

Relevant planning policy

Adopted planning policy

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

1. The revised National Planning Policy Framework ('NPPF'), updated in 2023, sets out the national planning policy and how this should be applied. The NPPF focuses on sustainable development with three key objectives: economic, social and environmental. At its heart is a presumption in favour of sustainable development.
2. Paragraph 215 states that the policies in the Framework are material considerations which should be taken into account in dealing with applications.
3. The relevant chapters of the NPPF are:
 - Chapter 2 - Achieving sustainable development
 - Chapter 5 - Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
 - Chapter 6 - Building a strong, competitive economy
 - Chapter 7 - Ensuring the vitality of town centres
 - Chapter 8 - Promoting healthy and safe communities
 - Chapter 9 - Promoting sustainable transport
 - Chapter 11 - Making effective use of land
 - Chapter 12 - Achieving well-designed places
 - Chapter 14 - Meeting the challenge of climate change, flooding and coastal change
 - Chapter 15 - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment
 - Chapter 16 - Conserving and enhancing the historic environment

London Plan

4. In March 2021, the Mayor of London published the London Plan. The spatial development strategy sets a strategic framework for planning in Greater London and forms part of the statutory Development Plan for Greater London.
5. The strategic objectives of the London Plan are to build strong and inclusive communities, make the best use of land, promote a healthy city, optimise housing delivery including affordable housing, conserve and enhance London's global competitiveness, and move towards a more resilient and sustainable city. Development proposals must comply with the various policies within the Plan and should follow the guidance set out within Supplementary Planning Documents, Guidance and Strategies.
6. The relevant policies of the London Plan are:
 - GG1 - Building strong and inclusive communities

- GG2 - Making the best use of land
- GG3 - Creating a healthy city
- GG4 - Delivering the homes Londoners need
- GG5 - Growing a good economy
- GG6 - Increasing efficiency and resilience
- Policy SD1 - Opportunity Areas
- Policy SD4 - The Central Activities Zone
- Policy SD5 - Offices, other strategic functions and residential development in the CAZ
- Policy SD6 - Town centres and high streets
- Policy SD7 - Town centres: development principles and development plan documents
- Policy SD10 - Strategic and local regeneration
- Policy D1 - London's form, character and capacity for growth
- Policy D2 - Infrastructure requirements for sustainable densities
- Policy D3 - Optimising site capacity through design-led approach
- Policy D4 - Delivering good design
- Policy D5 - Inclusive design
- Policy D8 - Public realm
- Policy D9 - Tall buildings
- Policy D10 - Basement development
- Policy D11 - Safety, security and resilience to emergency
- Policy D12 - Fire safety
- Policy D13 - Agent of change
- Policy D14 - Noise
- Policy H1 - Increasing housing supply
- Policy H4 - Delivering affordable housing
- Policy H5 - Threshold approach to applications
- Policy H6 - Affordable housing tenure
- Policy H7 - Monitoring of affordable housing
- Policy H15 - Purpose-built student accommodation
- Policy S3 - Education and childcare facilities
- Policy E8 - Sector growth opportunities and clusters
- Policy E9 - Retail, markets and hot food takeaways
- Policy E11 - Skills and opportunities for all
- Policy HC1 - Heritage conservation and growth
- Policy HC3 - Strategic and local views
- Policy G1 - Green infrastructure
- Policy G4 - Open space
- Policy G5 - Urban greening
- Policy G6 - Biodiversity and access to nature
- Policy SI 1 - Improving air quality
- Policy SI 2 - Minimising greenhouse gas emissions
- Policy SI 3 - Energy infrastructure
- Policy SI 4 - Managing heat risk
- Policy SI 5 - Water infrastructure
- Policy SI 6 - Digital connectivity infrastructure

- Policy SI 7 - Reducing waste and supporting the circular economy
- Policy SI 8 - Waste capacity and net waste self-sufficiency
- Policy SI 12 - Flood risk management
- Policy SI 13 - Sustainable drainage
- Policy T1 - Strategic approach to transport
- Policy T2 - Healthy Streets
- Policy T3 - Transport capacity, connectivity and safeguarding
- Policy T4 - Assessing and mitigating transport impacts
- Policy T5 - Cycling
- Policy T6 - Car parking
- Policy T6.1 - Residential parking
- Policy T6.3 - Retail parking
- Policy T6.5 - Non-residential disabled persons parking
- Policy T7 - Deliveries, servicing and construction
- Policy T9 - Funding transport infrastructure through planning
- Policy DF1 - Delivery of the Plan and Planning Obligations

Relevant London-level Supplementary Planning Documents/ Guidance and Strategies

7. The relevant London-level supplementary planning documents and guidance documents are as follows:

- Mayor of London: Accessible London - Achieving an Inclusive Environment (SPG, 2004)
- Mayor of London: Affordable Housing and Viability (SPG, 2017)
- Mayor of London: 'Be Seen' Energy Monitoring Guidance LPG (2022)
- Mayor of London: Circular Economy Statements (LPG, 2022)
- Mayor of London: Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (2010)
- Mayor of London: Climate Change Adaptation Strategy (2011)
- Mayor of London: Crossrail Funding (SPG, 2016)
- Mayor of London: Environment Strategy (2018)
- Mayor of London: Housing (SPG, 2016)
- Mayor of London: Housing Strategy (2018)
- Mayor of London: London View Management Framework (SPG, 2012)
- Mayor of London: Planning for Equality and Diversity in London (SPG, 2007)
- Mayor of London: Public London Charter (2012)
- Mayor of London: Shaping Neighbourhoods - Character and Context (SPG, 2014)
- Mayor of London: The Control of Dust and Emissions During Construction and Demolition (SPG, 2014)
- Mayor of London: Transport Strategy (2018)
- Mayor of London: Whole Life Carbon Assessments (LPG, 2022)

Draft GLA guidance (emerging material considerations)

8. To support the London Plan 2021, the GLA has drafted further London Planning Guidance (LPG) on topic areas including:
- Mayor of London: Air Quality Neutral (draft)
 - Mayor of London: Fire Safety (draft)
 - Mayor of London: Optimising site capacity: a design-led approach (draft)
 - Mayor of London: Sustainable transport, walking and cycling (draft)
 - Mayor of London: Urban Greening Factor (draft)

Southwark Plan

9. The Southwark Plan, published in February 2022, includes Strategic Policies, Area Visions and Development Management Policies. The most relevant strategic policies are as follows:
- ST1 - Southwark's Development Targets
 - ST2 - Southwark's Places
 - SP2 - Southwark Together
 - SP3 - A great start in life
 - SP4 - Green and inclusive economy
 - SP5 - Thriving and neighbourhoods and tackling health equalities
 - SP6 - Climate emergency
 - AV.09 - Elephant and Castle Area Vision
 - Policy P5 - Student homes
 - Policy P8 - Wheelchair accessible and adaptable housing
 - Policy P13 - Design of places
 - Policy P14 - Design quality
 - Policy P15 - Residential design
 - Policy P16 - Designing out crime
 - Policy P17 - Tall Buildings
 - Policy P18 - Efficient use of land
 - Policy P19 - Listed buildings and structures
 - Policy P21 - Conservation of the historic environment and natural heritage
 - Policy P23 - Archaeology
 - Policy P27 - Education places
 - Policy P28 - Access to employment and training
 - Policy P34 - Railway arches
 - Policy P35 - Town and local centres
 - Policy P39 - Shop fronts
 - Policy P41 - Hotels and other visitor accommodation
 - Policy P44 - Broadband and digital infrastructure
 - Policy P49 - Public transport
 - Policy P50 - Highway impacts
 - Policy P51 - Walking
 - Policy P52 - Low Line routes
 - Policy P53 - Cycling

- Policy P54 - Car parking
- Policy P55 - Parking standards for disabled people and the physically impaired
- Policy P56 - Protection of amenity
- Policy P59 - Green infrastructure
- Policy P60 - Biodiversity
- Policy P62 - Reducing waste
- Policy P64 - Contaminated land and hazardous substances
- Policy P65 - Improving air quality
- Policy P66 - Reducing noise pollution and enhancing soundscapes
- Policy P67 - Reducing water use
- Policy P68 - Reducing flood risk
- Policy P69 - Sustainability standards
- Policy P70 - Energy
- Policy IP1 - Infrastructure
- Policy IP2 - Transport infrastructure
- Policy IP3 - Community infrastructure levy (CIL) and Section 106 planning obligations
- Policy IP6 - Monitoring development
- Policy IP7 - Statement of Community Involvement

Relevant Local-level Supplementary Planning Documents

10. The relevant supplementary planning documents and guidance documents from the local development plan are as follows:

- 2015 Technical Update to the Residential Design Standards 2011 (SPD, 2015)
- Affordable Housing (Draft SPD, 2011)
- Design and Access Statements (SPD, 2007)
- Development Viability (SPD, 2016)
- Section 106 Planning Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy (SPD, 2015 with 2020 Update)
- Sustainability Assessment (SPD, 2009)
- Sustainable Design and Construction (SPD, 2009)
- Sustainable Transport (SPD, 2010)