

Bexley Local Plan Adoption Statement

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ('the 2004 Act') (as amended) Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

In accordance with the Regulations outlined above, notice is hereby given that London Borough of Bexley ('the Council') formally adopted the Bexley Local Plan on 26 April 2023.

The Bexley Local Plan replaces in full the Bexley Core Strategy and remaining extant policies of the Bexley Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and UDP Proposals Map. A new Policies Map has been issued that illustrates geographically the application of the policies in the adopted Local Plan.

The Bexley Local Plan provides a framework to guide future development in the borough to 2038. It sets out a spatial strategy, strategic and non-strategic policies for managing development and infrastructure to meet the environmental, social and economic opportunities and challenges facing the area, and includes site allocations for residential and residential-led mixed-use development.

The Bexley Local Plan and the Mayor's London Plan form the Development Plan for the borough. When determining an application for planning permission the decision must be taken in accordance with Bexley Local Plan policies and London Plan policies unless there are material considerations that indicate otherwise.

The Bexley Local Plan was the subject of an independent examination by Inspector M Rivett BA (Hons) MSc MRTPI, assisted by Inspector D J Board BSc (Hons) MA MRTPI, the Planning Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The Inspectors' Report on the Examination of the Bexley Local Plan, issued on 28 February 2023, concluded that, with the recommended main modifications set out in the Annex to the Report, the Bexley Local Plan satisfies the requirements referred to in Section 20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act and is sound.

The Bexley Local Plan incorporates all of the main modifications as recommended by the Inspectors. A schedule of the main modifications is available to view at:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/bexley-local-plan-report-schedule-of-main-modifications.pdf>. In addition, additional modifications have been incorporated into the Bexley Local Plan that do not materially affect the policies in the Plan that are technical, factual, grammatical and typographical corrections or that provide clarification. A schedule of the additional modifications is available to view at: <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-04/schedule-of-additional-modifications-to-the-draft-local-plan-reg-19.pdf>

The Bexley Local Plan and Policies Map, this Adoption Statement and the Sustainability Appraisal Report have been made available for inspection on the Council's website at

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-examination-library/adoption>.

Paper copies of these documents are available for inspection at the **Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, DA6 7AT**, during normal opening hours, which are between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Paper copies of these documents will be made available as soon as reasonably practicable at all Bexley libraries during their normal opening hours, of which information can be found online at <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/opening-hours>.

In accordance with Section 113 of the 2004 Act, any person aggrieved by the Bexley Local Plan may make an application to the High Court on the ground that:

- (i) the document is not within the appropriate power;
- (ii) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made no later than the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the date on which the Bexley Local Plan was adopted.

A copy of this Local Plan Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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