Have your say on the draft Holborn Vision and Urban Strategy

The Council is undertaking public consultation on a draft of its Holborn Vision and Urban Strategy from 22 May until 3 July 2019.

Holborn is one of the growth areas identified in the Camden Local Plan and is going through a time of significant development and change. With planned future developments, investment in transport infrastructure and a changing economy there is the opportunity to coordinate investment to deliver new homes, jobs and a dramatically improved environment for the benefit of Holborn’s communities.

We would like to hear views of local residents, businesses and other interested parties on the future development of the area.

Further information about the consultation can be found on the Holborn Vision website.

More Camden Planning Guidance finalised

The Council has reviewed and updated its suite of Camden Planning Guidance (CPG) documents to give further information and detail on how the policies in our Local Plan are applied. They inform our planning decisions, although they have less weight than the Local Plan and other adopted development plan documents.

The CPG documents updated in the second phase of the review were adopted by the Council on 15 March 2019. These cover: Access for all; Air quality; Altering and extending your home; Artworks statues and memorials; Design; Developer contributions; Energy efficiency and adaptation; Interim Housing; CPG 2 Housing, Student housing; Transport; Trees; and Water and flooding.

The CPG documents updated in the first phase of the review were adopted in March 2018.

All updated Camden Planning Guidance documents can be found on our CPG webpage, where you can also see a summary of the comments received during consultation on the draft phase two CPG documents and the Council’s response to the matters raised.
Camden uses its planning powers to retain control of office to residential conversions in Central London

The Council is introducing 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 at the end of May.

This means that planning permission will be required for changes of use from office to residential use in Camden’s part of London’s Central Activities Zone (CAZ). It will allow the Council to apply its planning policies to protect space for businesses where appropriate and ensure that, when a change of use from office to housing is acceptable, the new homes meet our standards and requirements, including making appropriate contributions to affordable housing.

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

Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan reaches examination

The Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted for independent examination following consultation on the submission draft version in March - May 2019.

The Plan, supporting documents and the consultation responses received have been sent to an Examiner who will assess whether the Plan meets the statutory requirements. If the Plan passes examination, the Council will arrange a referendum in the local area to give the community the final say on whether the draft Plan is to be used alongside the Council’s plans in determining planning applications in the designated neighbourhood area.

Further details can be found here.
Local Development Scheme published

The Council has published an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS provides information on the planning documents that the Council intends to produce to form its development plan and sets out the anticipated timetable and programme for their production.

The updated LDS covers a three-year period from March 2019 to March 2022 and replaces all previous versions. Further details can be found on our website.

Contact us

If you have any questions regarding our work, please contact the Planning Policy team at: planningpolicy@camden.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Forum designations and redesignations

The Drummond Street Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area were formally designated by the Council in May. There are now 12 designated neighbourhood forums in Camden.

Also in May, the Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum was redesignated for a further five years.

Further details about each of the borough’s neighbourhood forums can be found on the Council’s neighbourhood planning webpage.

North London Waste Plan heading for public examination

Consultation on the proposed submission draft of the North London Waste Plan (NLWP) took place in March - April 2019.

The NLWP is a joint plan being prepared by Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest. It 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).

The boroughs are considering the responses received during the consultation and we anticipate that over the summer the Plan will be submitted for public examination by a Planning Inspector.

Further details can be found on the NLWP website.