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New Southwark Plan Proposed Submission Version

Consultation Plan

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1. Introduction

What is the New Southwark Plan?

- 1.1. The New Southwark Plan (NSP) is a draft planning document that will provide an overarching strategy for managing growth and development across the borough for 15 years. The plan will set out how we will deliver further regeneration and wider improvements to our borough in the years to come. The Preferred Option stage was comprised of two parts: part one included strategic policies and development management policies. This was consulted on between October 2015 and February 2016. Part two, the Area Visions and Site Allocations, was consulted on between February and July 2017. The plan is currently at the Proposed Submission Version stage and is the subject of this consultation. An informal period of consultation will be held from 25 October 2017 to 24 December 2017 followed by a formal consultation period from 2 January 2018 to 12 February 2018.
- 1.2. The final draft (Proposed Submission Version) of the plan has been prepared after the conclusion of the Preferred Option consultation. This contains the strategic policies, development management policies, area visions for the borough's neighbourhoods and the final list of site allocations.
- 1.3. The New Southwark Plan explains our strategy for regeneration from 2018 to 2033. The New Southwark Plan will:
 - Set policies to support the provision of new homes including 11,000 new Council homes
 - Protect our existing schools and community facilities in the borough and provide more where this is needed
 - Protect local businesses and attract more businesses into the borough to increase job opportunities
 - Support our high streets and increase the range of shops to increase their vitality
 - Direct growth to certain areas of the borough, predominantly in the Old Kent Road, Elephant and Castle, Canada Water, East Walworth, Blackfriars Road, Bankside and along the River Thames where there is greater public transport accessibility
 - Introduce policies to improve places by enhancing local distinctiveness and protecting our heritage assets
 - Set policies to provide more green infrastructure and to promote opportunities for healthy activities
- 1.4. The final NSP will replace the saved policies of the Southwark Plan 2007 and the Core Strategy 2011 and will be used to make decisions on planning applications.
- 1.5. The NSP will be a spatial plan. Not only will it set out planning policies to guide development but it will also explain how development will be delivered and may inform future decisions about investment in infrastructure.

- 1.6. This consultation plan should be read alongside the draft NSP: Proposed Submission Version itself. This documents can be found at: <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-transport-policy/development-plan/local-plan>

The purpose and objectives of this consultation plan

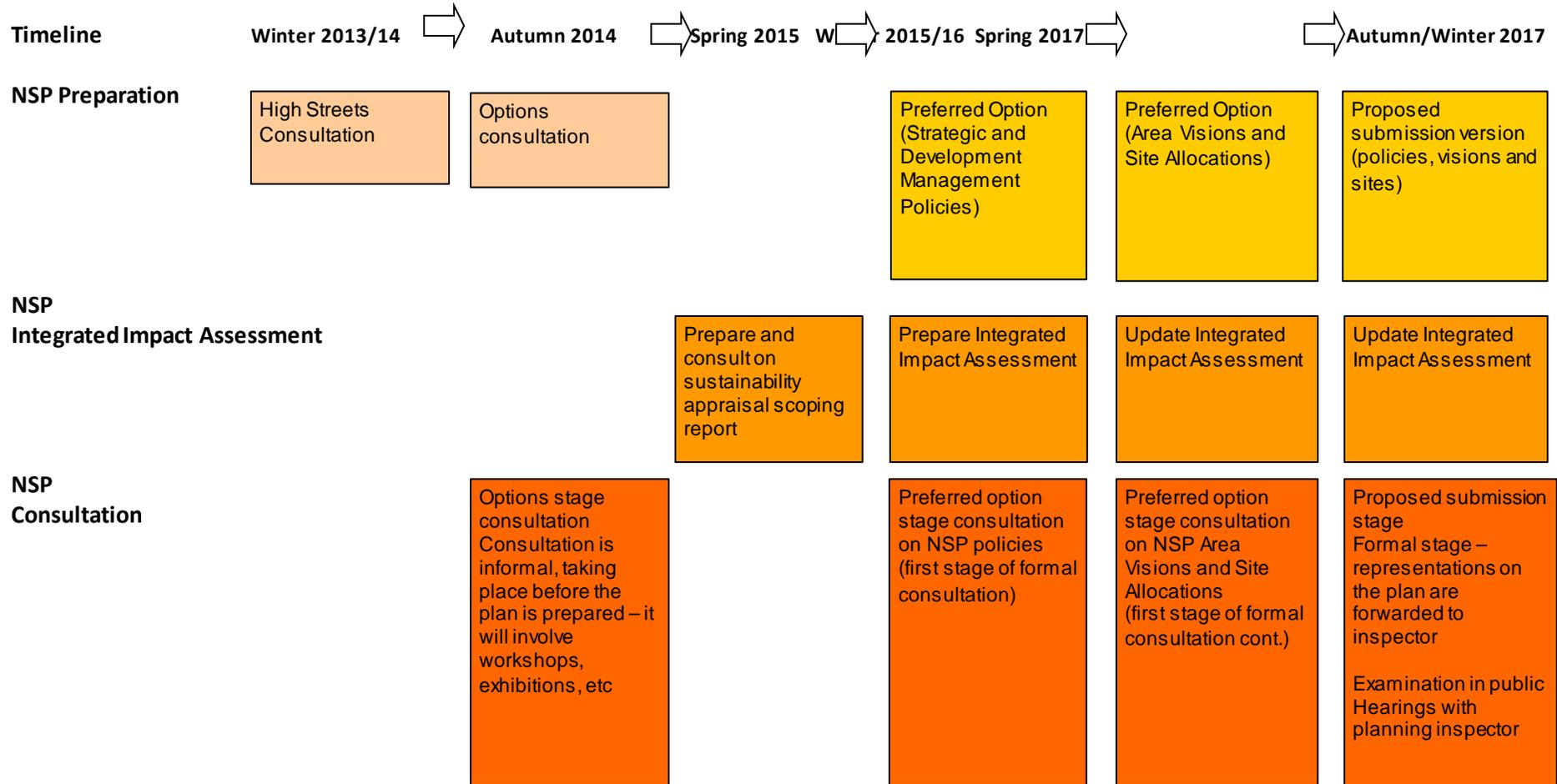
- 1.7. The purpose of this consultation plan is to explain how consultation on the New Southwark Plan: Proposed Submission version will take place. It explains how the consultation will meet the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (The Regulations) as well as the guidance set out in Southwark's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI explains how we will consult the community in the preparation of planning documents. Further information is set out in section 3 of this plan.
- 1.8. Several stages of consultation have already been undertaken for the New Southwark Plan. Between November 2013 and March 2014 the council carried out an informal stage of consultation through a survey focused on the borough's high streets. Interested parties had the opportunity to respond online, by post or through attending community outreach consultation sessions at neighbourhood groups. We received over 500 questionnaire responses.
- 1.9. The Issues and Options version of the New Southwark Plan was consulted on from October 2014 to March 2015. This version of the plan set out early draft policies and area visions. The document presented different options on policy approaches and we sought feedback on these. We received over 300 written responses during this stage of consultation as well as feedback through a variety of channels including workshops, meetings and conversations with the interested residents, people who worked and owned businesses in the borough, professional bodies and organisations, landowners and other interested stakeholders.
- 1.10. Between October 2015 and February 2016 the council consulted on the Preferred Option draft of the policies of the New Southwark Plan, including high-level strategic policies, set out across the key "fairer future" themes that the council will help to deliver (such as "Quality Affordable Homes" and "Cleaner, Greener, Safer"). The outcome to this stage of consultation is set out in the consultation report that was published concurrently with the NSP: Area Visions and Site Allocations (Preferred Option) document.
- 1.11. The Area Visions and Site Allocations consultation formed the second part of the Preferred Option stage and was consulted on from February to July 2017. Since the close of these consultations, the council has had the opportunity to review the responses received and produced a set of New and Amended policies which was consulted on in an 'interim' consultation from June to September 2017. The outcome of these consultations is set out in the consultation report published concurrently with the NSP: Proposed Submission Version.

The final draft of the plan has been prepared for consultation (the Proposed Submission Version) which contains strategic policies, detailed development management policies, the area visions for the borough's neighbourhoods and the final list of development site allocations.

How the New Southwark Plan is prepared

1.12. The NSP involves several stages of consultation. The stages and the relationships between consultation and preparation of the plan itself are shown in Diagram 1 below.

Diagram 1



2. How we are consulting?

- 2.1. This consultation plan sets out the consultation we are planning to carry out on the New Southwark Plan: Proposed Submission Version. This is in accordance with our adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2008), which explains how we will consult the community in the preparation of planning policy documents. The following sections set out how we plan to meet the minimum SCI consultation requirements and how we will exceed these requirements where appropriate. By meeting the minimum SCI requirements we will also meet the minimum consultation requirements in the 2012 Regulations.
- 2.2. Once we have finished consulting on the Proposed Submission Version we will collate all the responses we receive.
- 2.3. This consultation plan should be read alongside the New Southwark Plan: Proposed Submission Version document. This document sets out the policies used for decision making, visions for the borough's neighbourhoods and identifies the proposed key development sites which will help the council and its partners deliver on these visions.
- 2.4. This is not an open consultation for discussion and comment. This is the council's final document for consideration. There will then be an examination in public by a planning inspector. The inspector will prepare a report for the council and may require changes to be made to the plan for legal reasons. The final New Southwark Plan will then be adopted by the council. This is a decision taken by all councillors at the Council Assembly.
- 2.5. Unlike previous consultations, we are required to ask two specific questions which will give our residents and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on how the New Southwark Plan has been prepared, that its aims are achievable and that the plan is based on a robust evidence base. These questions are more commonly known as the 'Test of Soundness.' These are the same questions the independent Planning Inspector will be asking as part of the examination.

1. Is the Local Plan Legal?

A plan is considered legal when it complies with section 20(5) (a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

You may wish to consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:

- Whether the Local Plan has regard to national policy and guidance issued by the Secretary of State
- Whether the Local Plan has been prepared in-line with our Local Development Scheme (LDS)

- Whether community consultation has been carried out in accordance with our adopted Statement of Community Involvement
- Whether an Integrated Impact Assessment assessing social, environmental and economic factors has been prepared and made public.
- Whether the requirements of the Duty to Co-operate have been met. The Localism Act, section 110, and the National Planning Policy Framework, paragraphs 178 to 181, creates a duty on all local planning authorities and other bodies to cooperate with each other to address strategic issues in the preparation of the Local Plan

2. Is the Local Plan 'Sound'?

As part of the examination, the independent Planning Inspector is required to consider if the New Southwark Plan has been positively prepared, justified, and effective, and is consistent with national policy.

You may wish to consider the following before making a representation on the Soundness of our plan:

- **Positively Prepared:** This means that we have objectively assessed the need for homes, jobs, services and infrastructure and these have been delivered sustainably. If you think that our assessments are not objective or do not take sufficient account of unmet needs in neighbouring authorities then your comments relate to whether our Local Plan has been positively prepared or not.
- **Justified:** This means that the Plan is based upon a robust and credible evidence base. If you think that the evidence doesn't support the choice made in our Local Plan or there are realistic alternatives then your comments relate to whether it is justified.
- **Effective:** This means that the Plan is achievable. If you think that what we are proposing in the Local Plan will not happen as the required infrastructure cannot be provided, the groups who will deliver elements of it haven't signed up to it or our Local Plan does not join up with the strategies of our neighbouring authorities, then your comments relate to whether our Local Plan is effective or not.
- **Consistent with national policy:** Do you consider that our Local Plan accords with the National Planning Policy Framework, the London Plan, other policies or includes clear and convincing reasons for doing something different? Alternatively, you may think that the Local Plan should depart from national policy due to an identified and justified local need.

2.6. The New Southwark Plan documents can be found on our website at: <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-transport-policy/development-plan/local-plan>

- 2.7. The documents will also be available for inspection at all of our libraries across the borough. Addresses and opening times for all of our libraries are available on our website at: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library>

Tailoring the SCI to meet the circumstances of the NSP

- 2.8. The NSP will be a spatial strategy that covers the whole of the borough. It will influence issues that have a significant effect on people's lives. These issues include how we will support the provision of new homes including 11,000 new Council homes, maintain a strong local economy and healthy town centres, provide infrastructure to support new development, direct growth to the most appropriate parts of the borough and protect and improve our green infrastructure and heritage assets.
- 2.9. The plan will affect many groups in the community including;
- Existing residents living in and around the borough, including council tenants; people in need of housing
 - Existing businesses and businesses looking to move into the borough.
 - People with jobs in businesses in the borough that might be affected; people who might be looking for jobs
 - Landowners.
 - Congregations in the many faith premises that are located in the borough.
 - Shoppers and visitors to the area.
 - Students who are studying and/or residing in the borough.
 - Cyclists and pedestrians using the routes in the borough.
 - Developers.

3. Consultation timetable and methods of consultation

Consultation timeframe

- 3.1. We are required to consult on planning documents for a minimum of six weeks. However, we have found that six weeks does not always allow the community enough time to provide their comments, and so we set out in our SCI that we will consult on our planning policy documents for 12 weeks.
- 3.2. The New Southwark Plan: Proposed Submission Version will be available for comment from Wednesday 25 October 2017 to Sunday 24 December 2017. The formal consultation period will run from Tuesday 2 January to Monday 12 February 2018.
- 3.3. **All responses must be received by 5pm on Monday 12 February 2018.**

Consultation methods

- 3.4. The tables below set out the different consultation methods we propose to use. Throughout preparing the New Southwark Plan we have sought to consult with as many people as possible so that the NSP: Proposed Submission Version reflects the needs and aspirations of our diverse community.
- 3.5. We set out the minimum SCI requirements that we will carry out, and then the additional consultation we propose to carry out. We set out dates where these are already agreed.
- 3.6. This table is not exhaustive and throughout the consultation period we look at ways in which to carry out different types of consultation with as many different groups as possible.
- 3.7. Please check our website for an up-to-date list of dates of meetings and events on the consultation hub at: <https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/>

TABLE 1: MINIMUM CONSULTATION AS REQUIRED BY OUR STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Method of Consultation	Consultee	Date	Comments
Display the New Southwark Plan and accompanying documents on the council's website.	All	From 25 October 2017	Our website will continually be updated. The New Southwark Plan: Proposed Submission Version document will be available on our website from 25 October 2017
Mail out to all the statutory prescribed bodies and consultees.	All consultees defined as statutory consultees in the SCI and all the prescribed bodies and neighbouring boroughs referred to in the Duty to co-operate.	From 25 October 2017	This includes the bodies identified as statutory consultees in the SCI, all the prescribed bodies as set out in the Localism Act and that we are required to consult with as part of the Duty to co-operate, and all our neighbouring boroughs. This will be through our planning policy mailing database including those listed within the 2008 SCI (or any superseded bodies to any defunct organisations specified within the SCI).

Method of Consultation	Consultee	Date	Comments
Display the New Southwark Plan and its supporting documents at relevant libraries and Service Points.	All	Week commencing 18 December 2017	The NSP: Proposed Submission Version document will be available for view at all our libraries and our two Service Points in Walworth and Peckham.
Place a press notice in the local newspaper to advertise the start of the formal consultation period.	All	Week commencing 18 December 2017	This will be in the Southwark News

Note: The SCI refers to consultation documents being available in Area Housing Offices and One Stop Shops. Both of these premises have been replaced by Service Points.

TABLE 2: ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION

Method of Consultation	Consultee	Date	Comments
Email to all non-statutory consultees on planning policy database. This will set out the timescale for consultation and how people can comment on the NSP: Proposed Submission Version document.	All on planning policy consultee database	Week commencing 30 October 2017	An email will be sent to the 5,000+ contacts signed up for planning policy email notifications and updates via MySouthwark, as well as the groups identified in our SCI.

<p>Announcement at all Community Councils to let the community know that the New Southwark Plan is out for consultation.</p>	<p>All who attend the Community Council</p>	<p><i>Provisional dates subject to agendas:</i></p> <p>Bermondsey and Rotherhithe: 11 & 14 November 2017</p> <p>Borough, Bankside and Walworth: 1 November 2017</p> <p>Camberwell: 11 & 14 November 2017</p> <p>Dulwich: 1 November 2017</p> <p>Peckham and Nunhead: 13 November 2017</p>	<p>The meeting agendas can be found at:</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/mgListCommittees.aspx?bcr=1</p>
<p>Attend Planning Committee</p>	<p>All who attend planning committee</p>	<p>Date TBC</p>	<p>The meeting agendas can be found at:</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=119</p>

<p>Discussions with our neighbouring boroughs and where appropriate the prescribed bodies.</p>	<p>All prescribed bodies and neighbouring boroughs.</p>	<p>Throughout the consultation period</p>	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework has introduced the Duty to Co-operate. We will send our neighbouring boroughs and prescribed bodies links to electronic copies of the New Southwark Plan: Proposed Submission version document for comment and meet with them to discuss the document further if required.</p>
<p>Contacting land owners with interests in any land which is part of a proposed site allocation</p>	<p>Landowners of each site allocation</p>	<p>At least six weeks prior to the close of the consultation period January 2018</p>	<p>The council will seek to identify and contact each landowner related to a site allocation proposed in the NSP: Proposed Submission version where possible.</p>

5. How to comment on the New Southwark Plan

1. We welcome your comments on the final version of the New Southwark Plan and its supporting documents regarding the legal tests of soundness.
2. Please contact us if you would like to know more about the plan or to find out more about our consultation.
3. All comments must be received by **5pm on Monday 12 February 2018.**
4. Representations can be emailed or sent to:

NSP Consultation 2017
Planning Policy Team
5th Floor Hub 2
Regeneration
FREEPOST SE1919/14
London SE1P 5LX

planningpolicy@southwark.gov.uk

Tel: 0207 525 5471

List of locations where the NSP: Proposed Submission Version and supporting documents can be viewed

Libraries

All Southwark libraries
(Monday to Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9-5pm, Sunday 12-4pm)

My Southwark service points

Peckham My Southwark customer service point
122 Peckham Hill Street,
London SE15 5JR

Walworth My Southwark customer service point
376 Walworth Road,
London SE17 2NG

Council offices

Council offices
160 Tooley Street, SE12QH
Open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm

6. Monitoring and reporting

- 6.1 Each stage of consultation will be monitored where practical to ensure that a diverse range of groups and people are involved, including groups with protected characteristics. Demographic monitoring forms will be attached to questionnaire at each stage. A consultation report will be prepared following each stage and where under representation of particular groups is identified, efforts would be made at the following stage to rectify it.
- 6.2 The outcomes of the New Southwark Plan: Proposed Submission version consultation will be set out in the Examination in Public, anticipated for 2018.
- 6.3 During this Proposed Submission Version stage, all written comments received will be published alongside the Submission Version of the plan for the Examination in Public and the council will provide responses to responses received. All respondents will be notified of the submission of the plan to the Secretary of State for examination and will be notified of the examination hearings. A consultation report will be submitted to the Secretary of State showing how the Regulations and the aims of the Statement of Community Involvement have been met and describing how the plan has been influenced by consultation.