

Screening Statement

On the determination of the need for a **Strategic Environmental Assessment** (SEA) in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004* and *European Directive 2001/42/EC* of the:

Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape Part 1 Supplementary Planning Document

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Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening for:

Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape Part 1

1 Purpose of Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- 1.1 The SEA Directive identifies the purpose of SEA as “ to provide for a high level of protection of the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development” (Directive 2001/EC/42)
- 1.2 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is the process by which this Directive is applied to Local Plan documents. SA aims to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of plans.
- 1.3 Development Plan Documents (DPD), which for the City includes the adopted Core Strategy and the emerging Local Plan, are subject to Sustainability Appraisal. However the 2008 Planning Act allows for Supplementary Planning Documents to be prepared without a full SA as long as they are screened to establish whether they will result in significant effects as defined by the SEA Directive.
- 1.4 The SEA Directive exempts plans and programmes from assessment “*When they determine the use of small areas at local level or are minor modifications to the above plans or programmes...*” and states that “*....they should be assessed only where Member States determine that they are likely to have significant effects on the environment.*”
- 1.5 The criteria for determining the significance of effects are taken from schedule 1 (9 (2) (a) and 10 (4)(a) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and are defined in appendix 1. These can be split into the criteria related to (i) the scope and influence of the document (ii) the type of impact and area likely to be affected

2 Purpose of the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape SPD

- 2.1 The Estate was listed Grade II in September 2001 for its special architectural and historic interest. It also includes designation under the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953 on account of the surviving elements of London Wall, and was entered at Grade II* in the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens by English Heritage for the special interest of its landscape in February 2003.
- 2.2 Listed Building Management Guidelines provide clarification as to what types of change may or may not require Listed Building Consent. Listed Building Management Guidelines cannot remove the need for Listed Building Consent for works which affect the character of a building of special architectural and historic interest.
- 2.3 The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape is in three parts: Part I addresses the obligations arising from designation and is intended to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document.
 - To record and analyse the special interest and significance of the estate landscape.

- To provide clear guidance on the implementation and management of change and the protection of the special character and significance of the landscape.

3 SEA Screening Procedure

- 3.1 The Responsible Authority (the City of London Corporation) must determine whether the plan or programme under assessment is likely to have significant environmental effects. This assessment must be made taking account of the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (see appendix 1), and in consultation with the Environment Agency, English Heritage and Natural England.
- 3.2 Where the Responsible Authority determines that the plan or programme is unlikely to have significant environmental effects, and therefore does not need to be subject to full Strategic Environmental Assessment, it must prepare a statement showing the reasons for this determination.
- 3.3 Appendix 1 shows the results of this screening process for the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape Part 1 SPD.

4 Screening and Consultation Outcome

- 4.1 This screening demonstrates that the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape Part 1 SPD is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment. Therefore it will not be necessary to carry out a full SA/SEA on this document.
- 4.2 Each of the statutory consultees has been consulted on this initial screening statement and their responses are summarised below:

Consultee	Response
Environment Agency	No comment
Natural England	No comment on SEA screening
English Heritage	No comment on SEA screening

Determination: The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape Part1 SPD applies to a small area at a local level and is unlikely to have significant effects on the wider environment therefore it will not be necessary to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment on this SPD

Appendix 1 Criteria for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment

SEA Directive Criteria Schedule 1 Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004	Summary of significant effects
1. Characteristics of the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines (LBMG) Volume IV Landscape Part 1 SPD having particular regard to:	
(a) The degree to which the SPD sets out a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size or operating conditions or by allocating resources	The Barbican LBMG Vol IV SPD will provide supplementary guidance to support LDF Core Strategy Policy CS12 <i>Historic Environment</i> . The Core Strategy is the overarching framework for development in the City. This SPD will not allocate resources but will provide guidance as to what changes may require Listed Building Consent before they can be implemented.
(b) The degree to which the SPD influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	The Barbican LBMG Vol IV SPD will provide guidance as to what changes to the Barbican Landscape are likely to require Listed Building Consent and which changes are unlikely to require such consent. However this guidance will be in line with adopted Core Strategy policy CS12 <i>Historic Environment</i> , aiming to conserve or enhance the special architectural and historic interest identified in the List Description. The Core Strategy has been subject to full Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment.
(c) The relevance of the SPD for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	This SPD conforms with policies CS12 <i>Historic Environment</i> in the City's adopted Core Strategy, which promotes sustainable development. The Core Strategy has been subject to full Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment. The Planning Inspector's report of the Core Strategy examination stated that "the Core Strategy preparation has been closely informed by the Sustainability Appraisal. The latter identifies that the Strategy will have largely beneficial effects, and any negative effects can be mitigated"
(d) Environmental problems relevant to the SPD	This document will not introduce or exacerbate any environmental problems. Indeed it will conserve or enhance the heritage significance of the Barbican landscape resulting in social, environmental and economic benefits.
(e) The relevance of the SPD for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example plans and programmes related to waste management or water protection)	This SPD will not impact on the implementation of Community legislation on the environment.

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2 Characteristics of the effects and area likely to be affected having particular regard to:	
(a)The probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	This SPD aims to provide guidance on the conservation and enhancement of the Barbican landscape and identifies the special interest features of the Barbican Estate and categorises elements of change by their likelihood of requiring and/or obtaining Listed Building Consent. The ultimate outcome will be to prevent irreversible change to the special interest features of the estate's landscape. The overall impact will therefore be positive.
(b)The cumulative nature of the effects of the SPD	The effect of this SPD will be largely beneficial therefore any cumulative impacts will also be beneficial.
(c)The trans boundary nature of the effects of the SPD	This SPD will cover a relatively small area at local level therefore it is unlikely to have any trans-boundary effects.
(d)The risks to human health or the environment (eg due to accident)	No significant risks to human health are envisaged through the application of this SPD.
(e)The magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographic area and size of the population likely to be affected) by the SPD	This SPD covers proposed change within the Barbican's landscape, which includes all external areas hard and soft and the car parks. The spatial extent of the site is 12 hectares including over 2000 residential properties housing approximately 3000 residents. The site also houses the Barbican Complex which is Europe's largest multi arts and conference venue. This SPD will limit the magnitude of change in order to conserve the special interest of the estate's landscape.
(f)The value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected by the SPD due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special natural characteristics or cultural heritage • Exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values • Intensive land use 	The area which is being protected by this SPD is recognised nationally through Grade II listing. The Barbican Gardens which fall within the area are designated as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation. The site falls within an Air Quality Management Area for nitrogen dioxide and fine particulates. The surrounding area is under intense pressure for development. The impact of this SPD is likely to be positive in reducing the vulnerability of the affected areas.
(g)The effects of the SPD on areas or landscapes which have recognised national, Community or international protected status	The purpose of this SPD is to provide guidance on proposed change to a nationally listed landscape and gardens. The effect of this SPD will be positive for conservation and enhancement of these spaces.