

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	Decrease		The new Local Plan will provide the policy framework for future employment and commercial development and can include policies to improve energy efficiency, support renewable energy generation, low-carbon heating and sustainable design standards. This has the potential to reduce operational emissions from new non-domestic development.	Climate-related Local Plan policies will be informed by the evidence base, Sustainability Appraisal and examination process.	Monitoring can be undertaken through the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) upon Local Plan Adoption.
Emissions from transport?	Unknown		The Local Plan can influence the location of future development, encouraging development in sustainable locations and supporting active travel and public transport. This may help reduce reliance on private car travel and associated emissions.	Transport evidence and infrastructure planning will inform the Plan. Monitoring through plan indicators and AMR reporting.	Monitoring can be undertaken through the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) upon Local Plan Adoption.

Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Unknown		The Local Plan can support circular economy principles, waste reduction, recycling infrastructure and sustainable construction practices.	Waste-related policies and monitoring indicators incorporated within the Plan and supporting evidence base.	Annual monitoring based on the indicators and work strategically with SYLPAs and SYMCA.
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	Decrease		The new Local Plan will determine where housing growth takes place and can include policies relating to energy efficiency, low-carbon design, renewable energy and climate resilience, helping to reduce future residential emissions.	Sustainability Appraisal, and viability testing.	Annual monitoring of housing delivery and policy effectiveness through the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) upon Local Plan Adoption.
Emissions from construction and/or development?	Unknown		Preparing a new Local Plan is likely to facilitate future development which will generate embodied carbon and construction-related emissions. However, policies within the Plan can seek to minimise these impacts through sustainable construction standards and development management requirements.	Consider inclusion of policies promoting sustainable construction methods, resource efficiency and reduced embodied carbon.	Monitor through planning permissions and AMR reporting.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	Increase		The Local Plan can protect and enhance green infrastructure, woodland, peat, biodiversity and urban tree cover, contributing to	Green infrastructure and possible carbon emission assessment policies.	Local Sites and biodiversity monitoring through the AMR and associated strategies.

			carbon sequestration while also improving resilience to climate change.		
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields: N/A					

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change? The decision to commence preparation of a new Local Plan is expected to have a positive impact on the Borough's resilience to climate change. The Local Plan provides the opportunity to incorporate policies addressing flood risk, overheating, water management, green infrastructure, biodiversity enhancement and climate adaptation measures. This will help ensure that future development is resilient to the increasing risks associated with extreme weather, including flooding and heatwaves.
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Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures: The decision to commence preparation of a new Local Plan is expected to have an overall positive effect on climate change mitigation and adaptation. At this stage, the climate impacts are largely indirect, as the decision initiates the plan-making process rather than adopting specific planning policies. However, the new Local Plan will play a key role in addressing climate change through the development of future land use, infrastructure and planning policies, and will have a significant influence on carbon emissions, environmental sustainability and climate resilience across the Borough. While the decision itself will not directly result in significant greenhouse gas emissions, the new Local Plan will establish the framework for future growth and development. This presents an opportunity to embed policies that support the transition to a low-carbon economy by reducing emissions from buildings, transport and energy use, while promoting renewable and low-carbon energy generation, sustainable travel, green infrastructure and measures to increase resilience to the impacts of climate change. Although development facilitated by the Plan may give rise to construction and operational emissions, these impacts can be managed and mitigated through the planning policy framework and development management processes. The climate implications of the emerging Local Plan will be assessed and monitored through the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and supporting evidence base, with ongoing monitoring reported through the Authority Monitoring Report.
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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	N/A
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	N/A
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