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This briefing paper provides an overview of recent planning policy news and recent / emerging consultations or changes within the Central London boroughs, as well as updates from the Mayor of London and the Government in relation to the capital.

HEADLINES

- On **30 September 2024**, Angela Rayner **withdrew** the previous Government's order for the **GLA to review the London Plan**. Rayner stated that withdrawing the mandated review would enable the new Government and GLA to take "*a new partnership approach*" to tackle the Capital's housing crisis.
- Publication of the Labour Government's new **National Planning Policy Framework** expected to be delayed until **2025** due to the large scale of consultation responses received.
- Kensington and Chelsea adopted their **New Local Plan** on **24 July 2024**.

Q3 POLICY & GUIDANCE UPDATES

	On 17 September 2024 , Sadiq Khan (Mayor of London) announced the GLA's intentions to pedestrianise Oxford Street . Supported by the new Labour Government, the GLA's pedestrianisation plans will be delivered through the designation of a new Mayoral Development Area .
	Consultation for the Euston Area Action Plan closed to residents, businesses, community groups and visitors on 8 September 2024 . Camden will carry out further consultation on a revised version of the plan prior to independent examination (currently expected in Q1 2025). Consultation on the revised Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan 2025 – 2040 ("HNP") and redesignation of the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum ("HNF") closed on 8 October 2024 . Subject to the HNF being redesignated, the revised HNP will proceed to an independent examination.
	The City of London submitted their draft of the City Plan 2040 on 29 August 2024 to the Secretary of State for examination. In Q4 2024 , an independent examination is anticipated to be conducted by the Planning Inspectorate, with adoption expected in 2025.
	Hackney aims to submit the draft Stamford Hill Area Action Plan to the Planning Inspector in Q4 2024 , following consultation which closed on 28 June 2024 .
	The Hammersmith Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted on 6 August 2024 . The SPD aims to help landowners, homeowners, planning officers and other interested parties by providing formal planning guidance to manage change in Hammersmith's town centre.
	There were no updates to planning policy or guidance in the last quarter.

 <p>THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA</p>	<p>Kensington and Chelsea adopted the New Local Plan on the 24 July 2024, which includes the Local Plan Policies Map. The Strategy outlines the authority's main target growth area as Kensal Canalside and Earls Court.</p>
 <p>Lambeth</p>	<p>A further round of consultation on the Site Allocations Development Plan Document closed on 13 August 2024. Lambeth is now reviewing all representations made between 18 June 2024 and 13 August 2024 before the document is submitted to the Inspector for Examination.</p>
 <p>Southwark Council</p>	<p>Four Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are currently open for consultation in Southwark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Affordable Housing SPD – to replace the 2008 adopted SPD and 2011 draft SPD; • Draft Householder Development SPD – to set out standard of design expected from the development of existing homes in Southwark; • Draft Climate and Environment SPD – to provide guidance on making successful planning applications that align with Southwark's climate and environment policies; and • Draft Section 106 and CIL SPD – to replace the 2015 adopted SPD and 2017 addendum. <p>Consultation will close for all four draft SPDs on the 27 November 2024.</p>
 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>	<p>The Regulation 19 consultation stage for the draft Local Plan opened on the 13 September 2024. Representations will be accepted until the 28 October 2024. At present, Tower Hamlets aim for the Plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State in Winter 2024/25 and with eventual adoption to take place in Winter 2025.</p>
 <p>Wandsworth</p>	<p>Design and Engagement Stage (Stage 2) for the Clapham Junction Urban Heart Masterplan commenced in September 2024, which will last until January 2025. LB Wandsworth have suggested that adoption of the masterplan should take place between Q4 2025 and Q2 2026.</p> <p>LB Wandsworth published Development Viability in Planning: Guidance for Applicants in July 2024. It is intended that this document will provide up to date guidance on affordable housing viability following the 2020 Planning Obligations SPD.</p>
 <p>City of Westminster</p>	<p>There were no updates to planning policy or guidance in the last quarter. The Local Plan Partial Review is awaiting the next stage, following consultation on the Regulation 19 version, which closed in May 2024.</p>

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