



Examination of London Borough of Enfield Plan
Historic England, Hearing Statement
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Historic England is the principal Government adviser on the historic environment, advising it on planning and listed building consent applications, appeals and other matters generally affecting the historic environment. Historic England is consulted on Local Development Plans under the provisions of the duty to co-operate and provides advice to ensure that legislation and national policy in the National Planning Policy Framework are thereby reflected in local planning policy and practice.

The tests of soundness require that Local Development Plans should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. Historic England's representations on the Publication Draft Local Plan are made in the context of the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework ("the Framework") in relation to the historic environment as a component of sustainable development.

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Introduction

- 1.1 This statement addresses the Inspector's questions with regards to Matter 1 of the Local Plan.
- 1.2 This hearing statement should be read alongside Historic England's comments submitted at previous consultation stages of the Local Plan.

Matters 1: Legal, procedural and other general matters

Issues

Q1.1: Has the Council maximised the effectiveness of the Plan by engaging constructively, actively and on an on-going basis with neighbouring authorities and the other prescribed bodies on the relevant strategic matters and what form has this engagement taken?

2.1 London Borough of Enfield staff have held regular progress meetings with Historic England during the preparation of the Plan. Discussions at these meetings have covered a range of issues underpinning the Plan in relation to the historic environment, including evidence base studies, site allocations, policy wording as well as tall building locations and potential effects on townscape and built context.

Q2.2: What outcomes have resulted from engagement and cooperation on relevant strategic matters and how have these informed the Plan's policies?

2.2 Discussions, analysis and further work undertaken as part of the engagement between the Council and Historic England have resulted in various amendments to policy wording in relation to the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment.

2.3 Historic England commented extensively at Regulation 19 stage on policy DE6 Tall Buildings. Positive discussions regarding this policy, as well as related areas of the Plan, were held after the conclusion of the public consultation and resulted in a Statement of Common Ground between HE and LBE. This included various proposed modifications to wordings which if adopted would address Historic England's outstanding concerns.

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