



## **The London Plan**

### **What is the London Plan?**

The draft Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London (called the 'London Plan') is a strategic plan setting out an integrated social, economic and environmental framework for London for the next 15-20 years.

The draft London Plan was a 400 page document detailing areas for development and other policies (such as equalities) that the GLA will be implementing over the next 15-20 years. Some noteworthy targets to be set by the GLA are:

- Substantial development in East London
- Minimum targets of 23,000 new houses per annum with up to 50% (in some Boroughs) of new housing being 'affordable' housing; and
- 636,000 new employment opportunities will be created with emphasis on BME communities.

### **Progress to Date**

In June 2002, the GLA released the draft London Plan (LP) for public consultation. A total of 650 organisations and individuals made written responses and 12,000 issues were identified. A further 8,000 surveys were returned.

The LP is now in its final stages. After the Examination in Public (EIP), the Mayor will consider the EIP Panel's findings before finalising the LP in late 2003. Once finalised, the LP will be passed into legislation.

## **What is the Examination in Public (EIP)?**

The Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires that before the Mayor publish his Spatial Development Strategy (i.e. the London Plan), it must undergo an Examination in Public. The EIP will be conducted by two independent Panel Members appointed by the Secretary of State.

The purpose of the EIP is to:

1. Ensure public discussion of major issues of concern as determined by the Panel or that have generated public concern or where there may be conflict with other policies; and
2. Address strategic issues. Site specific information etc will not be discussed.

## **The EIP Process**

The EIP Panel has decided on who will be invited to participate in the EIP and what Matters will be discussed. This was finalised on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2003. WRC has been invited by the Panel to participate in discussions on the following Matter:

### ***London's People***

*Does the draft Plan adequately address the needs of all the people living and working in London, including the particular needs and circumstances of minorities within society? In particular does the draft Plan provide an adequate spatial framework for meeting the needs for:*

- *education and training*
- *health*
- *access to services and employment*
- *culture, recreation and worship*

## **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

There are two ways that Members can be involved in the EIP process. Firstly, if you would like to make any comments to be included in the written submission, please contact me by **4<sup>th</sup> February**. If you would like to be involved with the formal meeting of the Panel, please contact me by **17<sup>th</sup> February**. We encourage all interested Members to be part of the process.

## **WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION?**

**Copies (in various formats) of the draft London Plan and EIP can be obtained from:**

The Greater London Authority  
City Hall, The Queen's Walk  
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Telephone: 020 7983 4000

<http://www.london.gov.uk/approot/mayor/strategies/sds/index.jsp>

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