

London local planning authority responses to questionnaire on how they deal with public comments on planning applications in a planning report

Local Planning Authority	Summarise comments only	Summarise and include comments in the report	Summarise and have a separate bundle of comments	Not summarise but only have a separate bundle of comments	Summarise comments in report and have separate bundle in paper form elsewhere	Summarise comments In report and refer Members to a website	Not summarise comments in report and have a separate bundle in paper form elsewhere	Not summarise comments In report and refer Members to a website	Same approach whether 10 or 500	When comments are in a petition Are comments attached with reference to number of signatures only	Are signatures added as well
Brent		x							Yes	Yes	No
Wandsworth		x							Yes	Yes	No
Richmond		x							Yes	Yes	No
Westminster		x			x				Yes	Yes	No
Ealing	x								No	Yes	No
Lambeth		x							Yes	Yes	No
Newham		x							Yes	Yes	No
Barnet		x							Yes	Yes	No
London Legacy	x								Yes	Yes	No
Greenwich		x							Yes	Yes	No
Camden	x	x							Yes	Yes	No

Comments from the boroughs

Camden

All comments received during the course of the application until the report is finalised are summarised in the report. Once on an agenda residents can make further written representations or a request for a deputation to committee. All written reps received are published in full on the supplementary agenda circulated ahead of the meeting.

Ealing

We do get the odd complaint about the 'misrepresentation' of complaints resulting from the summary heading. However, my experience has shown that in terms of the level of risk from a complaint or challenge it is not worth the resource to reproduce the complaints (which are all on line in any case) either within the report or as an appendix

Greenwich

Reps are summarised on the committee reports and the assessment then deals with them. Petitions are referred to and the issues raised also dealt with as per above. We don't include in full but summarise. If members wished to see them they could but not asked yet.

Lambeth

We usually have a 'consultation section' at the start of each report, which includes a summary of all comments received followed by an officer response to these comments. Sometimes the officer response simply refers to other sections of the report where the issues raised in the comments are discussed. However, if the issues raised they are responded to in the 'consultation section'.

London Legacy

For a petition we summarise the comments (objections, or representations in support), and state how many have signed it.

Wandsworth

We publish all comments online prior to decision, with the exception of comments made relating to a Planning Committee report. For these we summarise on the addendum and if required we add our responses to these.

Westminster

Consultee comments and comments from general public are summarised in a 'consultation' section at the beginning of the report. All responses received are listed as background papers at the end of the report, and published online (only once the committee report is published - 5 days in advance of the committee meeting) as well as Cllrs who are sitting on the committee getting paper copies (as we only have a committee made up of 4 councillors).