

Consultation Statement: Royal Brompton Hospital Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), May 2021

Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

The Council has prepared the Royal Brompton Hospital SPD providing guidance on the way to viably retain medical uses on this site. In accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), this Consultation Statement sets out:

Regulation 12 (a) (i) the persons the local planning authority consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document

The Council engaged with key residents' associations local to the Royal Brompton Hospital site before the Draft SPD was published for consultation.

The Council undertook a six-week consultation on the Draft Royal Brompton Hospital SPD from 18 November to 30 December 2020.

The following consultation procedure was followed:

The Local Planning Authority has a Planning Policy database which has approximately 2,500 consultees. A mail out was sent to all consultees on the Planning Policy database by email notifying them of the consultation and inviting comments. The documents were also available online under 'current consultations' on the planning pages of the Council's website and were open to anyone for comment. This page also provided an email address for anyone wanting to request hard copies of the document.

The Planning Policy database includes 'general', 'specific', 'prescribed' and 'local' consultation bodies as required by legislation. The 'general consultation' bodies include voluntary bodies such as the Kensington Society, Chelsea Society and Tenants and Residents Associations, bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups such as London Gypsy and Traveller Unit, bodies representing religious groups such as Christ Church Kensington, bodies representing the interests of disabled persons such as Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea and bodies which represent the interests of persons carrying out business in the Royal Borough such as KC Chamber of Commerce.

The specific and prescribed consultation bodies consulted included the Environment Agency; Natural England; Historic England; the Highways Agency, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Thames Water and the Mayor of London (GLA).

The 'local' consultation bodies consulted included individual residents and persons carrying on business in the Royal Borough who signed up to the above database or visited the specific pages of the Council's website. On this webpage, it was stated that hard copies were available on request. Documents were not able to be made available at Kensington Town Hall due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions. This is in line with the Government's temporary changes to regulation 35 of the 2012 Regulations which remove

the requirement on a local planning authority to provide hard copies of documents available for public inspection at the authority's principle office and at other places as the authority considers appropriate (Paragraph 079 Reference ID : 61-079-20200715).

Regulation 12 (a) (ii) a summary of the main issues raised by those persons

In total, 41 responses were received through the online response form or via email. Detailed responses can be viewed on the Council's website.

Three objections were received which can be summarised within three themes. These are listed below, with a brief response.

- A. Factual inaccuracies relating to land ownership;
- B. Concerns that the SPD would adversely impact the Royal Brompton Hospital Trust's ability to make strategic decisions; and,
- C. Concerns over the level of detail included within the indicative masterplan

Regulation 12 a (iii) how those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document

As a result of the objections above, in response to (A) the land ownership map within Figure 1 has been corrected and a sentence added to recognise that enabling development across ownerships would not be possible. In response to (B), since publication of the Draft SPD, the Council has met with representatives of the Royal Brompton and NHS Foundation Trust to explain that the adoption of the SPD would not impact their ability to make London-wide decisions, i.e. to sell the land if they choose. The SPD simply shows one way that medical uses could be retained, viably, on the site, were they to vacate. In response to (C) it is emphasised throughout Chapter 4 that the indicative masterplan is *one* method to bring forward a viable, site wide scheme on the site, and that the Council remain open minded as to alternative schemes in the future.

There were a number of supportive comments which did not result in any substantive changes to the Draft SPD.