

Ealing Regulation 19 Duty to Cooperate Statement February 2023

Legal Duty

Section 33A (§33A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 came into effect in November 2011 and states that LPA's are 'to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis' with neighbouring boroughs and other public bodies in the preparation of development plan documents 'so far as relating to a strategic matter.'

Ealing Local Planning Authority also sits within the area of the London Plan, and Section 24 (1)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires borough plans to be in general conformity with the London Plan.

Statement of Common Ground

Paragraph 27 of the NPPF now requires strategic policymaking authorities to 'prepare and maintain one or more statements of common ground, documenting the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these.' Ealing will prepare these statements subsequent to Regulation 19 to support the submission version of the plan.

London Plan

Development of the London plan itself is a collaborative process, with joint working on several areas of evidence and considerable reliance upon boroughs to verify survey and supply data these include;

London Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2017)
London Industrial Land Supply Study (2023)

Ealing is also home to two opportunity areas at Southall, and North Acton (in the form of OPDC). Ealing has cooperated with GLA in the preparation of several frameworks for Southall. Similarly, Ealing LPA maintains close ties with OPDC across our planning and regeneration functions, particularly in respect of North Acton. Ealing and OPDC have also agreed a Scheme of Delegation covering specific planning responsibilities in the shared area of North Acton.

Joint West London Evidence

Under the auspices of the West London Alliance which brings together Ealing along with Harrow, Hillingdon, Brent, Barnet, Hounslow, Hammersmith and Fulham. Quarterly meetings are held at Officer and Chief officer levels to coordinate and discuss planning work and several pieces of Local Plan evidence have been jointly prepared with some or all of these LPAs, including;

West London Waste Plan (2015)
West London Small Sites SHLAA (2018)
West London SFRA (2022)
Ealing and OPDC Affordable Workspace Study (2022)
West London Employment Land Review (2019), and update (2023)
West London Town Centres Study (2023)

Heathrow Strategic Planning Group

A group to coordinate sustainable planning of the airport if formed of Ealing and various partner organisations and boroughs; Thames Valley Buckinghamshire LEP, Elmbridge Borough Council, Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership, London Borough of Hounslow, Runnymede Borough Council, Slough Borough Council, Spelthorne Borough Council, Surrey County Council, Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

Shared evidence includes;

Heathrow Joint Spatial Planning Framework (2020)

HSPG Position Statement (2020)

Summary of Consultation

Body	Regulation 18		Regulation 19		Publication	
	Notified	Comment	Notified	Comment	Notified	Comment
GLA	✓	✓	✓			
LB Brent	✓	✓	✓			
LB Barnet	✓		✓			
LB Harrow	✓	✓	✓			
LB Hillingdon	✓	✓	✓			
LBHF	✓	✓	✓			
OPDC	✓	✓	✓			
Historic England	✓	✓	✓			
Environment Agency	✓	✓	✓			
Natural England	✓	✓	✓			
Civil Aviation Authority	✓		✓			
Canal and River Trust	✓	✓	✓			
Network Rail	✓	✓	✓			
West London NHS	✓	✓	✓			
Transport for London	✓	✓	✓			
MoD (RAF Northolt)	✓	✓	✓			
Highways England	✓		✓			
Metropolitan Police Service	✓	✓	✓			
Thames Water	✓	✓	✓			

Next Steps

Detailed Statements of Common Ground will be agreed as appropriate after Regulation 19.