



Lewisham Local Plan

Examination Hearing Sessions

Response to Actions

**Matter 8: Employment/Town Centre/Culture Policies
(Policies EC10)**

Prepared to inform the Local Plan Examination

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Introduction

- 1.1 This Paper is one of a short series that provides the London Borough of Lewisham's (the Council's) response to further actions raised through the Inspectors' post hearing letter (IN5).
- 1.2 The Paper seeks to respond to a specific request for further information that follows up on discussions during the examination hearing sessions, on Tuesday 25th June 2024, that focused on Matter 8 Employment/Town Centres/Culture Policies.
- 1.3 The Paper contributes towards the Council's response to the request for further information raised under Matter 8 Employment/Town Centres/Culture Policies; it provides a continuation to the submitted document Response to Action 65 on Matter 8 Employment/Town Centres/Culture Policies (LC48).

2. Workplace training and job opportunities (Policies EC10)

Inspectors' Post-Hearing Letter Information Request – the Inspectors have made a further request for information/ clarification in their Post-Hearing Letter (IN5) that relates to Matter 8 Policy EC10. Their request comprised the following –

“Policy EC10, criterion C refers to financial contributions from major developments being used to support the Council's local labour scheme. This requirement lacks cogent local evidence to be effective and justified. The Council's response to AP65 provides some further detail and a table illustrating recent performance. However, whilst the average percentage of local labour is provided for 2022-2023 there is no figure for 2023-2024. As such this data is very limited. Can the Council confirm when this figure will be available?”

- 2.1 The Council provided a response relating to the Council's Local Labour Scheme in the response to Action 65 in document LC48. The response included a summary of the performance of the Local Labour Scheme from 2022-2024, and is replicated below:

	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Apprenticeship Start	16	14
Continuing Apprenticeship	10	10
Completed Apprenticeship	0	1
Work Experience	47	33
Jobs Advertised	57	22
Job Start	45	246
Accredited Training		72
ITT sent	44	19
ITT received	8	2
Community Involvement Activity	78	62
Average local labour	15%	tbc

- 2.2 In document LC48, the average local labour figure was missing for 2023-24. The Council can now confirm that this figure is **16%**.