

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Dear Agnieszka,

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);
Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007; Town and Country Planning (Local
Development) (England) Regulations 2012**

**Re: Request for the Mayor's opinion on the general conformity of the draft Local Plan with the
London Plan (LP2021)**

Thank you for requesting the Mayor of London's opinion on the general conformity of the London Borough of Westminster's (LBW's) proposed draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) with the LP2021. As you are aware, all Development Plan Documents in London must be in general conformity with the London Plan under section 24 (1)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Mayor has afforded me delegated authority to make detailed comments which are set out below. The Mayor will provide a further opinion on the general conformity of the Plan if that is considered necessary or if it is requested by LBW officers in the future.

General

The Mayor provided comments on the earlier Westminster City Plan partial review Regulation 19 on 25 April 2024 (Ref: LDF33/LDD44/LP02/JB01) and the Regulation 18 consultation on the Partial City Plan review on 18 November 2022 (Ref: LDF33/LDD35/LP01/MJ01). This letter follows on from that earlier advice. The LP2021 was formally published on the 2 March 2021, and forms part of LBW's Development Plan and contains the most up-to-date policies.

Westminster City officers formally requested the Mayor's opinion on the general conformity of the draft Plan with the LP2021 on 16 August 2024. This statement is in response to that request.

In his previous Local Plan consultation responses, the Mayor did not raise any general conformity objections but did raise concerns and provided advice and guidance where that was considered necessary. If followed, the guidance in his earlier responses would bring the draft Plan into closer alignment with the LP2021. Most of these elements have been addressed in a Statement of Common Ground between Westminster City and GLA officers that is currently being finalised.

It is the Mayor's opinion that as written, and especially with the addition of the proposed modifications put forward as part of the SoCG, that the draft Plan is in general conformity with the LP2021.

Next steps

I hope this statement can positively inform the examination of LBW's Local Plan. GLA officers continue to offer their support if that is required. If you have any specific questions regarding this statement, please do not hesitate to contact Hassan Ahmed on 020 7983 4000 or at hassan.ahmed@london.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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