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REPORT TITLE Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft (SC/2025/04)	
REPORT OF Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Cabinet Council	DATE 2 April 2025 7 April 2025
STRATEGIC CONTEXT <p>We Make Camden is our joint vision for the borough, developed in partnership with our community. The Way We Work is the Council’s response to We Make Camden. The Camden Local Plan is a key mechanism for the delivery for the vision set out in We Make Camden. The vision and objectives in the Proposed Submission Local Plan are based on, and align with, the vision and ambitions set out in We Make Camden.</p> <p>The Plan has policies promoting an inclusive economy, which will contribute towards the We Make Camden ambition that <i>Camden’s local economy should be strong, sustainable, and inclusive</i>; and policies to secure more housing and affordable homes, which will help to deliver the ambition that <i>Everyone in Camden should have a place they call home</i>. It also includes policies on responding to the climate emergency, open space, food growing, biodiversity, and prioritising walking, wheeling and cycling; these will contribute towards the ambition that <i>Camden should be a green, clean, vibrant, accessible, and sustainable place with everyone empowered to contribute to tackling the climate emergency</i>.</p> <p>The Plan also includes policies on achieving design excellence, improving health and well-being, access for all, and the provision and protection of community and cultural facilities, which will help to achieve the ambitions that <i>Camden tackles injustice and inequality, creating safe, strong and open communities where everyone can contribute</i> and that <i>Camden communities support good health, wellbeing and connection for everyone</i>. The Plan also supports the We Make Camden missions of young people, food, and estates and neighbourhoods.</p>	
SUMMARY OF REPORT <p>This report seeks approval of the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft (as set out in Appendix A) for publication for comment and submission to the government for public examination. This follows on from consultation and engagement on the draft Local Plan in 2024.</p> <p>The new Local Plan will be a key delivery mechanism for achieving the Council’s priorities as set out in We Make Camden. It will ensure that Camden continues to have effective, up-to-date planning policies that will allow the Council to make planning decisions that contribute towards addressing the borough’s need for homes, jobs and infrastructure and ensure that development is delivered in a way that is socially and economically inclusive, responds to the climate and ecological emergency and brings benefits to Camden and its residents.</p>	

Under the Council's Constitution, formulating the Council's overall policy objectives and priorities, which includes development plan documents such as the Local Plan, is a matter reserved for collective Cabinet decision. The functions of full Council include approving the policy framework, which includes the development plan.

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No documents that require listing were used in the preparation of this report.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet

That the Cabinet, having due regard to the equality impact assessment in Appendix B, the results of consultation set out in Appendix C, and having due regard to the obligations set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010:

1. Agree the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft (set out in Appendix A) and Local Plan Policies Map (set out in Appendix D) for publication and refer to full Council for approval and submission to the government for examination.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Economy, Regeneration and Investment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden, to make minor changes to the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft and Local Plan Policies Map prior to publication as required, including factual updates, corrections and non-material wording changes.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Economy, Regeneration and Investment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden, to make appropriate changes to the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft, Local Plan Policies Map and supporting documents prior to, and during, the public examination, in response to objectors' submissions, national policy changes or requests from the Planning Inspector.

Council

The Council is asked to agree the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft (set out in Appendix A) and Local Plan Policies Map (set out in Appendix D) for publication and submission to the government for examination.

Signed:



David Burns
Director of Economy, Regeneration and Investment
Date: 20/02/2025

1. CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Plan is a key delivery mechanism for the Council's aspirations set out in We Make Camden. The Council is reviewing the Camden Local Plan 2017, which provides the current basis for the Council's planning decisions and sets the framework for future development in the borough. The review will ensure that Camden continues to have robust and up-to-date planning policies that align with Council priorities. Planning legislation requires that policies in local plans should be reviewed every five years to consider whether they need updating, and should then be updated as necessary.
- 1.2 The draft Camden Local Plan was approved by Cabinet in December 2023. Following the consultation and engagement on the draft Plan in early 2024, this report seeks approval of the next iteration of the plan, the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft, for publication and submission to the government for public examination.
- 1.3 Under the Council's Constitution, the General Matters reserved for collective Cabinet decision include formulating the Council's overall policy objectives and priorities, which includes development plan documents such as the Local Plan, recommending them to full Council for approval where appropriate. The functions of full Council include approving or adopting the policy framework, which includes the development plan. Under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000, decisions to approve development plans for submission for examination must be made by full Council.
- 1.4 A new system for preparing local plans is being introduced through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act. This would increase central government control over the local plan process and reduce councils' autonomy in preparing their plans. For the review of the Camden Local Plan to be progressed under the current system, rather than the more prescribed new system, it must be submitted for examination before December 2026.

2. PROPOSALS AND REASONS

- 2.1 Although the current Camden Local Plan (adopted in 2017) is still operating effectively, it is considered beneficial to update the Plan to ensure that future development in Camden most effectively meets Council priorities and secures benefits for the borough and its residents, responding to changed circumstances.
- 2.2 The Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft (attached as Appendix A) has been prepared taking into account the comments made during the consultation and engagement on the draft Local Plan (see section 5), the evidence studies commissioned to support the Plan, national planning policy, the London Plan, as well as We Make Camden and other relevant Council plans and strategies, including those relating to climate change, health and wellbeing, diversity, affordable workspace, the evening and night-time economy, biodiversity and transport.

- 2.3 Key elements of the proposed policy approach set out in the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft are summarised below:
- The Plan seeks to maximise the supply of housing and affordable homes, and aims to deliver a minimum of 11,550 additional homes to 2041.
 - The Plan takes an area-based approach and sets out the overarching strategy to guide the delivery of new development in the South, Central, West and North areas of Camden.
 - The Plan proposes around 70 site allocations to help deliver new homes, jobs, open space, health and community facilities, leisure, retail and recreation opportunities together with necessary infrastructure.
 - The Plan includes policies to respond to the climate and ecological emergency and help deliver the Council's commitment to becoming net zero.
 - The Plan includes policies to deliver a sustainable and inclusive economy and support the delivery of affordable workspace.
 - The Plan seeks to deliver a number of community benefits including affordable housing, social and community infrastructure, transport infrastructure improvements, and open space.
 - The Plan seeks to promote health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities by ensuring that development in the borough considers local issues relating to health and wellbeing at an early stage in the planning process in order to positively improve outcomes for the people of Camden.
 - The Plan emphasises the importance of celebrating and reflecting the diversity of the borough in the design of spaces and places.
- 2.4 The Local Plan seeks to maximise housing supply based on the delivery of available sites and aims to deliver a minimum of 11,550 additional homes over the plan period. This factors in Camden's current London Plan housing target for the first three years of the plan period (1,038 homes per year). The imminent review of the London Plan will apportion London's nationally-set housing target across the boroughs based on their capacity to deliver homes. When adopted (expected in 2027), the new London Plan target will supersede the figure in the new Local Plan, which will therefore only apply for a limited period.
- 2.5 Since the draft Local Plan was approved by Cabinet in December 2023, a number of changes have been made to the Plan to respond to the comments raised through the consultation and engagement, where relevant, and to take into account the findings of new evidence. A summary of the main changes proposed to the Plan is set out below.
- Adding a dedicated 'access for all' policy to address comments made at the workshop with Camden's d/Deaf and disabled community.
 - Proposing a new policy which outlines the approach to supporting sustainability improvements to existing buildings.
 - Proposing new open spaces at Princes Gardens, St Giles High St, Centrepoint and Alfred Place (all West End Project schemes), and at King's Cross Central and Hawley Wharf. A new Local Green Space is proposed at St John's Churchyard, Hampstead.
 - Proposing two new Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation - Talacre Gardens and Tavistock Square.

- Proposing to include a new policy on the Euston area. More detailed guidance and site allocations for the area are set out in the Euston Area Plan, which is being reviewed separately to the Local Plan.
- Whilst permanent self-contained housing remains the priority land use in the Plan, it is proposed to make it clearer that the Plan also supports other forms of housing, such housing for people with care or support requirements (e.g. older people).
- Four new site allocations are proposed: Freight Lane, Hawkridge House, 86-92 Kilburn High Road, and 160 Maldon Rd. Seven site allocations have also been removed as these are now complete or nearly complete.
- Identifying site allocations where student housing may be included to ensure the Council can demonstrate it can meet identified student need.
- Proposing to allocate two sites (Freight Lane and land adjacent to Constable House, Adelaide Road) to help meet the need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.
- Updating Policy IE2 (offices) to state that housing (rather than just permanent self-contained housing) is the preferred use where it can be demonstrated an office use is no longer viable. This allows greater flexibility for other types of housing to be delivered on these sites, where appropriate.
- Updating the affordable workspace policy to clarify that the targets relate to uplift / net additional floorspace and that affordable workspace targets are a working benchmark.
- Proposing new neighbourhood centres for King's Cross Road west side and Steele's Village/Haverstock Hill South.

2.6 The Local Plan Policies Map, which shows the areas where the various policies in the Plan apply, has been updated to reflect the policies in the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft. Where necessary the spatial extent where policies apply have been updated. The updated Policies Map is set out in Appendix D.

2.7 The recommendations of this report seek approval from the Director of Economy, Regeneration and Investment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Sustainable Camden, to:

- make further minor changes to the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft and Policies Map, if required, between the approval of the Cabinet report and their publication for consultation. Such changes may be necessary, for example, to make factual updates, respond to requests from Members, or reflect changes to national policy; and
- make appropriate changes to the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft, Policies Map and supporting documents prior to, and during, the public examination, in response to objectors' submissions, national policy changes or requests from the Planning Inspector. This provides an approval mechanism for relatively minor amendments to be proposed by the Council. This approach was followed during the preparation of previous planning policy documents.

3. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

3.1 Cabinet previously agreed, in 2023, that the Council would prepare a new Local Plan to update its planning policies. Given this, the main option for

consideration is whether or not to approve the updated draft of the Local Plan for publication and submission for public examination.

- 3.2 The risk of not approving the Plan and not proceeding to examination however is that the Council will not have up-to-date planning policies in the Local Plan to ensure that its planning decisions are based on a locally-based approach focussed on delivering current Council priorities. Without an up-to-date local plan, policies contained in the more general and permissive National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) would increasingly be the basis for planning decisions in the borough rather than the Council's own local policies. This would limit the Council's ability to ensure development contributes to meeting its priorities. Without an updated local plan the Council could also increasingly face difficulties in defending its decisions at planning appeals, which could result in an increase in permissions granted by a Planning Inspector contrary to the Council's own decisions.
- 3.3 The Council has the option of whether to allocate particular sites or not and the content of the site allocations. The Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft incorporates the sites allocations from the draft Local Plan, in addition to four new sites: Freight Lane, Hawkridge House, 86-92 Kilburn High Road and 160 Malden Road. A summary of the representations received on the draft Local Plan and responses to them are included in Appendix C. The Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft also proposes two site allocations to help meet the need for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in Camden. These sites were selected based on the findings of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Identification Study, commissioned to inform the development of the Local Plan, further site assessment work, discussions with other Council services, and comments received from Members, Camden residents and the Gypsy and Traveller community when the Study was published for comment. A summary of the representations received are included in Appendix C.
- 3.4 To inform the development of the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft, a Sustainability Appraisal has been carried out, updating the Sustainability Appraisal carried out on the previous draft of the Plan, which was reported to Cabinet in December 2023. As part of the Sustainability Appraisal process there is a legal requirement to examine reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the Plan. The consideration of reasonable alternatives undertaken as part of the Appraisal of the Plan has looked at both the delivery of different growth scenarios, in relation to the quantum of growth proposed and the broad spatial approach to the delivery of growth, and different policy options, with the aim of demonstrating that the approach taken within the Plan is the most appropriate given the reasonable alternatives considered. The Sustainability Appraisal is set out as Appendix E to this report and will be made available for comment during consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan.

4. WHAT ARE THE KEY IMPACTS / RISKS? HOW WILL THEY BE ADDRESSED?

- 4.1 Local Plans need to be prepared in accordance with a statutory process and are at risk of legal challenge if procedures are not followed. The preparation of

the new local plan has been project managed to ensure that it fully takes into account the relevant regulations, guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework and Camden's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which sets out how the Council will involve the community in making planning decisions and policy.

- 4.2 As part of the examination of the Local Plan, the Planning Inspector will assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the legal and procedural requirements and if meets the four tests of soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework (that is, that the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy). Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that the Plan meets all requirements and is capable of being found sound, there is still a risk that the Planning Inspector examining the plan could identify soundness issues. This could require further work to resolve the issues, which would lead to a delay in the adoption of the Plan.
- 4.3 The Council has a statutory obligation to plan for the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers, and identifying sites to meet the borough's need (estimated at 19 additional pitches to 2041) is an important element of ensuring the Local Plan is found sound at examination. Two sites are allocated in the Plan to help meet this need, reflecting the outcome of site identification work. It has not proved possible to meet the need in full due to the limited availability of suitable sites in the borough.
- 4.4 The proposed approach in the draft Local Plan has been discussed with the Planning Inspectorate and Planning Advisory Service, and legal advice sought, to ensure the Council can demonstrate a robust process has been followed in the preparation of the Plan.
- 4.5 London boroughs' local plans must be in general conformity with the London Plan. Officers have proactively engaged with the Greater London Authority (GLA) as part of the preparation of the new Local Plan to minimise the likelihood of an objection from the GLA on conformity grounds.
- 4.6 An Equality Impact Assessment of the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft has been carried out, meeting the general equality duty under the Equalities Act 2010. This is attached as Appendix B to this report. The assessment considered the impact of the Plan on groups that are protected in terms of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. Impact on the following other groups was also assessed: foster carers, looked after children / care leavers, low income households, refugees and asylum seekers, parents (of any gender, with children aged under 18), people who are homeless, private rental tenants in deprived areas, single parent households, and social housing tenants. The assessment concluded that on balance the proposed policies in the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft would have a positive impact on the above groups particularly in relation to the provision of affordable housing; meeting housing needs for specific groups; jobs and training; provision of open space; design of public spaces; accessibility of buildings and spaces; safety and security; health and well-being; and the provision and protection of community and cultural facilities. Overall, it was considered that the Plan will have a positive impact on

the duty to promote equality of opportunity and will help foster good relations between different groups in the community.

4.7 As noted in section 2 of this report, a sustainability appraisal (including a strategic environmental assessment) of the Plan has been carried out to meet the legal requirement in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. This is attached as Appendix E to this report. The appraisal assessed the environmental, social and economic impacts of the Plan's policies and site allocations, allowing any potential harmful impacts to be identified and minimised, and for beneficial impacts to be maximised. The appraisal indicates that overall the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft will deliver a number of benefits in relation to meeting housing and economic need, mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change, providing social infrastructure and promoting sustainable development.

4.8 The Council has also been actively engaging with neighbouring local authorities and other bodies on an ongoing basis to ensure that the "duty to co-operate" introduced by the Localism Act 2011 is met.

5. CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

5.1 Initial engagement to inform the development of the draft Local Plan took place in late 2022 / early 2023. This included a 'call for views' to give residents, community groups, businesses and other interested parties the opportunity to share their views on the current Local Plan and priorities for the future.

5.2 Following Cabinet approval in December 2023, the draft Local Plan was published for consultation and engagement for 8 weeks in January to March 2024, to enable residents, businesses, community groups, landowners and other key stakeholders to share their views on the Plan's policies and approach. The Plan was available to view online, with an interactive version on the commonplace website to aid accessibility. Paper copies were available to view in all Camden's libraries.

5.3 The engagement was widely advertised through emails, newspaper advertisements, the Council's website, social media, posters and articles in newsletters. A number of meetings were held, including:

- Three online public engagement sessions to give residents the opportunity to find out more about the Plan and ask questions;
- A workshop with d/Deaf and disabled residents and representative groups to discuss what more the Plan could do to better meet their needs;
- A workshop with students from Regent's High School to get their perspective on the policy approach in the Plan and find out how they would like Camden to change in the future;
- A workshop with the Camden Developer Working Group.

5.4 Over 2,350 comments were received on the draft Plan from almost 245 respondents (either online or by email). Over the consultation period, there were over 5,000 visits to Local Plan commonplace site. A summary of the comments received, and the Council's response are set out in Appendix C.

- 5.5 Most responses requested that amendments be made to the wording of the Local Plan but did not generally raise fundamental issues about the Plan's approach or its ability to be found sound at public examination. Some of the key messages from the engagement exercise are summarised below.
- The GLA recommended that the approach to seeking affordable housing in the Plan should more closely align with the London Plan.
 - Student housing should be allocated on certain sites to help meet need.
 - The Plan should allocate sites to help meet the need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.
 - There was general support for the Plan's approach to responding to the climate emergency, however respondents also commented that the wording of the policies could be clearer in some instances.
 - Request for greater flexibility to be built into the affordable workspace policy.
 - The requirement to provide land for food growing should be part of the overall open space requirement, rather than in addition to it.
 - There was general support for the Plan's approach to the natural environment; it was suggested that the Plan could do more to support wildlife and nature corridors.
 - The Historic Environment policy should be updated to more closely align with the National Planning Policy Framework.
 - General support for the policies in the design and protecting amenity chapters.
 - The approach to sports facilities should be updated to more closely align with the National Planning Policy Framework.
 - General support for the transport policies. TfL questioned whether provision of car clubs in new developments should be supported, as this does not align with a car-free approach.

- 5.6 Subject to Council approval, the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft will be published for comment. The purpose of this stage is not to seek general comments on the wording of the Plan; rather, it is to seek representations on the 'soundness' of the plan (see paragraph 4.2) so these can be considered by the Inspector during the public examination. Supporting material (which includes the sustainability appraisal, a statement on the representations received during 'publication', the Policies Map and any other relevant supporting documents) are published alongside the Plan.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ("the 2004 Act") and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) ("the 2012 Regulations") set out the requirements and the statutory procedure for the preparation of a Local Plan.
- 6.2 The process of reviewing the Local Plan involves a number of stages, from consultation to adoption, as required by the 2004 Act and the 2012 Regulations.
- 6.3 Regulation 19 of the 2012 Regulations states that before submitting a local plan to the Secretary of State under section 20 of the 2004 Act, the local planning authority must

- (a) make a copy of each of the proposed submission documents and a statement of the representations procedure available in accordance with Regulation 35; and
 - (b) ensure that a statement of the representations procedure and a statement of the fact that the proposed submission documents are available for inspection and of the places and times at which they can be inspected, is sent to each of the general consultation bodies and each of the specific consultation bodies invited to make representations under Regulation 18(1)
- 6.4 As explained in paragraph 5.6 above, the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft will be made available for inspection and comment, together with all the supporting material, in accordance with Regulation 19.
- 6.5 Representations are made under Regulation 20, and (as explained in paragraph 5.6 above) these should predominantly be about the 'soundness' of the revisions as defined in paragraph 36 of the NPPF.
- 6.6 In preparing the Plan, the council has complied with the statutory duty to co-operate pursuant to section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 (as explained in paragraph 4.8 above).
- 6.7 The Plan has been supported by a process of sustainability appraisal (as explained in paragraph 3.4 above), in accordance with section 19(5) of the 2004 Act and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, and habitats regulations assessment, in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. The Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft is appended at Appendix E to this report.
- 6.8 In considering the recommendations the Cabinet must have due regard to the impact those decisions will have upon the Council's statutory duty with regard to equalities as set out in Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010. In summary these legal obligations require the Council and Cabinet, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to the need to: 1) Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; 2) to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not; 3) Foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not (which involves tackling prejudice and promoting understanding). Under the Duty the relevant protected characteristics are: Age, Disability, Gender reassignment, Pregnancy and maternity, Race, Religion, Sex, Sexual orientation. In respect of the first aim only - i.e. reducing discrimination, etc. - the protected characteristic of marriage and civil partnership is also relevant. As explained in paragraph 4.6 above, an Equality Impact Assessment of the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft has been carried out, which meets the general equality duty under the Equalities Act 2010. The Equality Impact Assessment of the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft is appended as Appendix B to this report.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This report seeks approval of the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft. The new Local Plan will be a key delivery mechanism for the Council's future planning and development decisions. The Local Plan will ensure that Camden continues to have effective, up-to-date planning policies that will allow the Council to make planning decisions that contribute towards addressing the borough's need for new homes, jobs and infrastructure. As a result, this should have a positive impact on business rates and council tax.
- 7.2 There is a risk that if the new Local Plan is not approved the Council will not have up-to-date planning policies that are based on a locally based approach, and this would limit the Council's ability to ensure developments contribute to achieving its priorities.
- 7.3 As set out in section 3.2, without an updated Local Plan the Council could increasingly face difficulties in defending its decisions at planning appeals, which could result in an increase in permissions granted by a Planning Inspector contrary to the Council's own decisions and have financial implications for the Council.
- 7.4 As set out in section 2.5 and 4.3, two sites are allocated in the Plan (land adjacent to Constable House and land at Freight Lane) to help meet the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers. The site adjacent to Constable House is not part of the Council's Community Investment Programme and no alternative development / disposal plans have been identified for this site, meaning the financial risk to the Council is low. The site at Freight Lane is part of a wider site allocation to deliver mixed use development here and this may be taken forward as part of the Council's Community Investment Programme. Plans for this site are at a very early stage and a capital receipt has yet to be projected. The main potential capital cost to the Council would be associated with the delivery of the Gypsy and Traveller sites. However any decisions that the Council makes in relation to this will be separate to the Local Plan.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Responding to the climate and ecological emergency and delivering the actions identified in the Council's Climate Action Plan is a key focus of the new Local Plan. The Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft sets out the measures the Council will expect development to take to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- 8.2 Policies seek to achieve energy reduction and the reduction of carbon emissions in new buildings and the retrofitting of existing buildings to make them more energy efficient and to reduce energy needs. They promote the repurposing and re-use of existing buildings over demolition; the sustainable design and construction of buildings to respond to a changing climate in terms of overheating and cooling; and the circular economy and the reduction of waste. The policies in the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft also expect development to minimise the risk of flooding; maximise water efficiency; protect

and enhance existing green spaces; provide additional green infrastructure; enhance biodiversity; strengthen nature recovery; and prioritise sustainable transport.

9. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 9.1 The preparation of Camden’s new Local Plan has to follow statutory procedures. Subject to approval by Council, the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft will be published for comment at the end of April 2025. Representations received will be submitted with the Plan and supporting documents to the government in the Autumn. The Plan will then be examined by a Planning Inspector. The examination will include public hearing sessions involving objectors and other participants invited by the Inspector. These are expected to take place in early 2026.
- 9.2 Following receipt of the Inspector’s report and consideration of any recommended amendments, the final version of the Local Plan will be reported to Cabinet and Full Council for adoption.
- 9.3 An emerging plan is a relevant matter (‘material consideration’) in planning decisions, and the weight given to it is dependent on the stage of preparation of the Plan (with weight increasing as the plan progresses) and the extent to which particular elements of the Plan have attracted objections. At this stage in the preparation process, the Local Plan will have limited weight in planning decisions, but as a statement of the Council’s emerging thinking it can be used to influence planning proposals.

10. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft

Appendix B - Equality Impact Assessment of the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft

Appendix C - Summary of responses to engagement on the draft Local Plan (Regulation 18 stage)

Appendix D – Local Plan Policies Map

Appendix E - Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft

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