

Overview of Planning and Building Control

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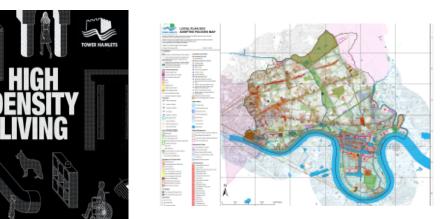
Services

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- Strategic Planning
- Infrastructure Planning
- Development Management
- Building Control
- Divisional support and spatial data
- Digital, commercial and innovation unit









Strategic Planning



- Local Plan key document for delivering on many manifesto commitments relating to land use and development.
 - Current Plan adopted Jan 2020
 - Statutory document and must be reviewed every 5 years
 - Must be in conformity with the London Plan
 - Key piece of work for the next three years will be the updating of the Plan
 - Work program being developed
 - Early engagement this year
- Place shaping
 - Urban design
 - Conservation
 - Historic environment



Infrastructure Planning



- Infrastructure Delivery Plan Identifying infrastructure requirements such as schools, health centres parks and open space to meet current and future needs
- Community Infrastructure Levy (local and Mayoral)
- Local Infrastructure Fund
- Section 106
- Utilities Planning
- Viability
- Development coordination



Development Management



- Development management is the process of pro-actively managing development to deliver the Local Plan strategic vision, objectives and policies
- Assesses applications against the Development plan
- Provides pre-app advice
- Statutory function with nationally set KPIs
- Circa 2,500 applications are determined each year
- Compliance



Building Control



- Building Control is a regulatory function, but applicants have the choice to use the Local Authority or an Approved Inspector.
- The Building Safety Act will have significant implications for our Building Control Team with the Building Safety Regulator (HSE) regulating high rise buildings (18m plus).
- LBTH have the most tall buildings in London
- BC is a part traded service.
- There is a shortage in BC officers who have the skills to deal with the type of schemes we see in LBTH



Divisional Support, spatial data and digital and commercial innovation unit.



The Divisional Support section provides five main functions. They are:

- . Planning & Building Control support
- Spatial Data (Local Land Charges & Street Naming and Numbering)
- Records and Information Management.
- Divisional Customer Engagement Service

Digital and commercial innovation unit

- Enhancing and improving service delivery by ensuring that P and BC make the most of digital technology
- Using digital innovations to improve and increase engagement
- Looks for commercial opportunities in the work we do.





Questions

