

City of London Local Plan

Briefing note

Local Plan

- The Local Plan is the strategy for planning the City of London. It sets out the vision for shaping the Square Mile in the future and contains the policies which guide planning decisions. The Local Plan was adopted on 15 January 2015. The Local Plan is available at <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/Pages/default.aspx>
- The adopted City Local Plan has a time scale that runs to 2026, and it considered that there would be a merit in a full review of the Plan looking forward to 2036.
- At the time of adoption, it was recognised that an early review of the Local Plan would be necessary to take account of national government changes, Mayoral policy changes, changes in development trends and other new policy developments.
- A relevant chapter to the Safer City Partnership is 3.3 Security & Safety. Other policies of the Plan could also be of interest to members of the group.
- As part of the early scoping of the Local Plan Review, the Security and Safety policy has highlighted the need to consider the latest position regarding terrorism threats and how to best address this, particularly with regard to crowded places. Opening up ground floors in office developments to provide greater permeability and a wider mix of uses may impact on risk assessment and mitigation / prevention measures. We will also need to consider to what extent anti-social behaviour in the public realm can be addressed through planning policy and the impact of the Night Tube, Crossrail and the Cultural Hub on night-time entertainment and residential amenity.

As part of the Local Plan Review, we will be contacting the Safer City Partnership as part of the development of our policies and evidence base – in particular Security & Safety policies.

Timetable

The timetable for the Local Plan Review is as follows:

Initial preparatory work	To May 2016
Consultation on Issues and Options	July – October 2016
Preparation of full Draft Local Plan	2016 – 2017
Consultation on Draft Local Plan	Autumn 2017
Consultation on Submission Local Plan	Summer 2018
Submission to Secretary of State	Autumn 2018
Public Examination	Winter 2018 – 2019
Adoption	Summer 2019