Camden Planning Guidance review

The Council is reviewing and updating its Camden Planning Guidance (CPG) documents to give further information and detail on how the policies in our Local Plan are applied.

Phase 1 adopted
Following consultation on the drafts of documents being updated in phase 1 of the review, in March 2018 we adopted Camden Planning Guidance documents on: Advertisements; Amenity; Basements; Biodiversity; Community uses, leisure facilities and pubs; Digital infrastructure; Employment sites and business premises; Housing (partial review); Planning for health and wellbeing; Public open space; and Town centres.

A summary of the responses received on the phase 1 documents, the Council’s response and the CPG documents can be viewed on the Council’s CPG webpage.

Phase 2 consultation
Later this year we will begin consulting on the documents being updated in phase 2 of the CPG review. These will cover the following topics: Access for all; Air quality; Altering & Extending a Home; Artworks, Statues and memorials; Building services equipment; Climate change; Design and heritage; Developer contributions; Energy efficiency and adaptation; Housing (further partial update); Student Housing; Transport; Trees; Recycling and building storage; and Water and flooding.

Further details on the review of Camden Planning Guidance can be found on our CPG webpage.

Kentish Town Planning Framework

Camden Council is producing a planning framework for Kentish Town that includes the Regis Road Growth Area and the Kentish Town Industry Area. The framework builds on Local Plan policy to guide the development of a new mixed-use neighbourhood at Kentish Town. It provides the opportunity to shape the type, nature and feel of development that happens within the area.

The first round of public engagement on the framework took place in February and March this year. Further engagement on a draft of the framework is taking place between 26 October and 7 December.

You can find out more, see a summary of the feedback received during the initial public engagement and view the draft document on our Kentish Town Planning Framework website.
Camden Site Allocations update

The Council is updating its Site Allocations Plan, which was adopted in 2013. This sets out the Council’s approach to future development on significant sites across the borough.

As part of initial work on the review we carried out a ‘call for sites’ for land or buildings to be included in the updated Site Allocations Plan.

Although the deadline for this has passed we can still accept additional sites to be considered for inclusion. Details are on our site allocations update webpage.

The Council envisages consulting on a draft of the updated Site Allocations Plan in mid-2019.

Two Neighbourhood Forums re-designated

The designation of a neighbourhood forum covers a period of five years. After this, if a community wants to continue to have a formally designated forum it must re-apply.

Following consultation on applications for re-designation, both the Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum and Highgate Neighbourhood Forum have been designated for a further five year period.

Consultation on the application for the re-designation of the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum is ongoing and runs until 16 November 2018.

Further details about the Neighbourhood Forums can be found here.

North London Waste Plan progress

The North London Waste Plan (NLWP) is a joint plan being prepared by Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest. The NLWP will set a planning framework for the provision of waste facilities in the seven boroughs to achieve national and regional targets for the management of waste and recycling and identified areas and sites suitable for waste facilities (none of which are in Camden).

Work has resumed on the NLWP and, following approval by each of the boroughs, there will be a further round of consultation on the proposed submission version of the Plan beginning in early 2019. The Plan will then be submitted for public examination by a Planning Inspector.

Further details can be found on the NLWP website.
Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan comes into force

Congratulations to the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum whose Neighbourhood Plan was adopted (‘made’) by the Council on 8 October 2018. The Plan now operates alongside the Council’s own planning documents as the basis for decisions on planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan was subject to independent examination from December 2017 to March 2018. The Examiner found that the Plan met the statutory requirements subject to a number of modifications and therefore could proceed to public referendum. The Plan then passed referendum on Thursday 21 June 2018. Over 1,600 people voted with around 92% supporting the Plan.

Further details about the Plan and the examination process can be found here.

Euston Station Area Planning Brief

Our work on the Euston Station Area Planning Brief continues. The Brief will develop the vision set out in the Euston Area Plan and guide the comprehensive redevelopment of Euston station and the surrounding area, including the delivery of new homes, jobs, community facilities and open spaces.

Recently we convened a Residents’ Assembly to bring together a representative sample of residents from the Euston area to hear what they have to say about the local area, their existing experiences and aspirations for the future.

The views of the Assembly will contribute to the broader discussion around Euston and is one of many mechanisms we will be using to gain an understanding of residents’ priorities for Euston.

The feedback from the Assembly along with other engagement will inform a draft Brief which will be published for consultation in spring 2019.

To keep up to date, please visit the Euston Area Plan webpage.
Additional Article 4 Directions introduced

The Council has introduced three additional Article 4 Directions, which remove national ‘permitted development rights’ that allow changes of use without planning permission. These came into force in June 2018 and prevent both laundrettes and light industrial premises from changing to housing, and shops changing to banks and estate agents, without consideration against the Council’s policies.

We have also advertised an Article 4 Direction that will prevent offices being converted into homes without planning permission in Central London when the exemption previously secured by Camden and other inner London boroughs expires next year. This will help support the continued economic success of the southern part of the borough and ensure, in circumstances where it is appropriate to change offices into housing, the Council can secure homes that meet our standards and requirements, including appropriate contributions to affordable housing.

Further details can be found on our Article 4 Directions webpage.

New Local Area Requirements for planning applications

Camden’s Local Area Requirements (LARs) set out the supporting documents that must accompany the submission of a planning application for it to be made valid.

The Council adopted revised local area requirements in July 2018.

For more detail please see our website.

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