



Local Plan Publication Consultation

From 9 June 2023 to 24 July 2023

RESPONSE FORM

The Council is inviting comments on the Publication version of the Local Plan.

The Local Plan sets out a 15-year strategic vision, objectives and the spatial strategy. The draft Plan includes place-based strategies covering the whole borough, along with accompanying site allocations, as well as the thematic planning policies that will guide future development in the borough. It will inform how growth will be accommodated across the borough. The draft Plan seeks to address future challenges including climate change, health, affordability and liveability.

This consultation is the final opportunity to comment on the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent 'examination in public'. At this stage in the plan-making process, in accordance with the national guidance, consultation responses should focus on whether the Local Plan has been developed in compliance with the relevant legal and procedural requirements, including the duty to cooperate, and with the 'soundness' of the Plan. Further detail on these concepts is provided in the accompanying guidance notes available on the website (via the link below).

How to respond

Please read the consultation documents and other background information made available on the Local Plan website: www.richmond.gov.uk/draft_local_plan_publication_version

You can respond by completing this form, either electronically using Word or as a print out, and sending it to the Council by:

- Email to LocalPlan@richmond.gov.uk
- Post a hard copy of the form to Spatial Planning and Design, LB Richmond upon Thames, Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ.

Alternatively, you can make comments on the draft Local Plan **online via our Consultation Portal**, which is accessible at the website listed above.

All responses must be received by 11:59pm on Monday 24 July 2023. The consultation is open to everyone; however please note that responses will not be treated as confidential and those submitted anonymously will not be accepted.

This form has two parts:

- Part A – Personal details and about you
- Part B – Your detailed response(s).

Part A: Personal Details		
	1. Personal Details *	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	Dr	
First name	Gary	
Last name	Backler	
Job title (where relevant)	Chair	
Organisation (where relevant)	Friends of the River Crane Environment	
Address	<div style="background-color: black; width: 200px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 120px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="background-color: black; width: 80px; height: 15px;"></div>	
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*If an agent is appointed, please complete only the title, name and organisation boxes but complete the full contact details of the agent.

Data protection

The Council is committed to ensuring that personal data is processed in line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) data protection principles including keeping data secure.

The Council's Privacy Notice is published on the webpage www.richmond.gov.uk/data_protection

All responses will be held by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. Responses will not be treated as confidential and will be published on our website and in any subsequent statements; however, personal details like address, phone number or email address will be removed.

If you submit comments, the consultation responses and your personal data will be passed to the Planning Inspectorate and a Programme Officer. The Programme Officer manages the procedural and administrative aspects of the examination. The Programme Officer will contact you using the personal

information you have provided if you have indicated in the response form your wish to engage in the Examination.

Part B: Your Response

3. To which part(s) of the draft Local Plan does your response relate to?

Please indicate the documents **and** the specific paragraph numbers, policy or site allocation numbers and names, maps or tables you are commenting on.

Documents	Sections	Sections
Publication Local Plan (including changes to the Policies Map designations)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Page number(s) 281-2, 316-7
		Paragraph number(s) 21.91-2, 21.118
		Policy no./name 31, 40
		Place-based strategy
		Site Allocation(s) no./ name
		Maps
		Tables
Sustainability Appraisal Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	Page number(s)
		Paragraph number(s)
Other (for example an omission or alternative approach)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is:

4.1 Legally compliant	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
4.2 Sound	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.3 Complies with the Duty to Co-operate	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Further information on these terms is included within the accompanying guidance note, which can be found on the website at www.richmond.gov.uk/draft_local_plan_publication_version

If you have entered 'No' to 4.2, please continue with Q5. Otherwise, please go to Q6.

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is unsound because it is not:

5.1 Positively Prepared	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2 Justified	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.3 Effective	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.4 Consistent with national policy	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is or is not legally compliant, unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to provide comments in support of the legal compliance and/or soundness of the Local Plan, or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please use this box to set out your comments.

Please note your response should provide succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support / justify the response. After this stage, further submission will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

Policy 31: We note with regret that despite our previous consultation response, no parts of the River Crane corridor have been included in the "views and vistas identified on the Policies Map" (pp281-2)

Policy 40: We note that paras 21.91-92 are set out under the subheading "Thames Policy Area".

Please continue on a separate sheet / expand box if necessary.

7. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, when considering any legal compliance or soundness matter you have identified at 6 above.

Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination.

You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Please note your response should provide succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support / justify the suggested change. After this stage, further submission will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

Policy 31: Consistent with our response to the Local Views SPD in September 2022, we would like to see inclusion in the list on pp 281-2 of some or all of the following:

views from Craneford West Field, Mereway Nature Reserve and Kneller Gardens, from Crane Park throughout its length between Meadway in the east and the A314 in the west, including the view northwest from the A316 overbridge and the view of the Shot Tower and Crane Park Island Nature Reserve, and the view from Little Park towards Pevensey.

Policy 40: We would like the requirements of para 21.92 which refer explicitly to the Thames to refer equally explicitly to the River Crane; and to include a clear statement protecting all river corridors, including the Crane, as dark corridors, protected from light and noise. An explicit "Dark Corridor" Policy or SPD would give greater reassurance of protection, and might help to resolve tensions with the hierarchy of criteria for floodlighting in Policy 43. Use of the term "dark corridor" in para 21.118 would be helpful in this regard.

Please continue on a separate sheet / expand box if necessary.

8. Do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)? (Please tick box as appropriate)

No , I do not wish to participate In hearing session(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes , I wish to participate In hearing session(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

9. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

Please continue on a separate sheet / expand box if necessary.

10. If you are not on our consultation database and you respond to this consultation, your details will be added to the database. This allows us to contact you with updates on the progression of the Local Plan and other planning policy documents.

If you do not wish to be added to our database or you would like your details to be removed, then please tick this box.

Signature: <i>For electronic responses a typed signature is acceptable.</i>	Gary G Backler	Date:	23 July 2023
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