

London Borough of Enfield

Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Panel

Subject: Strategic Planning Update

Cabinet Member: Cllr Nesil Caliskan

Executive Director: Sarah Cary

Purpose of Report

1. To provide an overview update on a number of key strategic planning matters including: Government policy changes relevant to strategic planning; Housing Delivery Test results; performance on determination of planning applications; recent appeal decisions with a focus on housing delivery and height and heritage impacts; the Infrastructure Funding Statement and the Local Plan
2. The update will be provided by way of a verbal presentation to the panel supported by a number of slides, included as an appendix to this covering report.

Relevance to the Council Plan

3. The update on Strategic Planning is relevant to the Council Plan's ambition to create A lifetime of opportunities for everyone and to the delivery of the Council's three key priorities:

Priorities:

- Good Homes in Well Connected neighbourhoods
- Safe healthy and confident communities
- An economy that works for everyone

Background

4. Enfield's Planning Service combines the functions of Strategic Planning & Design and Development Management. Broadly, the Strategic Planning & Design function sets the strategic framework for development and growth in the Borough – including infrastructure planning and production of the Local Plan – and the Development Management function manages individual development proposals through pre-application and planning application stages; which are assessed against the adopted planning framework. In practice the two functions work closely together as part of a joined-up planning service.
5. Enfield Council is in the process of producing a new Local Plan in line with the adopted Local Development Scheme. A Regulation 18 Draft Plan was consulted on in summer 2021.

6. Planning applications are assessed against the existing planning framework, including the London Plan.
7. The government makes changes to national planning legislation and policy and Enfield Council must ensure that its plan making and planning decision taking align with these changes when brought in to forces
8. Case law on planning appeals is of importance to the consideration of planning applications and to development of the new Local Plan
9. The Local Planning Authority publishes an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement that details how much S106 and CIL money has been collected, allocated and spent on relevant infrastructure projects.

Main Considerations for the Panel

10. To note the updates provided on the strategic planning matters covered in the presentation with a particular focus on:
 - a. Government changes to legislation and policy relevant to strategic planning
 - b. The Housing Delivery Test results and implications for planning in Enfield
 - c. Feedback regarding some recent appeal decisions and the implications for planning in Enfield; with a specific focus on housing delivery, tall buildings and heritage impacts
 - d. the Infrastructure Funding Statement
 - e. Progress on the Local Plan

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Appendices

- **Presentation Slide Pack**
- **House of Lords Built Environment Committee - Executive Summary**