

Islington Local Plan

The draft Local Plan consists of three documents that set out a range of planning policies which will be used as the basis for making decisions on future planning applications:

- Strategic and Development Management Policies – sets out strategic policies to identify where and how change will happen, with policies to guide development in different parts of the borough as well as and detailed policies to manage development which apply across the borough.
- Site Allocations - this sets out site specific policies for a number of sites across the borough which will contribute to meeting development needs.
- Bunhill and Clerkenwell Area Action Plan – this is the plan for the south of the borough, covering the majority of Bunhill and Clerkenwell wards, where significant change is expected.

The Local Plan is required to go through several formal stages of consultation before it can be adopted, as well as going through an ‘Examination’. The Examination process - conducted by independent Planning Inspectors - establishes whether the Draft Local Plan is considered ‘sound’, meaning it is compliant with planning legislation and guidance. A Local Plan must be considered ‘sound’ for it to be adopted by a council and used to determine planning applications.

Local Plan consultation

The draft Local Plan is at an advanced stage following several rounds of consultation and was submitted to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination in February 2020. The Examination Hearings took place between September and October 2021. We are now consulting on some focused changes (known as modifications).

The consultation can be found at the following webpage:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/consultations/2022/islington-draft-local-plan>.

The consultation webpage refers to changes to each of the documents mentioned above. As part of the Local Plan consultation, three sites have been identified for Gypsy and Traveller sites, a summary of these site allocations and where to find further information for each is provided below.

The main changes to the site allocations document can be found [here](#).

Proposed change to site allocation at 71 Ronalds Road/Highbury Roundhouse

The consultation includes a proposed change to the Highbury Roundhouse allocation. This was previously included in the Local Plan as site allocation reference OIS13. The previous draft site allocation was for the re-provision of the community centre and identified that residential development may be acceptable on the Ronalds Road frontage.

The proposed change to the site allocation proposes to remove the allocation for the community centre as this has been delivered (modification reference SA-MM-102, pages 60-61). The site on Ronald's Road, with an amended boundary, is now proposed to be allocated for Gypsy and Traveller Pitch provision to meet identified need for this type of housing in the borough.

The specific changes related to the Ronalds Road site can be found on pages 81-82 [here](#) (modification reference SA-MM-123).

Proposed change to site allocation at 207a Junction Road

The consultation document includes a proposed change to the Site Allocation at 207a Junction Road that was previously included in the Local Plan as site allocation ARCH7. The previous draft site allocation was for residential development with potential to re-provide the existing martial arts centre use (modification reference SA-MM-78, page 46).

The proposed change to the site allocation is to change the allocation of the site to be for the provision of up to 3 permanent pitches to meet identified Gypsy and Traveller needs.

It is recognised that the existing use on the site is a valued community use. The council will work with the current occupiers of the site to identify a suitable site for the re-location of the existing martial arts centre within the local area which should be of equivalent quality, quantity and accessibility.

The proposed new text for the site allocation can be found on pages 77-78 [here](#) (modification reference SA-MM-121).

New site allocation at 154 Junction Road

This site was not previously included in the draft Local Plan and is a new site identified for the provision of one Gypsy and Traveller pitch to meet identified Gypsy and Traveller needs. Details of this site can be found on pages 79-80 [here](#) (modification reference SA-MM-122).

Providing comments

Comments can be made:

- by email to planningpolicy@islington.gov.uk; or
- by post to: Freepost RTXU-ETKU-KECB, Planning Policy, Islington Council, Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD.

Comments submitted will be made publicly available (with personal information removed) and provided to the planning inspectors who are 'examining' Islington's Local Plan.