

LP2 – Regulation 19 Consultation Guidance

What to consider when making a representation

Representations made at the previous Regulation 18 Preferred Approach stage may only be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate at the discretion of the Planning Inspector. Please do not rely on representations made at Regulation 18.

When making representations on the Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Local Plan (LP2), the Regulations stipulate that the following questions should be considered:

- **Is the Plan ‘sound’?** There are 4 tests at para 35 of the NPPF:
 - Has the Plan been ‘**positively prepared**’? *This means providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development;*
 - Is it robustly **justified** and evidence-led? *Have alternatives been considered and the conclusions in the plan based on evidence?*
 - Will it be **effective** in what it sets out to achieve? *Are the policies deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground;*
 - Is it **consistent with regional and national planning policy**? *Does the Plan conform with the adopted London Plan and the NPPF enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in this Framework and other statements of national planning policy, where relevant.*

- **Is the Plan legally compliant?**

The Local Plan should have been prepared in accordance with the Council’s latest Local Development Scheme.

The Local Plan should be accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment.

Consultation on the Local Plan should have been carried out in accordance with the Council’s Statement of Community Involvement.

The Local Plan should comply with all relevant laws including the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

- **Does the plan comply with the ‘Duty to Cooperate’?** - Has the local planning authority engaged constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis with neighbouring authorities and other prescribed bodies during the preparation of the Plan?

How to submit a representation

Representations should be made in writing on the standard Representation Form provided as this helps to ensure that all comments received are relevant and that the correct information is collected to allow representations to be considered fully by the Planning Inspector. Please complete these forms (which

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comprise one Part A form for personal details, plus a Part B form for each representation that is being made), ensuring all required answers are provided by:

- Using the Council's Commonplace site at <https://wfreg19.commonplace.is>
- Email to the Planning Policy team at: localplanconsultations@walthamforest.gov.uk
- Alternatively, you can write to us at: Planning Policy Team, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4JF

Representations must be received within the consultation period; representations received after the end of the consultation will not be considered as duly made and as such are unlikely to be considered by the Inspector.