



## **London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Consultation Statement**

**September 2022**

This Consultation Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 12 and 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

### **What is being consulted upon?**

The Council is consulting on its draft Planning Obligations SPD. This new SPD will provide supplementary planning guidance to developers, planning officers and borough residents as to how the Council will seek developer contributions, the extent and nature of these contributions (both financial and non-financial), the justification for this approach and, in some cases, how these contributions will be spent.

### **Why is the SPD needed?**

Policy DMM1 in the draft Barking and Dagenham Local Plan outlines that Planning Officers will seek developer contributions through the planning process to address and mitigate the wider impacts of developments on the local area as well as contributing to developing the infrastructure required to successfully manage the resulting growth. Such potential impacts are wide ranging, and include housing, transport infrastructure, social infrastructure such as schools and hospitals and the environment.

At present, such guidance is provided through the Council's Section 106 Planning Guidance Note from 2014. However, the social, political and economic landscape within and beyond the Borough has since developed significantly, with new growth ambitions and updated emerging planning policy at a local and regional level. The emergence of large scale, complex schemes such as the Dagenham Film Studios, City of London Markets and many large-scale residential developments creating new communities means the infrastructure the borough will need has changed. Consequently, this will also change the types of contributions we will need to seek from developers to help deliver it.

Therefore, Policy DMM1 of the draft Local Plan states that further information will be provided through a contemporary Planning Obligations SPD, which will offer more in-depth guidance for both developers and planning officers on what type of obligations will be sought, the terms on which they will be sought and the justification for doing so.

### **Area of coverage**

This SPD will cover all parts of the Borough where planning applications are required.

### **How is the SPD being publicised?**

The SPD has been publicised via:

- the Council's main website and its One Borough Voice website;
- email notifications to those who have signed up to our Local Plan mailing list;
- social media advertising including via Be First LinkedIn and Twitter accounts
- and ensuring interested stakeholders can access a hard copy. This is available at Be First's office – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Maritime House, 1 Linton Road, Barking, 1G11 8HG.

### **Making a Representation**

Representations can be made by emailing [planningpolicy@befirst.london](mailto:planningpolicy@befirst.london) or by post to

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9<sup>th</sup> Floor Maritime House,  
1 Linton Road,  
Barking,  
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Interested parties may also submit comments [here](#) via One Borough Voice.

The consultation will be open for 6 weeks. Representations must be made between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and 23:59 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### **Next Steps**

All representations received within the consultation period set out above will be reviewed and considered by planning policy officers at Be First. Any updates made to the SPD following public consultation will be agreed by Be First planning officers and the Council's Strategic Director of Inclusive Growth prior to a final version of the document being submitted to Cabinet for consideration of adoption. Once adopted, those who have signed up to the Local Plan mailing list will be notified by email.