Helping businesses to adapt for re-opening

The planning team are working with colleagues across the Council to provide advice to assist businesses adapting for re-opening after the lockdown and ensuring they are COVID-19 secure.

Further information can be found in the joint planning and licensing note available on our website.

Interim guidance on Construction Management Plans during Covid-19

The Council has produced interim guidance for developers and residents on Construction Management Plans (CMPs) during the Covid-19 situation.

A FAQ document for local residents has been created to respond to extension to working hours requests from construction sites controlled by Construction Management Plans. A process that developers must follow before any request for extended working hours will be considered has been adopted.

Further information can be found on our Construction management plans page.
Updated Site Allocations Plan consultation

The Council is updating its Site Allocations Plan. The emerging Site Allocations Local Plan builds on the Council’s existing adopted policies by setting out how key development areas/sites should be developed in the future and ensuring that they are planned for in a way that respects the local character of the surrounding area and meets the needs of local communities and businesses. Policies in the Plan set out things like proposed land uses, key design considerations and how many homes the site should deliver.

In February 2020 we launched our first formal consultation on the draft Plan. The consultation was initially programmed to run for 6 weeks however as a result of the introduction of lockdown measures and people adjusting to new ways of working we decided to extend the period until near the end of April.

During the consultation over 1,500 people/organisations got involved through attending drop-in events, visiting our commonplace site or contacting us directly. In total, we received 269 responses from Camden’s residents, community organisations, businesses and others.

After carefully considering these responses we felt that there was a need to hold an additional consultation on focused changes to the Plan this autumn. This consultation will give communities and other key stakeholders the opportunity to comment on new policies and significant changes ahead of a final consultation on the pre-submission draft in Spring 2021.

Further information can be found on our Site Allocations Plan webpage.

Euston Area Plan being reviewed

The Council is undertaking a partial update to the Euston Area Plan, the key planning document for Euston, in order to ensure that policies reflect up to date information, constraints, opportunities and local priorities. The review is currently at the initial stage and the Council is preparing for more detailed engagement in Autumn 2020.

Feedback received earlier this year on the draft Euston Planning Brief (the production of which is currently paused while we concentrate on the EAP update) will be used to inform the review which will take place over the next 18 months or so.

The Council will use its new Euston engagement hub to talk to the community about various topics which will help to inform the update. The hub provides an opportunity for residents to share their views, not only with the Council but also with their neighbours, friends and community.
Kentish Town Planning Framework adopted

The Kentish Town Framework has been prepared by the Council to steer the development of a new neighbourhood in Kentish Town with a mix of employment, residential and community uses alongside new parks and open spaces and improved links to surrounding communities.

The Framework was adopted on 17 July 2020.

Further information be found on our website.

North London Waste Plan at Public Examination

The North London Waste Plan (NLWP) is a joint plan being prepared by Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest. It sets 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).

In August 2019 the boroughs submitted the draft Plan for public examination by a Planning Inspector, and public hearings took place 20 and 21 November 2019. The Boroughs anticipate consulting on Main Modifications to the NLWP in late 2020.

Further details can be found on the NLWP website.

New Camden CIL rates

The Council is increasing its current Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) rates for offices, research and development, and hotel uses in Central London and adjusting the rates for other uses in line with building cost inflation.

A virtual public hearing into this partial change to our CIL Charging Schedule was held on 27 May 2020 and we have now received the examiner’s report, which approved the proposed changes. We anticipate adopting the new rates in the autumn.

The CIL is a standard charge collected from developers on a rate per sqm basis after their planning permissions have been implemented and the funds raised are spent on infrastructure or to support the development of an area.

Further information be found on our website.
Redington Frognal Neighbourhood Plan submission draft consultation

The Council is asking residents and other interested stakeholders for views on the draft Redington Frognal (‘Redfrog’) Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Plan sets out a range of policies on matters including sustainable development, biodiversity, community infrastructure, shopfronts and basements.

Comments must be received by 7 September 2020. If you are experiencing difficulty accessing the documents online, we encourage you to call us on 020 7974 8988.

Following the consultation, the draft Plan and supporting documents will be forwarded to an independent examiner. If the Plan passes the examination, a referendum of local residents will be held in due course.

Further information can be found on our website.

Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan adopted

The Council formally adopted the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Plan on 2 March 2020 - Camden’s fifth neighbourhood plan to reach this milestone. Congratulations to the Neighbourhood Forum and all those involved in the plan’s preparation.

The adoption followed a referendum held in the neighbourhood area on 6 February 2020, where the Plan was supported by 87.9% of those who voted.

The adopted Plan is now part of the borough’s statutory ‘development plan’, and will be used alongside the Council’s own adopted planning documents when making decisions on planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

The adopted neighbourhood plan can be found on our website.

Camley Street Neighbourhood Plan passes examination

The Camley Street Neighbourhood Plan has passed independent examination. The draft Plan includes policies on employment, community and social needs, housing, transport and design quality.

A local referendum had been planned to take place in spring or summer this year, but all neighbourhood plan referendums have been postponed due to the pandemic. Current government guidance envisages elections and referendums will resume in 2021 and has clarified that neighbourhood plans awaiting referendums can be given significant weight in decision-making.

Further information on the neighbourhood plan can be found on our website.
A Neighbourhood Assembly for Gospel Oak and Haverstock regeneration

In October, the Council will commence consultations and engagement on proposals designed to support the regeneration of the Gospel Oak and Haverstock area by setting out key planning objectives and design principles that will be used to form a Community Vision.

As one part of this activity, the Council is looking to set up and facilitate a Neighbourhood Assembly. This will bring together a cross section of people who broadly represent their community. The people who attend will find out more about local issues, discuss them together and then make recommendations about what should happen next and how things could change.

If you live in the area and are interested in being a member of the assembly, register your interest before the 17th August online here, or call on 0800 009 6486. Over the next few months we will be updating our website with more information about the project and other ways to get involved.

Partial review of Camden Planning Guidance

A number of Camden Planning Guidance documents are currently being reviewed including Housing, Home Improvements, Employment and business premises, Energy efficiency and adaptation, Air quality, Amenity, Town centres, Public health and wellbeing, Design and Basement.

The drafts will be out for public consultation in August/September 2020.

Further details will be made available on our website.

Consultation on Canalside to Camley Street Supplementary Planning Document

The Council has prepared a draft Canalside to Camley Street Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). It sets out planning objectives and design principles for future development in that area.

Following the postponement of the planned consultation in March, the Council has started public consultation on the draft document which will run until 25 September 2020.

Further details will be made available on our website.

Contact us

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