

Royal Brompton Hospital Draft SPD

**Statement of Consultation**

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THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF  
KENSINGTON  
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## **STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION**

### **1. Status and purpose of consultation statement**

- 1.1. This Consultation Statement is prepared in accordance with Regulation 17(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. It identifies who has been consulted during the preparation of the draft SPD, how they were consulted, a summary of the main issues raised and explains how those issues have been addressed in the preparation of the Draft Royal Brompton Hospital Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

### **2. Name of Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

- 2.1. Draft Royal Brompton Hospital Supplementary Planning Document

### **3. Purpose of the SPD**

- 3.1. The Royal Brompton Hospital is seeking to consolidate its activities into one hospital campus on Sydney Street. However, in order to fund this consolidation, the hospital needs to dispose of some buildings and redevelop other sites in its ownership.
- 3.2. The Council sets out its policies, which are the starting point for considering planning applications, in the Core Strategy. The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) clarifies these existing policies and their application to the Royal Brompton Hospital sites. It outlines development guidance specific to individual sites.
- 3.3. The purpose of the SPD is to:
  - To plan positively for the area
  - To promote high quality sustainable development.
  - Establish guidance on the application of policies within the London Plan and the Council's Core Strategy that will be used to assess any future planning applications for the Royal Brompton Hospital Site.
  - To provide greater certainty in the planning and development process and facilitate the retention of The Royal Brompton Hospital's medical uses within the Royal Borough.

### **4. Those consulted in connection with the preparation of the SPD**

- 4.1. The following statutory consultees were consulted as part of the SA scoping report - English Heritage, Natural England, Environment Agency.
- 4.2. The Council has met with and sought input from other external stakeholders in relation to specific issues and sites:
  - The Royal Marsden Hospital and the Institute for Cancer Research – requirements for a health care provision
  - The Kings Road Retail Forum – Interest in the retail provision
  - Landowners – sites contained within the SPD
  - Adjoining amenity societies

4.3. See below for details of the public consultation

#### **Royal Brompton Hospital Liaison Group (from October 2013)**

4.4. As one of the first steps in producing this SPD the Council set up the Royal Brompton Hospital Liaison Group, a dedicated group made up of representatives from local residents, businesses, Ward Councillors and landowners. It is chaired by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy.

#### **Issues and options consultation (November/December 2013)**

4.5. This identified a number of key issues that the SPD would need to consider:

- The need to consider alternative medical uses for the Fulham Wing
- The potential impact on Dovehouse Street caused by redevelopment
- Improving the buildings, spaces and architecture

4.6. The consultation consisted of a leaflet, an exhibition and three workshops

4.7. A leaflet and questionnaire was sent to over 9,000 households within the local area, shortly before the exhibition opened. This allowed residents to respond directly to questions on issues, either using a detachable Freepost form by return post, in person at the exhibition or online via an online survey. Details can be seen on [www.rbkc.gov.uk/royalbromptonhospital](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/royalbromptonhospital)

4.8. The exhibition was held over two weeks from 25 November to 9 December at Chelsea Library in Chelsea Old Town Hall. The workshops were held on the evening of 27 November 2014 at St Luke's Church Hall, the morning of 2 December 2014 at Chelsea Old Town Hall and the evening of 4 December 2014 at Chelsea Old Town Hall. The exhibition was largely unmanned but officers attended at various points throughout the consultation, including Saturday 30 November to allow those who could not attend a workshop on a weekday to speak directly to officers. The exhibition boards can be seen on the web page above. A total of thirty people attended the three workshops sessions.

4.9. At the end of the consultation period, 162 responses were received, some of which included letters giving more detailed comments.

4.10. All of these responses have been compiled into a Consultation Summary Report, also available on the webpage above. The overall findings showed that over 80 per cent of respondents supported the consolidation the hospital on the whole, although this was not without certain concerns being allayed.

#### **5. Summary of main issues raised and how they have been addressed in the SPD**

5.1. This list is not exhaustive - full summaries of the consultations are available on the website. Below are some of the main issues and how / where they have been addressed in the SPD

<b>Issue</b>	<b>How addressed</b>	<b>SPD reference</b>
Alternation medical use	Reiterates Core Strategy position but notes that other material considerations also apply	
Visual impact on Dovehouse Street	SPD provides design guidance and stresses the need for a detailed planning application for this site (as opposed to outline)	
Retail Provision	Council to undertake review of rateable values to ensure the correct size of uses are proposed	
Ensuring enabling development is used for the hospital	Council to undertake an assessment of the Royal Brompton Hospital's initial financial viability assessment	
Provision of public space	Investigated options for the location of new or improved public spaces.	
Concern about disruption caused by large scale construction	Reiterates the need for construction management plans, making reference to the Transport SPD.	
Residents / businesses may be priced out of the area	Encourage inclusion of affordable retail. Reiterates the borough's policy position on affordable housing.	