

## **Consultation Statement: Lots Road Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

**July 2022**

### **Regulation 12 of the Towns and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**

The Council have prepared a Lots Road South Design Brief Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Towns and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, this Consultation Statement sets out:

#### **Regulation 12 (a) (i) the persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document**

The Council undertook several stages of engagement with the local community before the Draft SPD was published for consultation.

1. Early engagement stage 1: Mapping Workshops (23<sup>rd</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021)  
The initial stage of early engagement consisted of seven mapping workshops held on Zoom due to the pandemic with key community stakeholders between March and April 2021. 33 individuals attended from residents' associations, local charities and local businesses. The purpose of such workshops was to discuss a vision for the whole neighbourhood and to capture the aspirations of community stakeholders regarding future change at Council-owned sites in the area.
2. Early engagement stage 2: Follow-ups and outreach (July to August 2021)  
This stage consisted of follow up meetings and correspondence with workshop participants, as well as outreach to additional community stakeholders suggested by the consultees. The aim was to offer members of the community an opportunity to review findings from the previous stage and suggest amendments to the summary of feedback, to share updates on the progress of the planning process, and to discuss the next steps of engagement.
3. Early engagement stage 3: Design Workshops (August to November 2021)  
The third stage of early engagement was focused on one site, Lots Road South, and consisted of regular in-person meetings and workshops in the local area. A community working group including 11 local organisations was formed to discuss design principles for future development on the site, as well as listen to and document concerns raised by the community even when outside the scope of the SPD. The collaborative process to shape design principles and the key concerns raised by community stakeholders are outlined in the summary of feedback.
4. Formal statutory consultation: Draft Lots Road South SPD (24<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022)

The Local Planning Authority has a Local Plan consultation database which has in excess of 2,300 consultees. A mail out was sent to all consultees on the Local Plan

database by email and post (if requested) notifying them of the consultation and inviting comments. This was also sent to all persons who had requested to be notified of updates on this SPD.

The documents were available on-line under 'current consultations' on the Council's planning pages and the wider consultation hub and were open to anyone for comment. At least three hard copies were also distributed upon request during the consultation period.

The Local Plan database includes 'general', 'specific', 'prescribed' and 'local' consultation bodies as required by legislation. The 'general consultation' bodies include voluntary bodies such as Kensington Society, Chelsea Society and Tenants and Residents Associations, bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups such as London Gypsy and Traveller Unit, bodies representing religious groups such as Christ Church Kensington, bodies representing the interests of disabled persons such as Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea and bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying out business in the Royal Borough such as KC Chamber of Commerce.

The 'specific' and 'prescribed' consultation bodies consulted included the Environment Agency; Natural England, Historic England, the Highways Agency, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Thames Water and the Mayor of London (GLA).

The 'local' consultation bodies consulted included individual residents and persons carrying on business in the Royal Borough who signed up to the above database or visited the specific pages of the Council's website.

In addition to the Council's website, in accordance with Regulation 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the documents were also made available for inspection during normal office hours at Kensington Town Hall and at local libraries in the borough.

### **Regulation 12 (a) (ii) a summary of the main issues raised by those persons**

#### **1. Mapping Workshops**

A summary of responses from this stage of engagement can be found alongside the SPD.

#### **2. Design Workshops**

A summary of responses from this stage of engagement can be found alongside the SPD.

#### **3. Draft Lots Road South Design Brief SPD**

**The Council received 26 responses to the consultation. The key themes raised are summarised below:**

- Members of the community raised that they had little agency over the quantum of development, density, and uses. This, in their view, undermined the early engagement and statutory consultation
- Some comments called for wider community engagement even though affiliation to the design working group was agreed with participants
- Despite agreeing to the design guidance in principle, some members of the community strongly oppose any more housing in the area
- The importance of the local Employment Zone and the perceived threat posed by housing development was highlighted by members of the community
- Greater focus on employment and commercial space was requested
- The importance of biodiversity and greening on the site was a key concern for some consultees.

**Regulation 12 (a) (iii) how these issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document**

**1. Mapping Workshops and Design Workshops**

Each stage of engagement has fed into the next and helped inform the Draft Supplementary Document as it has emerged.

**2. Draft Lots Road South Supplementary Planning Document**

A detailed consultation schedule explaining how these issues have been addressed is available on the Council's website. The Council's response to each comment has been presented in these tables and sets out how comments have been addressed. The Council's responses were made available alongside the Draft Lots South Road SPD.