

INTRODUCTION

LONDON PLAN

1.8 The London Plan is the Spatial Development Strategy produced by the Mayor of London setting the strategic plan for development in London over the next 20-25 years. The Local Plan is required to be in general conformity with the London Plan. The London Plan is also part of the statutory development plan for the borough and has to be taken into account in the determination of planning applications.

1.9 The London Plan sets out a significant number of requirements in relation to Local Plan preparation which must be addressed in the development of the policy options. The Mayor also establishes a strategic approach in relation to key policy areas leaving limited scope for alternative policy options at the local level.

1.10 Revised Early Minor Alterations (REMA) to the London Plan (2011) were adopted in October 2013 to ensure that it is consistent with the NPPF. Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP) were adopted in March 2015, responding to changes in future projections of growth in London that have been informed by the 2011 Census and other evidence. This Local Plan has been prepared in the understanding of the important changes set out in the FALP, including a new housing target for the borough.

1.11 Key policy requirements set out in the London Plan in relation to the borough and the draft Hounslow Local Plan include:

- A minimum housing delivery target of 822 additional homes per annum throughout the plan period, an increase from 470 per annum in the previous planning period
 - Setting an affordable housing target, including separate targets for affordable rented and intermediate housing
 - Identifying and protecting Strategic and Locally Significant Industrial Sites
 - Establishing the borough's town centre hierarchy, identifying Hounslow as a Metropolitan Centre, Chiswick as a Major Centre and Brentford and Feltham as District Centres
 - Setting out detailed principles in relation to minimising carbon dioxide emissions and sustainable design and construction
 - Strongly opposing any further expansion of Heathrow Airport that involves an increase in the number of aircraft movements
 - Setting out maximum car parking standards
 - Continuing the protection of Metropolitan Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land
- Identification of the Heathrow Opportunity Area (shared with London Borough of Hillingdon) as an area to accommodate significant new housing and employment growth. The potential of this aspect will be dependent on the outcome of decisions to be made on the future function of Heathrow Airport.
 - Identification of a Hounslow (Great West Corridor) Strategic Outer London Development Centre for employment use and potential for a further Opportunity Area at the Great West Corridor.

