

# PLANNING BRIEFING NOTE

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## FURTHER ALTERATIONS TO THE LONDON PLAN

### OVERVIEW

On 10 March 2015, the Mayor of London published Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP). These now form part of the London Plan and, along with the rest of the plan, will inform the preparation of planning policy by London boroughs as well as decisions on planning applications in the capital.

### THE KEY ALTERATIONS

The Further Alterations amend the London Plan so that:

- The life of the plan is extended from 2031 to 2036
- The target for net additional new homes is increased from 32,200 per year to 42,000, with individual borough targets amended to reflect this London-wide increase
- The London-wide target for new affordable homes is increased from 13,200 per year to 17,000
- There is a new commitment to ensuring that the planning system provides positive and practical support for the Private Rented Sector (PRS)
- There is a new approach to town centres, which aims to realise the potential of the more attractive, generally larger town centres through planned redevelopment, whilst managing the consolidation and redevelopment of other, mainly medium-sized centres
- The dispersal of student accommodation is encouraged, taking into account development and regeneration potential in accessible locations, especially as part of housing-led, mixed use redevelopment of town centres
- New Opportunity Areas are established at Bromley, Canada Water, Old Kent Road, Old Oak Common and Harrow & Wealdstone

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- The need for the FALP has been driven, in part, by the faster than expected growth in London's population. However, the extent to which this growth is structural or cyclical has still to be explored, and in light of this a full review of the plan is likely to be required. We understand that work is already underway
- In the interim, as result of changes proposed in the Government's Housing Standards Review, the Mayor will bring forward additional alterations later this year, in order to reflect the Government's new housing standards
- The Mayor is also considering possible changes to policy on car parking, in order to allow more parking spaces to be provided alongside new homes
- In addition, the Mayor is working to realise the potential for new Opportunity and Intensification Areas, including Haringey, Sutton, Hounslow Great West Corridor and Kingston Town Centre

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