Planning Policy Newsletter December 2025

New Camden Local Plan reaches public examination

On 3 October 2025, the Council formally submitted the Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft to the government for public examination by a Planning Inspector.

Planning Inspector Kelly Ford has been appointed to conduct the examination. She will consider whether the Local Plan is legally compliant and 'sound' - that is, has been positively prepared, is effective, is the most appropriate strategy and is consistent with national policy.

The submission included evidence and supporting documents and all representations received during consultation on the Submission Draft of the Plan (held between May and June 2025).

All documents can be viewed on our <u>examination webpage</u>.

As the examination progresses details will be published on the <u>examination webpage</u>. Public hearings are likely to take place in Spring 2026.

Contacting us

If you have any questions regarding our work, please contact us at:

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Euston Area Plan update

The Proposed Submission draft of the Euston Area Plan (EAP) has been approved by Cabinet and full Council for Regulation 19 consultation in January 2026, prior to submission for examination by the Planning Inspectorate, which is currently planned for late Spring 2026.

This follows consultation on proposed updates to the EAP in early 2023 and a 'direction of travel' supplementary consultation in Summer 2024.

The EAP is a long-term planning framework to guide transformational change in the Euston area. It sets out Camden's vision for the future of Euston and the expectations for how new homes, jobs, green spaces and community facilities should be delivered.

The EAP was adopted in 2015 and we are in the process of updating the document to reflect changes in policy position, design and priorities.





Neighbourhood Planning news

Kilburn Neighbourhood Plan passes examination and reaches referendum

The Kilburn Neighbourhood Plan, which covers parts of Camden and Brent, was submitted for independent examination in July this year. The Examiner found that (subject to some modifications) the Plan meets the relevant statutory tests and can progress to a local referendum.

The referendum will take place on 11 December 2025. If a majority of people voting support the Plan in the referendum, it will then be used by both boroughs in making planning decisions in the Kilburn Neighbourhood Area.

The Plan focuses on promoting public realm improvements, high quality design and mixed uses along the Kilburn High Road. It also seeks to support creative industries, markets and social and community facilities in the area.

Please see our <u>website</u> for full details on the Plan and referendum.









Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan is first in London to be updated

The update to the Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by the Council in July this year, replacing the version of the Plan adopted by the Council in 2018.

It is the first neighbourhood plan in Camden and London to have been revised. Congratulations to the Forum.

The Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2025-40 now operates alongside the Council's own planning documents as the basis for decisions on planning applications in the neighbourhood area.

The draft Plan was subject to independent examination from January to March 2025. The Examiner found that the Plan met the statutory requirements subject to a number of modifications and could therefore proceed to adoption. A referendum was not needed due to the limited nature of the updates to the Plan.

The Plan is structured around 6 main topics: Design and heritage; Natural Environment; Basements; Traffic and Transport; Economy and Housing & Community.

For further details, including the adopted plan, please visit the Council's neighbourhood planning page: Neighbourhood planning - Camden Council. A paper copy of the plan is available at Keat's Community Library and Pancras Square Library.



Bloomsbury Vision consultation launched

The Council has launched a public consultation on the draft Bloomsbury Vision. We want the vision to help create well-connected, safe and sustainable public spaces in Bloomsbury.

The consultation is now open until 10th December 2025.

There are several ongoing and planned projects in the area, and the Bloomsbury Vision is an opportunity to bring these projects together and reflect its history and character through a cohesive public realm strategy that looks to create more diverse, inclusive and climate resilient public spaces.

You can find out more and give your feedback by visiting our Commonplace engagement page: https://bloomsburyvision.commonplace. is/

Please provide comments or ask questions by emailing regenerationandplace@camden.gov. uk

We will analyse the feedback received and aim to publish a consultation summary in early 2026. We will then develop the final Bloomsbury Vision, with a view to publishing it in Spring/Summer 2026.



Camden Town Vision engagement

Engagement on the Camden Town Vision took place over the summer. This is the first stage in developing the vision which aims to look at Camden Town as a whole to help us coordinate and prioritise current and future projects.

Residents, workers and visitors were asked to give us their views on the issues, opportunities and ideas for Camden Town.

Urban Symbiotics were commissioned to carry out a number of events, including pop-ups, workshops with key stakeholders and targeted walkabouts.

There was also an exhibition at Camden Town Library. To find out more, please go to <u>Have Your Say Today - Camden Town Vision - Commonplace</u>.

A report on this engagement will be published, and the results will be used to inform a draft Vision that is expected to be published for consultation in winter 2025/26.



