

DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL ADOPTION STATEMENT

Notice of the adoption of the Dartford Local Plan to 2037

In accordance with:

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (Regulations 17, 26 and 35)

Notice is hereby given that (in accordance with the above legislation) the Dartford Local Plan to 2037 was adopted by the Dartford Borough Council on the 22 April 2024.

The adopted 2024 Dartford Local Plan guides growth and development in Dartford Borough and sets strategic priorities, objectives and policies for planning applications in the borough.

On the 5 February 2024 Dartford Borough Council received the Planning Inspector's Final Report on the Examination of the Dartford Local Plan to 2037. The Report sets out the Inspectors recommendation and the reasons for them. The Inspector's Report concludes that the Dartford Local Plan to 2037 provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the Borough, subject to main modifications to the Plan as set out in the Appendix of the Inspector's Report.

The adopted Dartford Plan includes all Main Modifications in the Inspector's Report. It also includes minor 'additional modifications' (under Section 23 (3)(b) Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). This legislation provides for: *"additional modifications, if the additional modifications (taken together) do not materially affect the policies that would be set out in the document if it was adopted with the main modifications but no other modifications"*.

Any person aggrieved by the Dartford Local Plan to 2037 may, with leave from the High Court, make an application to the High Court under Section 113(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 *"on the grounds that:*

- (a) the document is not within the appropriate power;*
- (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with."*

Any such application must be made before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the relevant date. The six-week period commences on 23 April 2024 (the day after adoption) and concludes six weeks later on 4 June 2024.

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 the following documents have been made available:

- the local plan;
- this adoption statement;
- the sustainability appraisal report, made up of:
 - Sustainability Appraisal of Dartford Local Plan - Sustainability Appraisal Report (July 2021)
 - Dartford Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal – Non-Technical Summary (July 2021)
 - Sustainability Appraisal Addendum: Local Plan Main Modifications (July 2023).

These documents have been made available for public inspection at the following locations:

- on the Council's website: <https://www.dartford.gov.uk/policy-1/planning-policy>
- at Dartford Civic Centre: Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DR (during normal office hours available on the council's website).
- at Dartford Central Library: Market Street, Dartford, Kent DA1 1EU (during normal opening hours available on the Library website).

To contact the Council's strategic planning team about the Dartford Local Plan please email localplan@dartford.gov.uk or call on 01322 343213.