

Lewisham Local Plan
Independent Examination Hearing
Matter 4 The Housing Target/Requirement

Wednesday 19 June 2024 all day

Agenda

Please Note:

- The Hearing session will sit from 9.30am-1.00pm and 2.00pm to 5.00pm, with a short break mid-morning and 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

ISSUE – Whether the Plan has been positively prepared and whether it is justified, effective and consistent with national policy and in general conformity with the London Plan in relation to the overall provision for housing and the housing requirement? (Qns 4.1-4.11)

Relevant Policy - HO1

Areas for Discussion:

Housing Requirement/Target

- Conformity with London Plan (Q4.1)
- Time period (Q4.2)
- Backlog (Q4.4)
- Housing Delivery Rest Result -20% buffer (Q4.3)

Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) (2022) (EB16) (Q4.5)

- LHN -Standard Methodology results
- Rationale for discounting LHN
- Robustness of alternative approach

London Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) (2017) (EB21) (Q4.6-Q4.7)

- 2017 SHLAA results-Lewisham
- Local update of capacity results
- Housing capacity (no. of dwellings) -Plan period
- Ability to accommodate the Standard Method LHN (2,334 dpa) in Lewisham?
- Degree to which the SHLAA has influenced the decision to discount the LHN?

London Plan Housing Target (Q4.8)

- Implications of rolling forward the London Plan housing target for the remainder of the Plan period:
 - demographic growth (overall population; households; migration)

Exceptional Circumstances (Q4.9/Q.10)

- Exceptional circumstances for deviating from the Standard Method?
- Implications of not taking forward higher LHN?

Housing Target appropriate and justified? (Q4.11)

Modifications: MO29; MO29; MO30; M031; M032; M034 and subsequent proposed modifications (Council's Matter 4 Statement)

Participants:

Lewisham Council