

**DRAFT**

Meeting:	SPAP
Date:	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2006
Subject:	Draft Further Alterations to the London Plan (Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London)
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Graham Jones Director of Planning Services
Portfolio Holder:	Marilyn Ashton Planning, Housing & Property
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	none

**SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This is a short report to provide some context and encourage discussion at the SPAP meeting of the changes proposed by the Mayor to the London Plan.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

SPAP are requested to use the WLA Review Paper as a starting point for discussions at the SPAP meeting, which will in turn be used to inform the development of the Harrow Response and the West London Response.

**REASON:** To ensure that the Council's views are made known to GLA.

## **SECTION 2 - REPORT**

These further changes to the London Plan are being consulted on for the statutory 3 month period ending on 2<sup>nd</sup> December prior to an Examination in Public starting in April 2007. Whilst work will be going on during November to generate a West London response it is important to also identify if there are issues which are of specific to Harrow and to prepare a Harrow response alongside this.

The Mayor points out in that this is a very focussed review which only increases the total number of policies by 11%. Three quarters of this is to mitigate and abate the effects of climate change. Some of the rest is because sub-regional boundaries have been changed, and also to take account of the London Olympics.

A major mission for the Plan remains how it accommodates London's growth, it quotes that in the last 15 years London has absorbed the equivalent of the population of Sheffield and needs to grow by the equivalent of the population of Leeds in the next 15 years.

One of the major changes to the Plan is that it is extended from 2016 to 2025.

The discussion at The SPAP meeting will focus around

1. Suburban policy
2. Housing (affordable threshold and density)
3. Diverse Communities – need to improve understanding
4. Changes in working practice – implications for land use
5. Public transport – improvement needed to accommodate growth
6. Road user pricing – possibility
7. Flooding
8. Air quality
9. Noise
10. The Olympics

The West London Issues paper is enclosed as preparatory reading.

### **Other Consultation**

A West London stakeholder conference is being held on 16<sup>th</sup> November (please contact [Claire.codling@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.codling@harrow.gov.uk) for an invitation.)

In addition the Alterations are being discussed by the Greener Harrow group, one of the HSP sub groups which includes a number of Harrow Environmental groups representatives and the Sustainable Development and Enterprise HSP management Group. Appropriate officers are also meeting (e.g. housing, air quality, transport and planning) to contribute to the Harrow response.

It is planned to circulate the draft response in late November prior to the portfolio holder signing this off at the end of November.

### SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

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### SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

**Contact:** Graham Jones, Director of Strategic Planning 020 8420 5317

**Background Papers:**

**Draft West London Alliance issues report on the London Plan Alteration (11 pages)**

**Draft Further Alterations to the London Plan (Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London) (526 pages)**

**Please contact [claire.codling@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:claire.codling@harrow.gov.uk) if you need access to the full Draft Alterations or it can be retrieved from the [www.london.gov/planning](http://www.london.gov/planning)**

**IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?**

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	C3