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Planning Policy in the ES

- 1 The ES, within **ES Volume 1, Chapter 2: EIA Methodology**, will define the relevant national, regional and local policy context. Specifically, the ES will list out the key relevant policy documents.
- 2 Although relevant policies out of the key planning policy documents will, in some instances, inform the scope and the methodology of the technical assessments within the EIA, the Proposed Development's compliance with and performance against the relevant planning policies will be appraised within the Planning Statement which will be a standalone document that is submitted in support of the planning application. It is not the purpose of the ES to appraise the Proposed Development against relevant national, regional and local planning policy standards/targets.
- 3 Where planning policy informs the scope and the methodology of the technical assessments of the EIA, the policies will be presented in the ES (in the relevant technical topic chapters) and discussed as necessary. Any policy detail required to support the relevant impact assessment scope, methodology or assessment of effects, will either be provided within the technical topic chapter itself or within an appendix to the ES.

National Planning Policy and Guidance

- 4 The EIA will be undertaken having regard to the 2019 National Planning Policy Framework ('NPPF') (as amended 20th July 2021)¹. The NPPF sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies for England. The policies contained within the NPPF articulate the Government's vision of sustainable development, which are intended to be interpreted at a local level, to meet the requirements of local aspirations.
- 5 As relevant to the EIA, specifically to the scope, methodology and assessment of effects for the EIA technical topics, the NPPF shall be considered throughout undertaking of the EIA and preparation of the ES.
- 6 The EIA will also refer to, as relevant to the EIA technical topics, the National Planning Practice Guidance ('PPG') published in March 2014, which is an online resource. The PPG aims to make planning guidance more accessible, and to ensure that the guidance is kept up to date.

Regional Planning Policy and Guidance

- 7 Key regional policy documents that will be considered throughout the preparation of the ES as relevant include:

¹ Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, 2021, *National Planning Policy Framework*. Available here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1004408/NPPF_JULY_2021.pdf



- The London Plan – The Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London (March 2021)²:
 - Opportunity Area (No. 2 Euston);
 - Policy SD4 The Central Activities Zone (CAZ); and
 - Policy E8 Sector growth and opportunities cluster.
- Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) (i.e. further guidance on policies in the London Plan that cannot be addressed in sufficient detail in the plan itself).

Local Planning Policy and Guidance

8 Key local planning policy documents that will be considered throughout preparation of the ES as relevant include:

- The Development Plan for Camden – the LBC have adopted a number of planning documents that together form the development plan for Camden:
 - Camden Local Plan³ (2017) – the key strategic document in Camden’s development plan. It sets out the vision for shaping the future of the Borough and contains policies for guiding planning decisions. The Camden Local Plan policies are supported by Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), including:
 - Employment Sites and Business Premises⁴ (2021);
 - Energy Efficiency and Adaptation⁵ (2021);
 - Air Quality⁶ (2021);
 - Basements⁷ (2021);
 - Biodiversity⁸ (2018);
 - Design⁹ (2021);
 - Developer Contributions¹⁰ (2019);
 - Public Open Space¹¹ (2021);
 - Access for All¹² (2019);
 - Camden Site Allocations Plan¹³ (2013) – the site allocations plan sets out guidelines for future development on significant sites across the borough likely to be subject to development proposals; and
 - As relevant, additional Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and other relevant environmental strategies that provide further guidance on policies set out in the Camden Local Plan.

9 Any additional local planning policy and guidance documents considered relevant to the technical assessments which are covered by the EIA will also be considered.

Other Guidance

10 In addition to any relevant planning policies that inform the scope, methodology or assessment of

² Mayor of London. (2021). *The London Plan. The Spatial Development Strategy for London*

³ LBC, 2017: *Camden Local Plan*

⁴ LBC, 2021: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Employment Sites and Business Premises’*

⁵ LBC, 2021: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Energy Efficiency and Adaptation’*

⁶ LBC, 2021: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Air Quality’*

⁷ LBC, 2021: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Basements’*

⁸ LBC, 2018: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Biodiversity’*

⁹ LBC, 2021: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Design’*

¹⁰ LBC, 2019: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Developer Contributions’*

¹¹ LBC, 2021: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Public open space’*

¹² LBC, 2019: *Camden Planning Guidance ‘Access for all’*

¹³ LBC, 2013: *Camden Site Allocations*



effects, as relevant, the technical topic chapters of the ES will present a summary of any pertinent recognised industry guidance documents.