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The London Plan



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What is the London Plan?

Officially the 'spatial development strategy'

Provides a framework for spatial development in London over the next 20-25 years

Can only deal with matters which are of strategic importance to Greater London

Part of the 'development plan' for London, and boroughs' local development plan documents must be in 'general conformity' with the London Plan

Policy framework for the Mayor's decisions on referable planning applications

Overall London Plan programme

Draft London Plan launch 29th November 2017

12 week consultation period

Examination in Public Autumn 2018

Adoption/ publication Autumn 2019

New (draft) London Plan policy...

(not yet signed off)

- Boroughs should plan to meet the identified need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches.

...and ensure that new sites are well-connected to social infrastructure, health care, education and public transport facilities, and contribute to a wider, inclusive neighbourhood.

New definition...

- Aims to take into account and recognise Gypsies and Travellers:
 - ceased travelling due to a lack of pitches or lack of opportunities
 - living in bricks and mortar housing which is unsuitable by virtue of their cultural preference not to
 - ceased travelling temporarily or permanently due to family or dependents educational or health needs or old age

Needs assessments

Likely to be:

- a requirement to assess need within a set time frame or update this
- using new definition
- a requirement to plan to meet the identified need

Requirements

- Audit existing pitches and sites:
 - areas of overcrowding
 - potential capacity opportunities
 - refurbishment needs

and plan to meet.

- New pitches: pitch and site layouts: accessible and adaptable for disabled and older people and families with young children.

Consultation

Starts when the London Plan is launched 29th
November 2017

12 week consultation

Ends 23rd February 2018