

Authorities Monitoring Report 2012 - 2013



Ealing's Local Plan
Development Monitor 1 (July 2013)
Monitoring The Local Planning Process

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1. Introduction

1.1

Ealing's development plan comprises the London Plan and Ealing's Local Plan documents. Changes introduced under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the local planning authority to prepare a new development plan for the borough. This is called the Local Plan (until recently known as the Local Development Framework or LDF). The Local Plan will eventually replace the current development plan for Ealing called the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) that was adopted in 2004.

1.2

Local Plans are the plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the local community. Local Plans are key to delivering sustainable development that reflects the visions and aspirations of local communities. Planning decisions must be taken in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Each local planning authority should produce a Local Plan for its area. This can be reviewed in whole or in part to respond flexibly to changing circumstances.

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The Council has a responsibility to monitor the effectiveness of the policies in these documents and to report on progress in producing local plan documents and other aspects of planning. The document which brings this monitoring information together is the 'AMR' – Ealing's "Authorities' Monitoring Report".

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Four separate AMR "development monitors" are planned each year as follows:

- **AMR Development Monitor 1 – Monitoring the Local Planning Process** (July 2013) which primarily examines performance with regard to the Council's public 'project plan' which identifies which local development documents will be produced, in what order and when. It also reviews action taken under the 'duty to cooperate' and provides a short update on neighbourhood planning in the borough.
- **AMR Development Monitor 2 – Monitoring Local Planning Obligations** (July 2013) which examines the Community Infrastructure Levy and s106 funds arising from any approved development.
- **AMR Development Monitor 3 – Borough Wide Development Monitoring** (October 2013) which examines a number of key performance indicators on a mostly thematic basis and including any statutory requirements not included in Monitors 1-2 e.g. in relation to the housing supply.
- **AMR Development Monitor 4 – Area, Local and Sites Development Monitoring** (Jan/Feb 2014) which provides a more in-depth review examining performance indicators on a mostly neighbourhood specific basis together with a review of progress regarding key development sites in the borough.

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This is the first AMR monitor in the series and is divided into three parts:

- Section 2 examines progress towards the preparation of Ealing's Local Plan. It measures performance in relation to the Council's public project plan or "Local Development Scheme" (LDS). Effectively, the LDS provides a directory of existing key planning documents in Ealing (and other relevant documents), and indicates the work that is being done to produce the additional documents necessary. It shows the timescales for preparation, the way in which the work will be done and establishes the Council's priorities for forward planning.
- Section 3 briefly summarises action undertaken under the duty to cooperate. The duty to co-operate requires local planning authorities and public bodies or other persons¹ as prescribed to work together constructively, actively and on an on-going basis on strategic,² cross boundary matters in the preparation of local development documents.
- Section 4 provides a short update on neighbourhood planning in the borough.

¹ The other persons prescribed are those identified in Regulation 4 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

² A strategic matter is defined as sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including the use of land for/in connection with infrastructure that is strategic.

2. Progress towards the preparation of Ealing's Local Plan

2.1

This section examines progress towards the preparation of Ealing's Local Plan.

2.2

The Council continues to make good progress towards the preparation of the Local Plan. The main achievement was the adoption of the **Development (or Core) Strategy** at the beginning of the year. This followed an examination in public conducted by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. In her report the Inspector's overall conclusion was that, with the minor recommendations recommended in her report, that the Development Plan Document satisfies the requirements of Section 20 (5) (a) and (b) of the 2004 Act (as amended) and the associated 2004 Regulations (as amended). Thus, the Development Strategy has complied with the legal requirements and is sound. The Council formally adopted the plan at a meeting of the Full Council on April 3rd 2012.

2.3

Further work continued on the preparation of the **Development Sites and Management DPDs** (together with an associated and revised Policies Map. Two rounds of public and stakeholder consultation were held. Publication versions of the plan were consulted upon for 8 weeks between June 29th and August 24th 2012. Further alterations were also consulted upon between October 5th and November 16th 2012.

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The plans were eventually submitted for examination in public to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on February 25th 2013. He appointed an independent Inspector, Christine Thorby DipTP MRTPI IHBC, to conduct the examination to determine whether these plans are sound and she is expected to present her report in Autumn 2013. The Inspector presided over a number of formal public hearings between the 4th and 6th June and 11th and 12th June 2013 and a number of 'minor' and 'main' modifications to the DPDs that were submitted have been identified.

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The 'main modifications' concern amendments to the content of site allocations and the wording of policies etc. which are considered necessary for the DPDs to be sound in planning terms. They are now subject to a period of public and stakeholder consultation for a period of six weeks between Tuesday 25th June and Tuesday 6th August 2013. In the interests of transparency, the Council are also publishing schedules of 'minor modifications.' The minor modifications relate to minor textual and grammatical amendments and have been published for information only.

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Once the consultation has closed, officers will produce a further report summarising any further representations that are received and will provide further comments, where appropriate. The Inspector will then consider these and decide whether or not it is necessary to re-convene other formal public hearings if she needs to clarify any matters. If this becomes necessary all relevant parties will be invited to attend/speak, as appropriate. The Inspector will then prepare her report including any main modifications that may be required to ensure that the plans are sound. Assuming that her report confirms that the plans are legally compliant and sound, it is expected that formal adoption of the plans (which requires a resolution of the Full Council) will take place before the end of the year as planned. At that point any saved policies in the Council's existing development plan (the Unitary Development Plan or UDP) will be superseded.

2.7

The Council is also planning for waste. The **Joint West London Waste Plan** aims to identify possible sites for managing the area's waste and is being prepared in cooperation with 5 neighbouring LPAs. Publication of final proposals was scheduled for May 2013 but has been delayed until Autumn 2013. This will enable officers to deal with matters arising from an independent Inspector's finding regarding legal compliance for the North London Waste Plan (relating to the interpretation and implications of the new duty to co-operate), to take account of representations from the GLA to ensure general conformity with the London Plan and to take consider the implications of safeguarding of land for HS2. This has necessitated additional work to ensure the plan is likely to be found legally compliant and sound. Some further slippage in the revised timetable cannot be entirely ruled out.

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The Council is also planning to produce a separate **Schools DPD** which aims to identify possible sites for new secondary schools in the borough. Further work has been undertaken to establish an appropriate evidence base as a precursor to a public consultation of stakeholders and the public in Summer 2013.

2.9

In addition, officers are also working on a number of **Supplementary Planning Documents** (SPDs) that provide additional policy guidance and amplify upon the policies and proposals of the adopted local plan. Where the SPD has already been consulted upon, subject to any representations received from stakeholders and the public, it will be adopted in late 2013 at the same time as the Development Sites and Management DPDs (subject to their examination in public). These include:

- **Arcadia, Ealing SPD** - It primarily aims to establish some clear design objectives for one of the key redevelopment opportunities within Ealing Town Centre. Stakeholders and the public were consulted on the plan for an 8 week period which closed on August 24th 2012.
- **Ealing Cinema SPD** - It primarily aims to establish some clear design objectives for one of the key redevelopment opportunities within Ealing Town Centre. Stakeholders and the public were consulted on the plan for a 6 week period which closed on November 30th 2012.

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- **Accessible Ealing SPD** - It primarily aims to ensure that everyone in Ealing has full access to buildings and outdoor spaces. Stakeholders and the public were consulted on the plan for a 6 week period which closed on November 30th 2012.

- **Sustainable Transport for New Development SPD** - It primarily aims to set out the transport assessment and travel plan requirements for new developments in the borough, and to provide guidance on the preparation and content of these documents. Stakeholders and the public were consulted on the plan for a 6 week period which closed on November 30th 2012.

- **Community Infrastructure Levy, Planning Obligations and Legal Agreements SPD** – It primarily sets out how Ealing will use its ability to secure planning obligations to promote sustainable development and provides a charging schedule for new infrastructure that will arise from any new development in the borough. It will also cover the use by the Council of other powers to secure legal agreements related to development proposals as, for example, its powers as the local highway authority, and the role of the Greater London Authority. This is in preparation and will be consulted upon in Autumn 2013.

- **Southall Opportunity Area Planning Framework/SPD** – It primarily aims to provide a development framework to ensure a comprehensive approach to the regeneration of Southall, with a particular focus on enhancing and supporting the unique identity of Southall within London. It is also a delivery vehicle, with the purpose of establishing a coordinated, consistent and high quality approach to bringing forward new development in the area, specifically

considering how key development sites fit together. The Council is working with the GLA, TfL and Crossrail. This is in preparation and will be consulted upon shortly.

- **Park Royal City/Old Oak Common Opportunity Area Planning Framework SPD** - The Park Royal OAPF was originally produced by the GLA working with the London Boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham; Ealing and Brent together with the Park Royal Partnership, TfL and the London Development Agency. It was published in January 2011. A revised Opportunity Area Planning Framework is currently being prepared for the Park Royal/ Willesden Junction/ Kensal Canalside Opportunity Area in the light of the Government's announcement to potentially locate a HS2 station at Old Oak Common. The Council is working with the GLA, TfL, HS2, Crossrail and 3 neighbouring LPAs. This is in preparation but we will be jointly consulting on a Vision for Old Oak during Summer 2013.

2.10

Finally, the Council officers have begun a review of other existing **Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPGs)** and **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)** modelled on the approach taken nationally by Lord Matthew Taylor of Goss Moor in his "External Review of Government Planning Practice Guidance" (Dec 2012) and will recommend whether any existing SPGs/SPDs be cancelled or not, whether any relevant material which should be incorporated into revised guidance or whether it should be retained until replaced by further revised guidance. In addition, the review will also consider whether or not there are any areas where new guidance should be prepared.

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The council has previously produced supplementary planning guidance (SPG) and supplementary planning documents (SPD) that provide additional policy guidance and amplifies upon the policies and proposals of the adopted UDP (or Plan for the Environment). They relate to topics, areas, and sites. Supplementary planning documents (SPD) replace SPGs in the new planning system introduced under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004 and perform the same function. Whilst guidance is important to ensuring planning decisions are properly informed but should not place undue burdens on users of the planning system. Furthermore, there is no need to repeat policies that have been covered elsewhere either in the London Plan and associated SPGs or in Ealing's own Local Plan.

2.12

It is anticipated that the majority of existing SPGs/SPDs will no longer be required and will therefore be recommended for cancellation. The effective date for the proposed cancellation of any SPGs/SPDs will be the date when the Development Sites and Management DPDs (together with an associated Policies Map) are adopted before the end of the year.

2.13

Tables A to F below provide short profile for each of the programmed Local Development Documents. As a basis of comparison under 'key milestones' Local Plan performance is measured against the targets set out in the Council's fifth LDS published in February 2013 together with any revised timetable for plan preparation, where appropriate. Performance is highlighted employing the RAG system - based on achievement/within one month of target (green), within six months of target (amber) or more than six months of target (red), respectively.

2.14

The profiles include all of the development plan documents (DPDs) that are in preparation. Although there are no longer a requirement those SPDs have to be identified in the LDS the CIL SPD has been included because of its significance and the likely interest that it will generate.

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A. Development (or Core) Strategy DPD

Title	Development (or Core) Strategy DPD		
Role and Context	The Strategy sets out the Council's vision and strategic objectives for the Borough for fifteen years from 2011 to 2026. It contains the spatial strategy and core policies. Broad locations are shown on a key diagram and a monitoring and implementation framework is included.		
Status	Development Plan Document		
Chain of Conformity	The Development Strategy DPD is consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the Mayor's 'London Plan'. The other Development Plan Documents conform to the Development Strategy.		
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide, but also area based.		
Key Milestones:	Targets LDS: Feb 2013	Revised Timetable: July 2013	RAG*
Issues and Options:	February 2006 and September 2007	February 2006 and September 2007	GREEN
Initial Proposals (Preferred Options):	September 2009	September 2009	GREEN
Publication (Final Proposals):	September 2010	September 2010	GREEN
Submission:	July 2011	July 2011	GREEN
Pre-Examination Meeting:	September 2011	September 2011	GREEN
Examination:	November 2011	November 2011	GREEN
Receipt of Inspector's Report:	February 2012	February 2012	GREEN
Adoption:	April 3rd 2012 by Full Council	April 3rd 2012 by Full Council	GREEN
Notes:	<p>1. RAG* = Green within one month of target; Amber within six months of target; Red more than six months off target.</p> <p>2. This plan has been adopted. A rough edit version is available at present with a final printed version expected to be published before the end of the year.</p>		

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B. Development Sites DPD

Title	Development Sites DPD		
Role and Context	This document supports the delivery of the Development Strategy DPD through allocating land for a particular use or type of development. Site allocations seek to deliver specific objectives within the Development Strategy and support/promote proposals for the use of land.		
Status	Development Plan Document		
Chain of Conformity	The Development Sites DPD is consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the Mayor's 'London Plan'. It conforms to and supports the delivery of the Development Strategy DPD. Only those sites considered central to delivering the policies and objectives of the Development Strategy DPD and likely to come forward during the lifetime of the Local Plan are included. Sites are illustrated on the Policies Map. It builds on the non-statutory master planning studies undertaken on behalf of the Council's Economic Regeneration and Housing Directorate services, in the context of the borough Development Strategy.		
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide, but also area based.		
Key Milestones:	Targets LDS: Feb 2013	Revised Timetable: July 2013	RAG*
Issues and Options:	September 2007	September 2007	GREEN
Initial Proposals (Preferred Options):	September 2010	September 2010	GREEN
Publication (Final Proposals):	June 2012	June 2012	GREEN
Submission:	February 2013	February 2013	GREEN
Examination:	May-June 2013	June 2013	GREEN
Receipt of Inspector's Report:	July-August 2013	August-September 2013	GREEN
Adoption:	October 2013 by Full Council	October 2013 by Full Council	GREEN
Notes:	1. RAG* = Green within one month of target; Amber within six months of target; Red more than six months off target. 2. Plan production remains broadly on schedule.		

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C. Development Management DPD

Title	Development Management DPD		
Role and Context	This document comprises criteria to complement the policies of the London Plan, and to deliver the borough's Development Strategy. The format and structure is the same as the London Plan with some variations of policies according to local circumstances and the introduction of some new policies to further the vision set out in the Development Strategy DPD.		
Status	Development Plan Document		
Chain of Conformity	The Development Management DPD is consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the Mayor's 'London Plan'. The Development Management DPD conforms to and supports the delivery of the Development Strategy DPD. Sites are illustrated on the Policies Map.		
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide, but also area based.		
Key Milestones:	Targets LDS: Feb 2013	Revised Timetable: July 2013	RAG*
Issues and Options:	September 2009	September 2009	GREEN
Initial Proposals (Preferred Options):	September 2010	September 2010	GREEN
Publication (Final Proposals):	June 2012 and October 2012	June 2012 and October 2012	GREEN
Submission:	February 2013	February 2013	GREEN
Examination:	May-June 2013	June 2013	GREEN
Receipt of Inspector's Report:	July-August 2013	August-September 2013	GREEN
Adoption:	October 2013 by Full Council	October 2013 by Full Council	GREEN
Notes:	1. RAG* = Green within one month of target; Amber within six months of target; Red more than six months off target. 2. Plan production remains broadly on schedule.		

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D. Planning for Waste DPD

Title	Planning for Waste DPD		
Role and Context	This document supports the delivery of the Development Strategy and satisfies the requirements of the London Plan. Prepared jointly with neighbouring West London boroughs, this DPD will identify and safeguard sufficient sites to accommodate waste management facilities in this sub-region, and set policies to guide the determination of such applications.		
Status	Development Plan Document		
Chain of Conformity	The Joint West London Waste Plan DPD is consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the Mayor's 'London Plan'. The joint West London Waste Plan DPD conforms to and supports the delivery of the Development Strategy DPD. On adoption sites will be illustrated on the Policies Map.		
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide and including the five neighbouring boroughs of Brent, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, and Richmond upon Thames.		
Key Milestones:	Targets LDS: Feb 2013	Revised Timetable: July 2013	RAG*
Issues and Options:	February 2009	February 2009	GREEN
Initial Proposals (Preferred Options):	February 2011	February 2011	GREEN
Publication (Final Proposals):	May 2013	November 2013	AMBER
Submission:	January 2014	February 2014	GREEN
Examination:	March-April 2014	May 2014	GREEN
Receipt of Inspector's Report:	April 2014	July 2014	AMBER
Adoption:	July 2014 by Full Council	September 2014 by Full Council	AMBER
Notes:	<p>1. RAG* = Green within one month of target; Amber within six months of target; Red more than six months off target.</p> <p>2. Publication of final proposals was scheduled for May 2013 but has been delayed to deal with matters arising from independent Inspector's finding regarding legal compliance for the North London Waste Plan (relating to the interpretation and implications of the new duty to cooperate), to take account of representations from the GLA to ensure general conformity with the London Plan and to consider the implications of safeguarding of land for HS2. This has necessitated additional work to ensure the plan is likely to be found legally compliant and sound. Some further slippage in the revised timetable cannot be entirely ruled out.</p>		

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E. Planning for Schools DPD

Title	Planning for Schools DPD		
Role and Context	This document comprises criteria to complement the policies of the London Plan, and to deliver the borough's Development Strategy. This DPD primarily aims to identify possible sites for new primary and secondary schools in the borough.		
Status	Development Plan Document		
Chain of Conformity	The Schools DPD is consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the Mayor's 'London Plan'. The Schools DPD conforms to and supports the delivery of the Development Strategy DPD. On adoption sites will be illustrated on the Policies Map.		
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide		
Key Milestones:	Targets LDS: Feb 2013	Revised Timetable: July 2013	RAG*
Issues and Options:	April-May 2013	July-September 2013 (8 Weeks)	AMBER
Publication (Final Proposals):	July 2013	November-December 2013	AMBER
Submission:	November 2013	February 2014	AMBER
Examination:	December 2013	March-April 2014	AMBER
Receipt of Inspector's Report:	January 2014	May 2014	AMBER
Adoption:	March 2014 by Full Council	June 2014 by Full Council	AMBER
Notes:	<p>1. RAG* = Green within one month of target; Amber within six months of target; Red more than six months off target.</p> <p>2. Publication of an Issues and Options paper was delayed to allow further work to be done on evidence relating to demographics, to review the site selection search criteria/options and to enable necessary work to be completed on a sustainability appraisal scoping report.</p>		

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F. Community Infrastructure Levy/S.106 SPD

Title	Community Infrastructure Levy/S.106 SPD		
Role and Context	This planning guidance sets out how Ealing will use its ability to secure planning obligations to promote sustainable development. It also covers the use by the Council of other powers to secure legal agreements related to development proposals as, for example, its powers as the local highway authority and the role of the Greater London Authority. This document revises and updates work started to supplement UDP policy and has already been subject to some community involvement.		
Status	Supplementary Planning Document		
Chain of Conformity	The CIL/S.106 SPD conforms to and supports the delivery of the Development Strategy DPD.		
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide		
Key Milestones:	Targets LDS: Feb 2013	Revised Timetable: July 2013	RAG*
Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule:	April-May 2013	November-December 2013	RED
Draft Charging Schedule/SPD:	July 2013	September-October 2014	RED
Submission:	October-November 2013	November 2014	RED
Examination:	November -December 2013	December 2014	RED
Receipt of Inspector's Report:	January 2014	January 2015	RED
Adoption:	March 2014 by Full Council	January 2015 by Full Council	RED
Notes:	<p>1. RAG* = Green within one month of target; Amber within six months of target; Red more than six months off target.</p> <p>2. Publication of the preliminary draft charging schedule has been postponed in order to take account of the implications of further potential CIL reforms that were consulted upon between April-May 2013. This indicates that government are likely to delay the deadline for implementation of CIL charging schedules by a further year. In addition, new amended regulations and guidance were issued on April 25th and 26th 2013 respectively. The new regulations make provision related to neighbourhood funding and Mayoral Development Corporations. Where chargeable development takes place in an area for which there is no parish or community council, the charging authority will retain the funds to spend on behalf of the community. The new guidance is essentially an amendment to, and replaces, the statutory guidance only issued on December 14th 2012. The revised timetable assumes charging will commence by April 1st 2015.</p>		

3. Action taken under the 'Duty to Cooperate'

3.1

This section briefly summarises action undertaken under the duty to cooperate.

3.2

Section 110 of the Localism Act inserts section 33A into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Section 33A imposes a duty on a local planning authority to cooperate with other local planning authorities, county councils and bodies or other persons as prescribed. The other persons prescribed are those identified in Regulation 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

3.3

The Duty to Cooperate requires a local planning authority to engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis in the preparation of development plan documents relating to strategic matters. A strategic matter is defined as sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including use of land for/in connection with infrastructure that is strategic.

3.4

Ealing Council undertakes a wide range of engagement with local authorities and other bodies prescribed for the purposes of Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 when preparing development plan documents and other plans and strategies. The preparation and adoption of the Development Strategy, which sets out the council's vision, strategic objectives and policies and the council was satisfied that it involved neighbouring

boroughs and other bodies now identified in Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in the spirit of the duty to co-operate. An independent Inspector found that the DPD complied with the legal requirements and was sound. Consultation Statements are available on the council's websites that reveal the involvement of bodies in the preparation of the Development Strategy.

3.5

In respect of the preparation of both the Development Sites and Management DPDs that were submitted for examination on February 25th 2013, the Council also considers that it has co-operated constructively on issues and actively engaged other bodies identified in the Regulations in preparing DPDs. Consultation Statements were prepared and published that seek to demonstrate how we have complied with this legal requirement.

3.6

It should be noted that the Development Management DPD does not relate particularly to strategic matters, rather it is concerned with development management policies that will be applied once the principle of development has been agreed in accordance with the spatial vision and strategic objectives set out in the Development Strategy. Furthermore, the Development Sites DPD supports delivery of the Development Strategy DPD through allocating land for a particular use or type of development, and therefore due to the localised nature of the policies relating to specific sites, the site allocations do not generally have any cross-boundary/wider strategic impact on two or more planning areas.

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3.7

Further details of involvement and other initiatives are set out below. They demonstrate the on-going processes that the Council uses to maximise effective working with other bodies. These include:

- Consultation and active engagement with bodies during preparation of the Development Strategy DPD at Issues and Options stage (February-March 2006 and September-October 2007), Initial Proposals (September-October 2009) and Final Proposals (September-November 2010). This consultation involved engagement on cross borough issues as appropriate.
- Consultation and active engagement with bodies during the preparation of the Development Sites DPD at (Issues and Options stage (September-October, 2007), Initial Proposals (September-November 2010) and Final Proposals (June-August 2012). This consultation involved engagement on cross borough issues as appropriate.
- Consultation and active engagement with bodies during the preparation of the Development Management DPD at Issues and Options stage (September-October, 2009), Initial Proposals (September-November 2010), Final Proposals (June-August 2012) and Final Proposals – Further Alterations (October-November 2012). This consultation involved engagement on cross borough issues as appropriate.
- Copies of the relevant Consultation Statements on are available on the Council's website. All relevant bodies were also consulted on related Development Plan Document Sustainability Appraisals.
- Some bodies, for example English Heritage, provided statements of common ground prior to the examination into the Development Strategy and Development Management DPDs.
- Many bodies actively engaged with evidence gathering and the preparation of back ground planning documents, e.g. Environment Agency on the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment; London Boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham and Hounslow on the Joint Retail Needs Assessment; five neighbouring boroughs on the Joint West London Waste Plan and a variety of bodies, such as Transport for London, Thames Water, Metropolitan Police and Ealing Primary Care Trust on the Infrastructure Schedule that is incorporated within the Development Strategy.
- Ealing participates in a number of West London groupings of boroughs and other bodies, e.g. as a member of the West London Alliance, the West London Housing Partnership and as a partner in the West London Waste Authority. The Council also engages in pan London bodies, such as London Councils.

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- Ealing liaises and meets regularly with the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Transport for London on strategic policy matters. It contributes to GLA studies (including monitoring of development in the borough) and is active in commenting on GLA policy documents, such as reviews of the London Plan and relevant supplementary planning guidance. The Council also contributes to West London and pan London policy studies as appropriate. The Greater London Authority (GLA) issued a statement of conformity confirming that the proposed plan was in general conformity with the London Plan in respect of the Strategy, Sites and Management DPDs.
- Ealing works constructively with bodies such as English Heritage, Environment Agency, the GLA and Transport for London on reaching development management decisions. The borough is subject to many major regeneration proposals, and discussions between relevant bodies are essential to enable the achievement of sustainable development that benefits Ealing and London as a whole. The policies of these bodies have been taken into account in the drafting of DPDs.
- Ealing works closely with numerous partners in preparing the Community Strategy which itself provides the vision for the Development Strategy.

- Ealing actively engages with other bodies on a number of cross cutting/borough regeneration area initiatives, e.g. Southall OAPF with the GLA, tfl, Network Rail, Crossrail and LB Hillingdon and Park Royal/Old Oak OAPF with the GLA, tfl, Crossrail, High Speed 2 and the neighbouring boroughs of Brent, Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea. Both these initiatives will result in the publication of opportunity area planning frameworks.
- Ealing is involved in cross boundary transport projects such as Crossrail and High Speed 2 as well as on-going liaison with Transport for London on underground train services, road improvements and cycle ways. It engages with neighbouring boroughs on these projects in working groups.
- Ealing has worked with organisations with a responsibility for infrastructure provision in the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Schedule which will accompany the council's Community Infrastructure Levy which is in preparation.
- Ealing Council has a history of a high level of cooperation with other bodies, including neighbouring local authorities and the GLA on cross boundary issues. This approach is reflected in a number of inter borough and multi-agency working groups, in a robust evidence base for its development plan documents and in the general support received for the Development Strategy and other DPDs. The council is always prepared to engage with consultation bodies, and its consultation statements show that it is prepared to amend policies on the advice of others where this is appropriate.

4. Update on Neighbourhood Planning in Ealing

4.1

This section provides a short update on neighbourhood planning in the borough.

4.2

Neighbourhood planning is intended to give communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need. Neighbourhood development plans are community-led plans that set out local priorities for defined areas of the borough that must meet certain “basic conditions” – including conformity with the strategic policies of higher level plans – and must be subject to an independent examination and approved in a local referendum. A Neighbourhood Development Plan will become part of the local statutory development plan and will form the basis for determining planning applications in that area.

4.3

Two formal applications have been received and processed by the Council thus far for both Central and West Ealing. A third formal application is anticipated during Summer 2013 for Hanwell. More detailed information, including contact details for the new neighbourhood forums are available on the Council’s web pages.

See: http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/1004/planning_policy/1377/neighbourhood_planning

(a) Central Ealing

4.4

Central Ealing Neighbourhood Forum was recognised as the qualifying body on March 27th 2013. This followed designation of the neighbourhood area on October 29th 2012. The Forum has agreed an initial vision to “make Ealing a destination, not become a dormitory” and undertaken work around four themes – Open space & heritage, Getting around, Shops, offices & jobs and Culture. It has published a leaflet inviting views and will launch at a public meeting on July 24th 2013. Initial plans for community engagement have been developed and support is being sought from Locality and the frontrunner funding. The interim Chair is Nick Woolven. The Forum has a website and uses twitter.

(b) West Ealing

4.5

West Ealing Centre Neighbourhood Forum was recognised as a qualifying body on 27 March 2013. This followed designation of the neighbourhood area on October 29th 2012. WECNF launched on June 18th 2013 and has established its committee with Eric Leach as Chair. It has produced a leaflet inviting views on its work and focused initially on the High Street, Movement, Crossrail, Social provision, Heritage and Housing. The Forum participates in the Opportunities in West Ealing steering group which has resources from the High Street Innovation Fund and Riot Recovery Fund. Work is underway to align the visioning and community engagement work of both groups. It is also developing its

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programme for community engagement, including proposals for street drama telling the story of the area and inviting views on its future. Support is being sought from the frontrunner funding. The Forum has recently revamped its website. It participates in many of the more important debates and public consultation exercises in the area.

4.6

Both Forums have participated in a workshop led by ImaginePlaces exploring the best experiences of community engagement in other neighbourhood forums. The boundary for both neighbourhood areas has been digitised and large scale maps produced for both groups. The timetable for both Forums is to produce a plan for consultation and independent examination in 2014.

(c) Hanwell

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An application is expected to be submitted by Hanwell Community Forum in Summer 2013 to agree the area and establish Hanwell Neighbourhood Forum as the qualifying body. The application may include a small part of Hounslow. A constitution and draft boundary for Hanwell has been prepared.

