

Health input to the Review of the London Plan

Review of the London Plan

The London Plan is the Mayor's spatial development strategy. It sets the development priorities and policies for London and it is going to be reviewed during 2006. The proposal is for the London Health Commission to coordinate the involvement of health in the review process and the input into the Strategic Environmental Assessment, the work will be led by the Urban Development Forum of the Commission. The forum aims to ensure the review process takes account of the need to promote health and reduce health inequalities

This brief paper provides information on the different work streams underway, timescales and key points of contact. It is designed to aid understanding of the process and help colleagues identify how they might contribute.

Statement of Intent

The Mayor published his Statement of Intent in December 2005 which provides an indication of the issues that the review will cover. A paper presenting the key health policy issues for consideration in the review of the London Plan has been drawn together from health policy leads in the Regional Public Health Group, the Healthy Urban Development Unit and the health team at the GLA. The paper will be circulated to PCTs, SHAs and the members of the Urban Development Forum for comment, it will be revised in light of the comments received and then submitted as the health sectors response to the consultation on the statement of intent.

Consultation on the statement of intent finishes on 1 March 2006

If you would like to view the statement of intent, this is the link:

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

If you would like further information on this process contact Nannerl Herriott, nannerl.herriott@dh.gsi.gov.uk at the Regional Public Health Group.

Work to support input into Consultation on the Review

Health Targets

The Mayor currently produces an Annual Monitoring Report that measures progress on the London Plan against a set of specific targets. The current plan does not contain any specific health targets, which is a serious anomaly. In order to demonstrate that the plan is improving health we will recommend that the revised plan contains health improvement and health inequality related targets. The health team, lead by Helen Davies, helen.davies@london.gov.uk at the GLA, are leading this development work.

Scenario Testing

Consultants have been appointed by the London Plan team to look at a set of scenarios to test how London Plan policies may need to adjust in response to future changes in London.

Neil Blackshaw, Neil.Blackshaw@london.gov.uk from the Healthy Urban Development Unit in leading the health input into the scenario testing.

Housing density

One of the key issues in the London Plan is the housing shortage in London. We have picked up a concern however, that the current policy regarding housing density may be problematic with respect to health. To consider this further, Jonay Ojeda, jose.ojeda@dh.gsi.gov.uk from the Regional Public Health Group is undertaking a literature review and talking to experts in the field on the link between high density

housing and public health. The review will be completed by 30 March 2006 and submitted to the GLA housing lead to help inform housing policy development.

Climate Change and Urban Heat Island effect

Climate change predictions indicate that London will get hotter over the next 50 years and the way that London is designed has an impact of the distribution of heat within the city. The GLA have commissioned a consortium lead by Kings College London to research the impact of urban heat island effect on urban design. Nannerl Herriott from the Regional Public Health Group is providing the health input to the steering group which is due to report by 30 March 2006.

Sustainability Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment

Sustainability Assessment (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) must be conducted on the Review of the London Plan. The London Health Commission has agreed to integrate health into the SA/SEA process, rather than do a separate health impact assessment of the review.

Consultants were appointed in November 2005 to do the scoping report (the first stage of the assessment) and the next stages will be undertaken by both consultants and an appraisal team with GLA and London Health Commission input. Paul Plant has been shaping and undertaking the process on behalf of the LHC.

The SA/SEA is overseen by a steering group with Nannerl Herriott ensuring health interests are included in the deliberations of the steering group. A process for including health in the assessment has been agreed with the GLA.

- There will be a health representative in the appraisal team (Nannerl Herriott has been nominated because of her expertise in this field) and an HIA consultant to provide detailed input to the process.
- The health evidence base will be used in the appraisal assessment process.
- There will be a health section in the final report which draws together the key health impacts of the review of the plan
- There will be a health stakeholder workshop that will review the health section of the report

The first appraisal of the plan will take place in March 2006, there will be a health stakeholder workshop in late spring 2006 and with final appraisal taking place in summer 2006. There will also be an opportunity to comment on the final report, the Environment Report of the SA/SEA when it is out for consultation in autumn 2006. For further information contact Nannerl Herriott, Nannerl.Herriott@dh.gsi.gov.uk

The final three stages of the process are:

London Assembly Draft of Review

The GLA will submit a draft of the review of the London Plan to the London Assembly in late spring 2006.

Public Consultation on Review

Public consultation on the draft review of the London Plan will take place in autumn 2006. The Urban Development Forum of the LHC will initiate a process to ensure that the key issues for health in London are feed into the public consultation phase of the review.

Examination in Public

The Examination in Public will take place in spring 2007.

Issues that have not been addressed during the review process will be presented at the Examination in Public where nominated individuals from the health sector will give evidence to the panel.

Planned health input to the London Plan Review

	Winter 2006	Spring 2006			Summer 2006				Autumn 2006			Winter 2006/07			Spring 2007
	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	January	Feb	March	
Review of London Plan	Consult on Issues paper (NH) Factual Corrections to plan (NH) Submit issues paper as response to Statement of Intent (NH/HUDU) Development and testing of senario's (HUDU)	Health targets developed(HD) Urban heat island effect research completed(NH) Public health impact of high density housing report submitted(JJO)		Comment on Assembly Draft of Review				Public Consultation on Review and Environment Report of SA/SEA Comment on documents (include +ve comments where it has been changed)						Examination in Public Give evidence to panel	
SA/SEA	Comment on scoping report Inform them of suggested health targets (HD)	Appraisal of draft review of London Plan before it goes to Assembly. Health input to appraisal team. (NH) Identify adverse impacts and suggest mitigation measures. Change review document prior to it going to Assembly	Provide a health summary of initial appraisal (NH). Expert workshop for health stakeholders to ID if key impacts identified.(NH)	Second appraisal of Review. Include health input (NH) ID changes made to review (appraisal team)				Produce Environmental report							
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