

Lewisham Local Plan

Independent Examination Hearing

Matter 6: Employment and retail/town centre land requirement

Tuesday 25 June 2024 AM

Agenda

Please Note:

- The Hearing session will sit from 09.30am to 1.00pm with a short break mid-morning.
- 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 Local 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 provision for employment and retail/town centre requirements? (Questions 6.1 – 6.23)

Areas for Discussion:

Employment land requirement (Policies EC1 and EC2)

- Methodology for office floorspace (Q6.1)
- Methodology for B2/B8 employment uses (Q6.1)
- Floorspace requirements up to 2040 (Q6.4)
- Employment land requirement (Q6.5) and Proposed Modification set out Appendix 1 of the Statement of Common Ground with the Greater London Authority (LC9)
- Knight Frank for Lewisham House No.1 Ltd

Employment Hierarchy Locations (Policies EC5, EC6, EC7 and EC8)

Strategic Industrial Locations (Policy EC5) (Q6.10 and 6.11)

- Bermondsey Dive Under
 - Suitability of location, quality and floorspace to compensate for re-designation of the 3 sites to be LSIS.
 - Bermondsey Dive Under Survey Report (LC13) together with Council's Supplementary Note (WS6/1A)
 - Statement of Common Ground with the Greater London Authority (LC9)
 - Proposed Modifications (PD11): MO46

Locally Significant Industrial Locations (Policy EC6)

- Site selection (Q6.12)
- Certainty and flexibility (Q6.13)

Mixed Use Employment Locations (Policy EC7)

- Site selection (Q6.14)

Non-designated employment sites (Policy EC8)

- Clarity and justification (Q6.16)

Retail/town centre land requirement (Policies EC12 and EC13)

- Need in relation to comparison and convenience sectors (Q6.18 and Q6.21)
- Evidence base assumptions (Q6.19)
- Plan period (Q6.20)
- Indicative capacities (Q6.22)
- Quod for Landsec
- Knight Frank for Lewisham House No.1 Ltd