

Our Ref: EFA/Local Plan/LB Haringey

13th January 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

London Borough of Haringey Examination in Public Local Plan EiP: Main modifications public consultation under Regulation 19 of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regs 2012

Submission of the Education Funding Agency

1. Thank you for seeking the Education Funding Agency's (EFA) views on the above document; we welcome the opportunity to contribute to the development of planning policy at the local level.
2. The EFA was established in 2012 in order to help the government achieve its schools objectives by delivering effective capital programmes that improve the condition of existing buildings and support the creation of new places for pupils and learners. We manage £54 billion of funding a year to support all state-provided education for 8 million children aged 3 to 16, and 1.6 million young people aged 16 to 19.
3. The EFA aims to work closely with local authority education departments and planning authorities to meet the demand for new school places and new schools. As such, we would like to offer the following comments in response to the major modifications outlined in the above consultation document:

Modifications to Site Allocations DPD

| Modification Reference | Policy / Para / Page | LB Haringey description of change | EFA suggested change | EFA comment | EFA reason for suggested change |
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| SAMod101 | SA59 | Amend the Proposed Site Allocation to read: Conversion of the existing centre with potential development of the land to the rear to create residential and/or community uses including potentially education. | Amend the Proposed Site Allocation to read: Conversion of the existing centre with potential development of the land to the rear to create residential and/or community uses including education potentially . | The EFA support education use of the site. | To provide certainty over the acceptable and appropriate uses on the site. |

4. You will have no doubt taken account of the key strategic policies in your emerging plan, but it would be helpful if they were explicitly referenced within the document. In particular, as below:
5. The *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF) advises that local planning authorities (LPAs) should take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of communities and that LPAs should give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools to widen choice in education (para 72).
6. The EFA support the principle of safeguarding land for the provision of new schools to meet government planning policy objectives as set out in paragraph 72 of the NPPF. Support is also given for the siting of schools within the allocated sites in locations which promote sustainable travel modes for pupils, staff and visitors. There is also a need to ensure that the education contributions made by developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy and/or secured through s106 are sufficient to cover the increase in demand for school places that is likely to be generated by a development. When new schools are developed, local authorities should also seek to safeguard land for any future expansion of new schools where demand indicates this might be necessary.
7. London Borough of Haringey should also have regard to the Joint Policy Statement from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State for Education on '*Planning for Schools Development*'¹ (2011) which sets out the Government's commitment to support the development of state-funded schools and their delivery through the planning system.
8. The EFA note that London Borough of Haringey implemented CIL in November 2014, and that school expansion projects are included on your 2014/15-2018/19 Regulation 123 list. The EFA would be particularly interested in responding to any review of infrastructure requirements, CIL draft charging schedule and any subsequent CIL review and/or amendments (including to the Regulation 123 list). As such, please add me to your database as the EFA contact for both Local Plan and any future CIL consultations.
9. Finally, I hope the above comments are helpful in shaping Haringey's Local Plan, with particular regard to the provision of land for new schools. Please advise the EFA of any proposed changes to Local Plan policies, supporting text, site allocations or evidence base arising from these comments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this response. I look forward to opportunities for EFA's continued involvement in the Local Plan process.

Yours faithfully,

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