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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The River Corridor Improvement Plan Supplementary Planning Document provides guidance relating to the rivers and river corridors in the London Borough of Lewisham. This statement has been prepared under regulation 12 (a) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 to provide a summary of the consultation process relating to the Supplementary Planning Document.
- 1.2 Section 2 of this statement describes the main issues raised by those responding to consultation and explains how these issues have been addressed in the Supplementary Planning Document. Section 3 sets out the persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the Supplementary Planning Document. A summary of the questionnaire responses is supplied in Appendix A and the consultation responses are provided in Appendix B.

1.3 Summary of Issues

- 1.4 The River Corridor Improvement Plan Supplementary Planning Document was made available for comment in line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.5 The London Borough of Lewisham distributed a questionnaire via the Council's website, direct email and direct mail. Copies of the River Corridor Improvement Plan Supplementary Planning Document and the questionnaire were made available in Lewisham's libraries. The questionnaire responses are summarised in Appendix A.
- 1.6 A summary of the issues raised by the persons and organisations consulted, the Council's response and the actions arising is provided in the following table. The full consultation responses are included in Appendix B.

Summary of issue raised	Council's response	Actions arising
Highways England		
No comment.	None required.	None required.
Environment Agency		
Support the Vision.	Agreed.	None required.
Maximise opportunities for improving the river environment and managing flood risk across the river catchment through early pre-application discussions.	Agreed.	Details of pre-application advice provided in paragraph 7.2, including informal discussions and the formal procedure.
Build on existing good practice river restoration sites and extend this approach across all the rivers in Lewisham and share with neighbouring Councils across the catchment.	Agreed.	Sections 6 and 7, Design and Development Guidelines and Delivery Mechanisms, respectively, set out good practice and mechanisms to extend this approach to all rivers in Lewisham. Partnership working with neighbouring Council's is considered in paragraphs 7.7 to 7.9.
Ensure the Supplementary Planning Document is informed by the proposed Lewisham and Catford Flood Alleviation Scheme, Thames Estuary 2100 and the updated River Basin Management Plan.	Agreed.	The proposed Lewisham and Catford Flood Alleviation Scheme has been considered in the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document.

		<p>The updated River Basin Management Plan has been prepared in parallel with the Supplementary Planning Document.</p> <p>The Supplementary Planning Document is in general conformity with the objectives of Thames Estuary 2100, specifically the objective to manage flood risk, as set out in Section 3.</p>
Historic England		
Consider opportunities for greater access and understanding of the historic environment as shaped by the river network.	Agreed.	An objective to provide opportunities for greater access and awareness of the historic environment as shaped by the river network has been added to paragraph 1.7.
Consider the significance of heritage assets, such as archaeology and landscape features, when proposing design and development interventions.	Agreed.	The supporting text for Policy 1: Integrated Development has been amended to include reference to considering the significance of heritage assets when proposing design and development interventions.
Natural England		
<p>Broadly in support of enhancements to the river network.</p> <p>Broadly support the policies regarding integrated development and flood risk and are in support of policy 5 regarding biodiversity.</p> <p>In support of improvements and enhancements to the Thames Path. The path should not be blocked or inaccessible at any time.</p> <p>Encourage the incorporation of green infrastructure into the plan.</p>	Agreed.	None required.

Marine Management Organisation		
No specific comments to make. Consider the remit of the Marine Management Organisation in relation to consultation.	Agreed.	The remit of the Marine Management Organisation has been considered in the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document.
Office of Rail and Road		
No comment.	None required.	None required.
Transport for London		
Aims and Objectives should reference the need to maximise the use of the river to transport freight in Deptford creek, and wherever else appropriate in the document in order to support the Blue Ribbon Network.	Agreed.	An objective to maximise the use of the river to transport freight in support of the Blue Ribbon Network has been added to paragraph 1.7.
Quaggy Waterways Action Group		
Identifies amendments required to text and plans.	Agreed.	Text and plans amended accordingly.

- 1.7 Quaggy Waterways Action Group has provided insightful detailed comments based on extensive local knowledge. The London Borough of Lewisham is grateful for the contribution that Quaggy Waterways Action Group has made to the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document by providing these comments.

2.0 Consultees

2.1 The persons and organisations consulted are listed below:

- Lewisham residents – young people, families and parents, older people, carers, people with a physical disability, people with a sensory disability, people with a learning disability, schools;
- The business community – architects, planning consultants, property developers, private housebuilders, riparian owners;
- Local assemblies – local amenity groups, young advisors, positive ageing council, voluntary and community sector, environmental / conservation groups;
- Statutory consultees – Greater London Authority, Environment Agency, Highways England, Historic England, Natural England;
- The London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Southwark and Greenwich;
- Groups and organisations with a particular interest in waterways – Marine Management Organisation, Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, Quaggy Waterways Action Group;
- Lewisham staff – councillors, emergency planning, public health;
- Infrastructure providers – Thames Water Utilities Ltd, Network Rail, Office of Rail and Road, Transport for London;
- London Fire Brigade and other emergency responders.