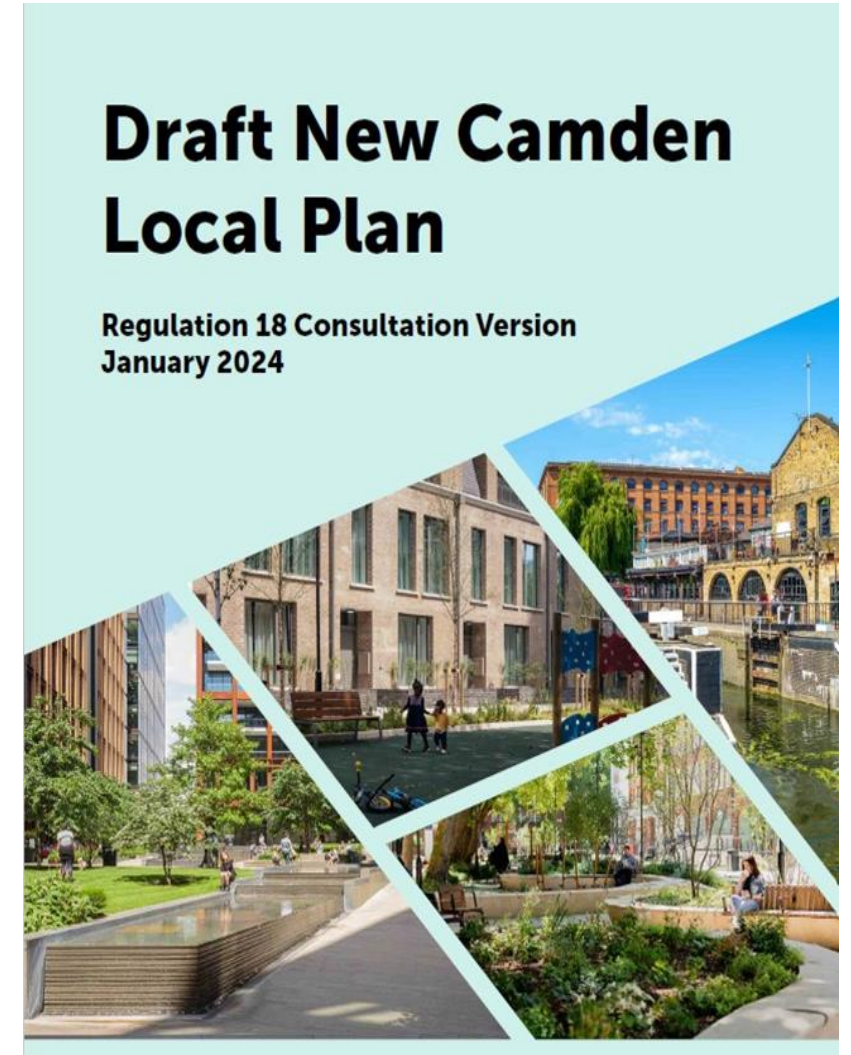
# Need for Review

- Requirement to review and update Plans every 5 years
- Ensure the council continues to have robust and up-to-date planning policies that will deliver the Council's priorities.
- Purpose of the review has been to update our policies where needed and consider where new policies are required.
- To inform the Local Plan review we held a call for views in 2022/23 and have also commissioned updates to our evidence base.
- The new Local Plan also incorporates the site allocations from the draft Site Allocations Local Plan.



# The draft new Local Plan

- Vision and Objectives
- Development Strategy
- Area policies and site allocations
- Housing
- Climate Change
- Local Economy and Town Centres
- Communities
- Natural Environment
- Design and Amenity
- Transport
- Delivery and Monitoring



# How to comment

You can share your views on the draft new Local Plan with us in a number of ways:

- Via our commonplace site [Have Your Say Today - Draft New Camden Local Plan - Commonplace](#).
- By email to [planningpolicy@camden.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@camden.gov.uk).
- By attending an online public engagement session -
  - Overview of the Local Plan, Housing and Site Allocations - 1 February 2024 - 7pm - 9pm
  - Inclusive Economy, Town Centres, Communities, Infrastructure and Transport - 7 February 2024 - 7pm - 9pm
  - Climate Change, Environment and Design - 13 February 2024 - 7pm - 9pm
- All events will be hosted on our CouncilsUK portal and you can register to take part via [Camden Local Plan Consultation](#).

# Next Steps

- Consultation on the draft new Local Plan closes on the 13 March 2024.
- Following this, officers will review the comments submitted and update the policies in the Plan where needed.
- Updated draft Local Plan will be published for consultation at the end of 2024
- The Plan will then be submitted for public examination by a Planning Inspector in 2025



# Any Questions?



# Inclusive Economy





# Inclusive Economy

## **Policies:**

- Successful and inclusive economy
- Offices
- Industry
- Affordable Workspace / Hatton Garden
- Shopping and related uses
- Gambling-related uses
- Hot food takeaways
- Delivery-led food businesses

# Main issues raised during consultation

- Plan should support provision of on-site childcare facilities and co-working spaces
- Impact of changes in office floorspace demand
- Shift towards greater home working
- Support alternative uses of redundant office spaces
- Do more to encourage apprenticeships, including for people of all ages
- Set requirements for affordable workspace as a % in employment schemes
- Consider cross-boundary needs and joint working, e.g. Kilburn
- Support the revitalisation of town centres
- Address issues of vacant units in town centres, e.g. 'meanwhile uses'
- Protect specialist clusters of businesses
- Give greater emphasis to supporting arts and culture

# Evidence, strategies and policies

- We Make Camden
- Economic Needs Assessment
- Affordable Workspace Strategy
- KQ2050
- Retail and high streets needs assessment
- Future High Streets prospectus
- Emerging ENTE Strategy
- Public Health Evidence
- London Plan 2021



# Key issues for the Inclusive Economy

- Aligning with the inclusive economy approach in We Make Camden: including clearer expectations around affordable workspace delivery and the socio-economic impacts being sought
- Greater flexibility in change of use of offices (to housing while ensuring that the needs of SMEs and creative industries are considered)
- Ensuring the intensification of industrial sites provide wider planning benefits
- In town centres, retain clear expectations for active ground floor uses and supporting a wider range of town centre uses
- Concentrations of gambling premises, which tend to be in areas with populations more vulnerable to gambling-related harm
- Emphasising the importance of arts and cultural institutions to Camden
- Encouraging a greater range of uses and activities in the evening and night-time

# Overview of proposed policy approach

- All major schemes (providing at least 1,000sqm offices, R&D and light industry floorspace) to contribute to affordable workspace (except in Hatton Garden where a 200sqm threshold will apply). Require 20% of gross floorspace to be provided at 50% of market rent for a minimum of 15 years
- Expect affordable workspace to be delivered on-site but provide flexibility for off-site provision in certain instances (and providing the ability to pool contributions). Approach links type of provision to needs of local area and objectives of Affordable Workspace Strategy
- Expect major commercial/mixed-use developments to address barriers to work and inequalities, e.g. provision of creches
- New office provision to be focussed on CAZ, Town Centres and where office use is specified in a site allocation.

# Overview of proposed policy approach

- Provide greater flexibility where a change of use of offices is being proposed: if space is no longer viable (or it is not cost effective to meet tighter environmental standards), we will negotiate a proportion of employment floorspace that addresses the Borough's economic needs, expecting at least 50% of floorspace to be provided as housing
- Identifies the need to boost supply of smaller/lower cost space for creatives and the circular and low carbon economy
- Seeks to manage and protect the supply of industrial land, whilst recognising the scope to use some sites more efficiently to deliver wider Local Plan objectives.

# Overview of proposed policy approach

- Protect and enhance the role and distinctive character of each of Camden's centres
- Retail and town centre policies updated to reflect changes in national policy: detailed frontage controls removed as no longer enforceable following introduction of Use Class E
- Support a wider range of town centre uses, including childcare, affordable workspace and sharing economy
- Widen range of evening and night-time uses to benefit residents and shift workers
- Steer delivery-led food businesses to larger employment sites and away from predominantly residential areas
- Cap the number of gambling premises and resist additional ones in certain areas (sensitive locations, close to schools, etc.)

# Any Questions?





# Supporting Camden's Communities



# Common themes from consultation

- Need to consider the wider determinants of health and aim to reduce health inequalities
- The Plan needs to be family-friendly
- Developers should contribute towards additional social and community infrastructure to meet the needs generated by new developments
- Need to recognise the continued role that public houses play in the local economy and social diversity
- Need to ensure that new developments include public toilets
- Important to promote and protect open spaces



# Key issues

- Align the Local Plan with the ambitions and priorities set out in We Make Camden
- Support the delivery of the Camden Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022 – 2030
- Ensure that community facilities are designed to be inclusive and accessible to meet the needs of Camden's communities
- The design and management of open space
- Supporting the Council's food mission
- Securing contributions to help fund community arts projects
- Refreshing our evidence to reflect infrastructure providers priorities

# Scope of the Community Policies

The policies address the following issues:

- Improving health and wellbeing
- Social and community infrastructure
- Open space
- Food growing
- Cultural Facilities
- Public houses



# Overview of proposed policy approach

- We have updated the health and wellbeing policy to emphasise the need for development to be designed to promote good health and wellbeing, minimise adverse impacts on health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.
- We have strengthened the requirement for Health Impact Assessments – these should be undertaken for major developments and for developments that give rise to significant adverse health impacts.
- We have updated the social and community infrastructure policy to provide clearer guidance on our expectations for the design of new community facilities to ensure they are inclusive and accessible to meet the needs of the communities they serve.
- Our overall approach to the protection of existing and provision of new social and community infrastructure remains unchanged.

# Overview of proposed policy approach

- We have updated the open space policy to provide additional guidance on the design and management of public open spaces.
- Our overall approach to protecting existing and the provision/ enhancement of new open space remains unchanged however, along with our open space standards.
- To support the delivery of the Council's food mission we have included a new policy on 'Food Growing', which sets out our approach supporting food growing and community food growing in development schemes.
- We are continuing to protect existing cultural facilities and seek the provision of new remains. We will also now seek contributions from developments to help fund community arts projects.
- We are continuing with our current approach of protecting public houses which are of value and resisting their change of use. New pubs are supported in appropriate locations.

# Any Questions?



# Transport





# Main issues raised during consultation

- Support approach in current Local Plan to prioritise sustainable modes of transport
- Need to use more inclusive language as not everyone can walk or cycle
- Need for greater investment in transport infrastructure
- Step-free access should be provided at all stations
- Greater provision of electric vehicle charging points required
- Highways greening
- Need to promote the sustainable movement of freight – support use of cargo bikes

# Key issues

- Need to align the Local Plan with the priorities in the Council's transport strategy, clean air action plan and climate change action plan
- Align with the Mayor's Healthy Streets guidance
- Creating safer, more accessible and inclusive streets and public spaces
- Delivering public realm improvements
- Sustainable movement of goods and services, particularly for last mile delivery
- Providing high quality active and sustainable travel options to help our communities access jobs, services, and leisure facilities
- Supporting the delivery of 'net zero' and improving local air quality
- Recognising the health benefits associated with active travel

# Scope of Transport Policies

Policies address the following issues:

- Safe, healthy and sustainable transport
- Minimising the need to travel
- Prioritising walking, wheeling and cycling
- Public transport
- Shared transport infrastructure and services
- Parking and car free development
- Sustainable movement of goods, services and materials



# Overview of proposed policy approach

- We have included a new policy which sets out our overarching strategy for prioritising the delivery of safe, active, healthy, affordable and sustainable transport.
- Updated policy on walking and cycling to also include wheeling, to ensure the new development also meets the needs of disabled people
- We have included a requirement for streets to be designed in line with the Mayor's Healthy Streets approach, with greater emphasis on highway greening
- We have updated the public transport policy to emphasise the need for delivery of step free access at stations - contributions will be sought from major developments to deliver this
- We have included a new policy to support the delivery of shared transport infrastructure and services, e.g. car clubs, bike hire, cargo bikes, EV charging points and micromobility hubs.
- We have amended the sustainable movement of goods policy to minimise the impact of freight and servicing trips through measures such as provision of on-site servicing facilities and timing of deliveries outside peak hours

# Infrastructure



# Overview of proposed policy approach

- The delivery and monitoring policy in the Plan sets out how we will:
  - work with our partners to deliver our plans;
  - ensure necessary infrastructure is provided;
  - make use of planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL);
  - monitor the delivery of the Local Plan.
- The infrastructure schedule in Appendix 1 of the Plan has been updated to reflect the Council's priorities over the Plan period to 2041
- Further infrastructure priorities are also set out in the area based policies for the South, Central, West and Northern areas of Camden
- We are also producing an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to support the new Local Plan and ensure that the infrastructure needed in response to new development and to support local communities is provided.

# Any Questions?

