

**EALING BOROUGH COUNCIL****Examination of the Ealing Local Plan 2024-2039 (the Plan)**

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**HEARING SESSION AGENDA****Matter 3: Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy**

- Questions relevant to this Matter are set out in the Inspectors Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)<sup>1</sup>.
- This agenda is an abridged version of the MIQs designed to indicate the specific areas that the Inspectors would like to focus on in the Hearing session. This is to assist all participants with preparation (with the relevant question number from the MIQ document also included to allow cross referencing). Having read the hearing statements, it may be necessary to pose some supplementary questions in this session. Other MIQs within this matter that are not on the agenda are still open for discussion at the Hearing session under 'other soundness points'.
- Guidance on the format and taking part in the Hearing sessions can be found in the Inspectors Guidance Notes<sup>2</sup>. Participants will be assumed to have read paragraphs 25 to 37 of the notes in particular and should be aware that the hearings are focused sessions with limited time. As such, repeating statements already put to the Examination at length will not be permissible. Contributions should be succinct and to the point in the interests of making the best use of the time available and fairness to everyone.
- Any specific needs or questions about the procedure should be drawn to the attention of the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

**Issue**

Whether the Vision and Spatial Strategy for the Borough is justified, effective, in general conformity with the London Plan, consistent with national policy and positively prepared.

**Plan policy focus** – SP1-SP4 (*Note – these are strategic policies that include topics that will be considered in more detail at specific matter hearing sessions,*

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8246/local\\_plan\\_miqs\\_v2](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8246/local_plan_miqs_v2)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8243/local\\_plan\\_guidance\\_notes](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/downloads/download/8243/local_plan_guidance_notes)

*including Housing (Matter 4), Economic Development (Matter 5), Design and Amenity, Tall Buildings, and the Historic Environment (Matter 6), and Climate Change, the Environment and Healthy Places (Matter 7).*

## **Agenda**

### **Item 1: Policy SP1 Vision and Objectives**

- Is the Boroughwide Vision for the Plan ambitious, yet realistic, with appropriate alignment with the London Plan? [**MIQ1**]
- Are the objectives of the Plan clearly set out and measurable? [**MIQ2**]
- Other soundness points
- Modifications

### **Item 2: Spatial Strategy – general issues**

- Does the choice of Spatial Strategy flow logically from the conclusions of the IIA? [**MIQ3**]
- Are the strategic place interventions at pages 87-90 of the Plan justified by the evidence and accurately summarised in the Plan? Do the policies in the Plan support the strategic place interventions? [**MIQ14e**]
- How have impacts beyond the Borough boundary been considered and reflected in the choice of Spatial Strategy? [**MIQ4**]
- Do Policies SP2-SP4 clearly set out deliverable planning related policy in a manner which gives certainty in future decision taking in the Borough and does the development plan as a whole make provision for all the measures which the implementation of the policies rely upon? How will the implementation of Policies SP2-SP4 be assessed? [**MIQ5**]
- Other soundness points
- Modifications

### **Item 3: Infrastructure**

- Is the approach to infrastructure planning in the Plan sound and in general conformity with the London Plan? Taken as a whole does it support a conclusion that the growth proposed by the Plan is deliverable? [**MIQ6 a-d**]
- Is there proportionate evidence on the potential effects of the growth in the Plan on the strategic and local road network? Will mitigation within the development plan be effective, including measures to promote active travel? [**MIQ7**]

- How has flood risk influenced the choice of Spatial Strategy? Is the approach to assessing risk robust and consistent with national policy? [**MIQ9**]
- Other soundness points

#### Item 4: Greenbelt/MOL

11. Paying regard to paragraph 145 of the Framework, do strategic policies establish the need for any changes to Green Belt/MOL boundaries? If so, which ones and how? Are exceptional circumstances for any proposed changes to boundaries evidenced and justified? Are all detailed amendments to boundaries clear and addressed in the evidence? [**MIQ11**]

- Other soundness points
- Modifications

#### Item 5: Policy SP2

- What progress has the Council made in meeting becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and on what basis is the deliverability of this policy target justified? [**MIQ12b**]
- Is the inclusion of the 20-Minute Neighbourhood concept in general conformity with the London Plan and consistent with the Framework. What provisions does the Local Plan make to delivering this concept? [**MIQ 12d**]
- Other soundness points
- Modifications

#### Item 6: Policy SP3

- Are any modifications required so that it adequately responds to tackling all of the matters falling within its scope? [**MIQ 13c**]
- What, if any are the implications for discrepancy between Figure 14 of the ELP and Figure 6.6 of the OPDC Local Plan in terms of air quality matters? [**MIQ13d**]
- Other soundness points
- Modifications

#### Item 7: Policy SP4

- In terms of Policy SP4: are the ways of promoting good growth at SP4.1 (a) to (g) aligned and in general conformity with the London Plan? [**MIQ14 b**]
- Other soundness points

- Modifications

Item 8: Soundness of Spatial Strategy

- Overall, is the spatial Strategy sound, having regard to the Borough's assessed development needs, the requirements of national policy, and general conformity with the London Plan? [**MIQ15**]