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Dear Plans Team,

London Borough of Wandsworth – Submission of the Wandsworth Local Plan (Partial Review) to the Secretary of State

Please find the details for the documentation constituting the submission of the Council's Local Plan. I can confirm that the relevant delegated authority was granted by the Cabinet to the Head of Spatial Planning, who has instructed me to formally submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for Examination. I will be the lead planning officer for the purposes of this matter and my contact details are set out above.

The attached indexing list sets out all the documents submitted in electronic format as advised. The list also includes a number of 'Evidence and Other Documents' considered as key supporting documents relevant to the preparation of the Local Plan (Partial Review). Please let me know if you require any hard copies.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Council's Local Plan (Partial Review) proposes to directly supersede six policies within the Wandsworth Local Plan (2023-2038), including supporting text, and a small number of changes to other parts of that Plan. These six policies are LP23 (Affordable Housing); LP24 (Housing Mix); LP28 (Purpose-Built Student Accommodation); LP29 (Housing with Shared Facilities); LP30 (Build to Rent) and LP31 (Specialist Housing for Vulnerable and Older People). All other policies are proposed to remain in force.

As part of the Local Plan's preparation, the Council has undertaken active and ongoing co-operation with neighbouring authorities and other statutory bodies. The Council has invited a number of authorities / bodies to agree Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) which will be added to the Examination library shortly. The Council will keep the Inspector informed of the outcomes of any further co-operation prior to the examination commencing. Further information on how the Council has fulfilled the duty is set out in the submission version of the Duty to Co-operate Statement (SD009).

In response to representations made at the Publication (Regulation 19) stage, the Council has identified a small range of potential modifications that could be made to the Local Plan. The Council



considers the plan that it consulted on to be sound, however the modifications that have been identified may improve the plan's effectiveness or overall clarity. These have been provided simply for the Inspector's consideration (SD015) and the Council is happy to work with the Inspector to consider these, or any alternative modifications requested by the Inspector, in the event that the Inspector considers modifications to be necessary.

In relation to evidence base work, the Council has included a range of evidence in the examination library, including a Housing Background Paper (SD013), Housing Needs Assessment (SD020) and Whole Plan Viability Assessment (SD022). In response to representations made at the Publication (Regulation 19) stage, the Council has identified a small range of areas where additional evidence may be useful to the Inspector and/or participants in the Examination process. The Council does not consider this additional evidence to be strictly necessary for the purposes of demonstrating soundness, however the availability of this information to the Inspector and/or participants may nevertheless be useful to the effective examination of the Plan. This includes additional viability and needs analysis. This work is at an advanced stage and will be added to the examination library shortly, along with any consequential updates to the Housing Background Paper.

The Council notes the December 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out a range of transitional arrangements for the purposes of plan-making. At Paragraph 234, it states that the policies in (that) version of the NPPF will apply from 12 March 2025 unless (paraphrased) (d): the local plan is for an area where there is an operative Spatial Development Strategy and the local plan has reached Regulation 19 (pre-submission stage) on or before 12 March 2025, whereby the plan will be examined under the relevant previous version of the NPPF. As the Council's Local Plan (Partial Review) is in an area where there is an operative Spatial Development Strategy (London Plan 2021) and the Local Plan reached Regulation 19 stage on 13 January 2025, the Council considers this part of the NPPF to be relevant. The Council considers the relevant previous version of the NPPF to be the December 2023 version.

The representations received by the Council to the Publication (Regulation 19) consultation are set out as a separate appendix to the Regulation 22 Consultation Statement in plan/policy order with an initial Council response (SD010 and SD010a). The main issues raised in representations, along with an initial Council response, is also available in a separate appendix, as is a copy of all representations as received (SD010b). The Council can confirm it received no comments directly relating to the Sustainability Appraisal at the Publication stage. Please let us know if you or the Inspector would find a different format for the setting out of representations (or the main issues raised in them) more helpful and we would be happy to make adjustments.

The Examination Local Plan webpage can be found here: <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/local-plan-examination> and the Examination library webpage can be found at <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/local-plan-partial-review-examination-library/>. The Council will keep these webpages up to date with new documents or updates as they are available.

The name of the appointed Programme Officer along with their contact details is:

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The Council's preferred window for the Examination hearings would be in September 2025. The Council has good availability from week commencing 8 September 2025 to week commencing 6 October 2025, or from week commencing 3 November 2025 to week commencing 15 December 2025. The Council would estimate that it may be possible to complete the hearings in one full week, or a maximum of two weeks, but this is only an approximate estimate at this stage and will depend on the range and complexity of the matters, issues and queries to be identified by the appointed Inspector(s).

A Purchase Order number is being set up for PINS, and details will be sent separately to you.

In accordance with section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Council requests that the Inspector recommends main modifications as necessary to make the plan sound and legally compliant.

Should there be anything missing or unclear from the Council's submission, or should yourselves or the appointed Inspector like the Council to provide a submission document in a different format (including copies of representations received), please do let us know.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

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