

# **Lewisham Local Plan**

## **Independent Examination Hearing**

### **Matter 8: Employment and retail/town centre/culture policies**

Tuesday 25 June 2024 PM

#### **Agenda**

Please Note:

- The Hearing session will sit from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, with a short break mid-afternoon.
- Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Hearing Statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this Hearing session. These are available on the Examination website.
- References to Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs) are to the MIQs for the Examination (IN3). The areas for discussion relate to points the Inspectors require further information on.

#### **1. Inspectors' Introduction**

#### **2. Issue – Whether the Plan is positively prepared, justified, effective consistent with national policy, and in general conformity with the London Plan in relation to economy, town centres and culture? (Questions 8.1 – 8.113)**

##### **Areas for Discussion:**

##### **A thriving and inclusive local economy (Policy EC1)**

- Effectiveness (Q8.1 and 8.2)

##### **Protecting employment land and delivering new workspace (Policy EC2)**

- Hierarchy and flexibility (Q8.7)
- Proposed Modifications [PD11]: MO45 and MO46

**High quality employment areas and workspaces** (Policy EC3)

- Criterion A (Q8.10)
- Criterion B (Q8.11)

**Low-cost and affordable workspace** (Policy EC4)

- Viability (Q8.15 and Q8.17)
- Thresholds evidence base
- Unintended consequences and criterion B (Q8.18)
- Reuse of brownfield land (Q8.19)
- Certainty (Q8.20)
- Calculation of floorspace
- London Plan Policy E3 (Q8.21)
- Criterion G and meanwhile uses
- Proposed Modifications [PD11]: MO42

**Strategic Industrial Locations (SIL)** (Policy EC5)

- Criterion B and evidence (Q8.24)
- Certainty (Q8.25)
- The Arch Company

**Locally Significant Industrial Sites (LSIS)** (Policy EC6)

- Criterion D and Table 8.1 (Q8.33)
- Criterion E(d) and affordable housing (Q8.36)
- Proposed Modifications [PD11]: MO45

**Mixed use employment locations (MEL)** (Policy EC7)

- Proposed Modifications [PD11]: MO44

**Non-designated employment sites** (Policy EC8)

- Criterion C and marketing (Q8.44)

**Railway arches** (Policy EC9)

- Criterion B (Q8.51)
- Criterion C (Q8.53)
- Criterion E and consultation (Q8.54)
- Proposed Modifications [PD11]: MO48

## **Workplace training and job opportunities** (Policy EC10)

- Local labour schemes (Q8.57)

## **Town centres at the heart of our communities** (Policy EC11)

- Proposed Modifications [PD11]: MO47, MO49 and MO50

## **Town centre network and hierarchy** (Policy EC12)

- Threshold (Q8.64)
- Criterion F (Q8.67)

## **Optimising the use of town centre land and floorspace** (Policy EC13)

- Definition (Q8.70)
- Consistency and NPPF (Q8.69)
- Retail impact assessments for in centre development'

## **Major and District Centres** (Policy EC14)

- 50% target for retail uses (Q8.72)
- Shopping Area Impact Statement for 'in centre development'
- Primary Shopping Areas evidence (Q8.73)
- Proposed modification Council response paragraph 8.77.1

## **Local Centres** (Policy EC15)

- No further Inspector questions

## **Shopping parades, corner shops and other service points** (Policy EC16)

- Proposed modification Council response paragraph 8.88.1

## **Concentration of uses** (Policy EC17)

- Criterion A evidence (Q8.90)
- Criterion B evidence (Q8.91)
- Criterion D hot food takeaways distances (Q8.93) and proposed modification Council response paragraph 8.93.5 (and 8.93.1)
- Proposed modification Council response paragraph 8.95.2

**Culture, creative industries and the night-time economy**  
(Policy EC18)

- Proposed Modifications [PD11]: MO51

**Public houses** (Policy EC19)

- Existing monitoring evidence (Q8.101)
- Evidence for planning applications (Q8.103)
- Appendix 5 (Q8.105) and proposed modification Council response paragraph 8.105.5

**Markets** (Policy EC20)

- No further Inspector questions

**Visitor accommodation** (Policy EC21)

- No further Inspector questions

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