

Meeting:	Strategic Planning Advisory Panel
Date:	Tuesday 13 th September 2005
Subject:	Draft London Plan Alterations – Housing Provision Targets; Planning for Waste
Responsible Officer:	Director of Strategy (Urban Living)
Contact Officer:	Dennis Varcoe
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Development and Housing
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Public

Section 1: Summary

The Mayor in July 2005 published draft alterations to London Plan policies on Housing provision targets, Waste and Minerals. The consultation is primarily aimed at the London Assembly and the GLA Group, but the Mayor is also keen to hear from London Boroughs and other key stakeholders. However, because the deadline is Friday 9th September, the Mayor is to be advised that the Council wishes to make its representations as part of the 3 month public consultation programmed to commence in October.

Decision Required

The Panel is requested to:-

1. Note the publication of draft Alterations to London Plan policies on Housing provision targets, Waste and Minerals; and
2. Subject to confirmation by Cabinet or the portfolio holder, confirm that the Council wishes to respond at the formal public consultation stage in October, and the Mayor be advised accordingly.

Reason for report

The Mayor has provided London Boroughs with the opportunity to comment on the draft Alterations at an early stage. The Council needs to consider whether it wishes to respond at this stage, and advise the Mayor accordingly.

Benefits

The Council has a fundamental interest in the draft Alterations because of the implications for the production of the Local Development Framework, and would therefore wish to submit fully considered comments on them.

Cost of Proposals

The cost of preparing an informed response to the draft Alterations will be contained within current approved Departmental Budget.

Risks

Failure to respond at this stage would not be serious as the Council will be able to respond at the 3 month consultation period starting in October. However, it would be courteous to respond at this stage to explain the Council's stance.

Implications if recommendations rejected

It might be interpreted that the Council has no views or concerns with the Alterations, or the background studies against which they were prepared.

Section 2: Report

Brief History

Although the London Plan was published in February 2004, the Mayor had expressed the intention to bring forward early Alterations on Housing provision and Waste in advance of the first review of the Plan. The Draft Alterations were accordingly published in July 2005. Copies of the draft Alterations have been put into the Members Library.

Members have been advised that officers have participated in the preparation of information for the Borough to be included in the 2004 London Housing Capacity Study. This required extensive work and involved meetings with GLA officers. As with the results from the previous study, information from the capacity study has informed the production of draft housing provision figures. Borough officers have also participated in the collection of information on waste management sites and related activities which has informed the provision and allocation of land requirements at sub-regional level contained in the Draft Alterations on Waste.

Options considered

Members will be aware that the Mayor has also recently published the draft West London Sub-Regional Development Framework (WLSRDF) for consultation. The deadline for responses is significantly later (28th October 2005). Within the draft West London SRDF there are a number of matters relating to the implications of the Housing Capacity Study and housing provision. In addition, under Waste (para 87) the proposed action specifically asks stakeholders to respond to the consultation on the draft Alterations (rather than through the WLSRDF response). A special meeting of the Panel will consider the Harrow and draft West London response to the draft WLSRDF.

Discussions amongst West London boroughs have elicited that Boroughs in general would prefer to wait until they have given full and detailed consideration to both documents and the detailed research studies supporting them, before

submitting any comments on them. This approach is to be supported. Appropriate opportunities will exist for members to comment at the public consultation stage on the draft Alterations programmed for October 2005. Under these circumstances it is suggested that the Mayor be advised that the Council will comment at that stage.

Consultation

No formal consultations undertaken.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in preparing this initial response.

Legal Implications.

No comment.

Equalities Impact

The Waste Alterations aim to promote equality of opportunities.

Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents

Draft London Plan Alterations – Housing Provision Targets – July 2005

2004 London Housing Capacity Study – July 2005

Draft London Plan Alterations – Planning for Waste/Planning for Minerals-July 2005

Recycling and Recovery facilities – Sites investigation in London – July 2005

Draft Sub Regional Development Framework – West London – June 2005.