

Statement of Common Ground
between the London Borough of
Lambeth and London Borough of
Wandsworth

December 2023

1. Introduction

This Statement of Common Ground (SCG) has been prepared to demonstrate that Lambeth's Draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD) is based on effective and continuous joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33 A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, and paragraphs 24–27 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

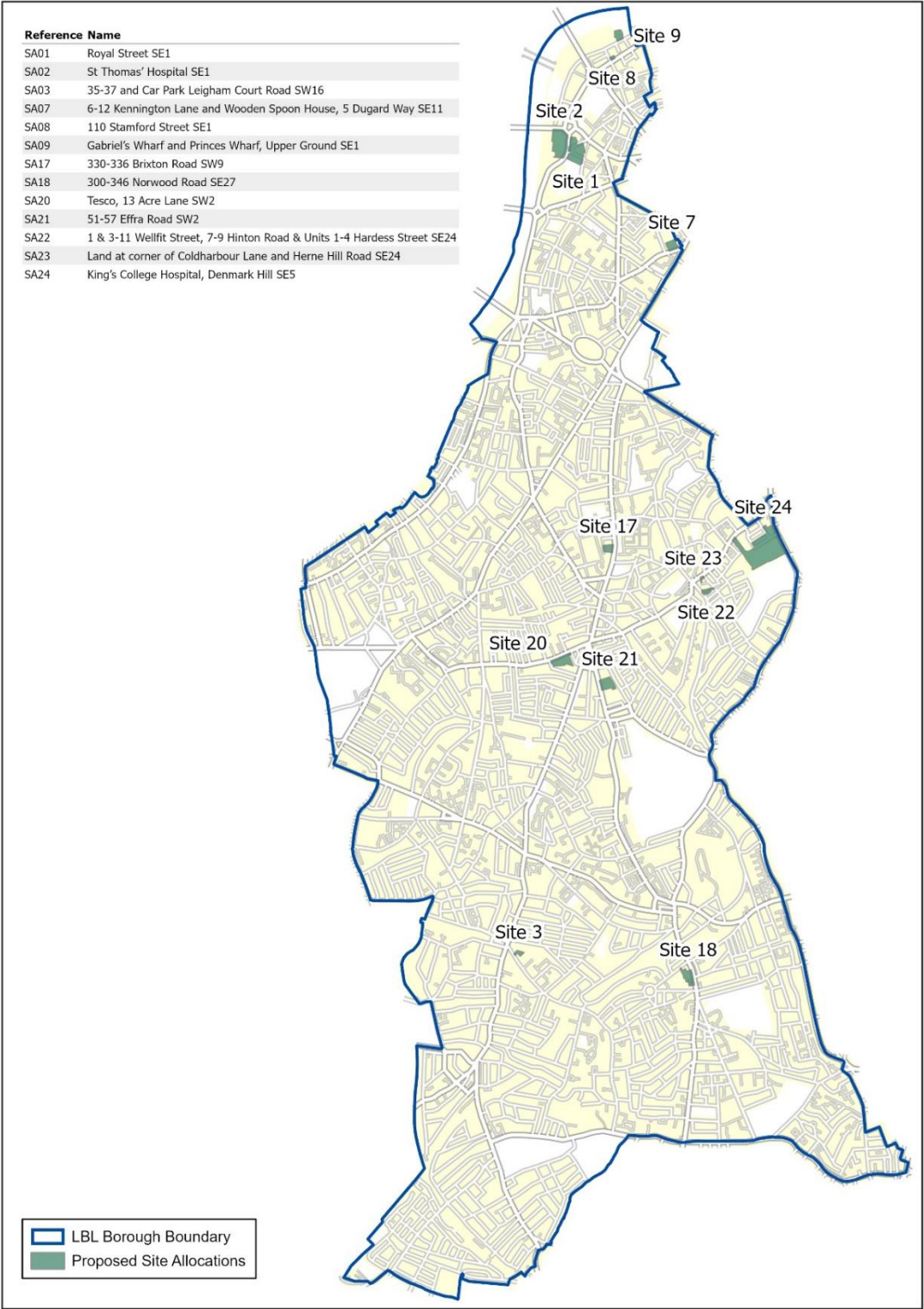
The draft SADPD is not a review of the existing Lambeth Local Plan 2021. Once adopted the SADPD and Lambeth Local Plan 2021 will form part of the development plan for the borough, alongside the South Bank & Waterloo Neighbourhood Plan, and the London Plan 2021.

The principal objective of the SADPD is to unlock investment through the mechanism of site-specific planning policy. It will support the implementation of wider Council strategies including the Borough Plan, Economic Resilience Strategy, Transport Strategy and Climate Action Plan. It will add site-specific policies to existing development plan policy. The Draft SADPD includes policies for thirteen sites, distributed across the borough as shown on Map 1 below.

The purpose of the SCG is to document the cross-boundary matters being addressed and progress in cooperating to address these. This SCG supplements the existing SCG agreed between the boroughs in December 2019 (included in Annexe 2), and the joint SCG between London Borough of Wandsworth and London Boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond, Westminster City Council and the Royal Boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea and Kingston Upon Thames that was signed on 8 September 2022 (included in Annexe 3). This SCG confirms that continued engagement has taken place between the two parties, and that there is agreement that Lambeth's Draft SADPD is unlikely to create any additional strategic cross-border impacts within LB Wandsworth. The three SCG are intended to be read together, with the arrangements made in the 2019 and 2022 SCGs continuing to have effect, alongside any future arrangements that may be agreed between the two parties.

Lambeth's Authority Monitoring Reports provide further details of how the Draft SADPD has been informed by ongoing engagement with key partners, including those that are not party to this SCG.

Map 1 – Draft site allocations*



*Please note, *Site 19 Knollys Yard* in West Norwood was removed from the SADPD following Reg 18 consultation.

2. Parties Involved

- London Borough of Lambeth
- London Borough of Wandsworth

3. Strategic Geography

This section sets out the factual position regarding cross-boundary strategic matters. The location and administrative boundaries of each borough are shown on Maps 2 and 3 below.

The London Plan

The London Plan is the spatial development strategy for London, produced by the Greater London Authority on behalf of the Mayor of London. Every London borough local plan must be in general conformity with the London Plan. Together, the policies in the London Plan and in each borough's Local Plan constitute the statutory local development plan for that borough, along with any neighbourhood development plans once made.

It is worth noting that in a London context, collaboration on many strategic issues that go beyond borough boundaries (e.g. distribution of housing targets, identification of major areas of growth etc.) are largely addressed through the London Plan.

The current version of the London Plan was published March 2021.

LB Lambeth

Lambeth is an inner London borough with a northern boundary on the River Thames and situated mainly between the boroughs of Wandsworth and Southwark. It covers an area of approximately ten and a half square miles. It is surrounded by seven other London Boroughs - LB Southwark; LB Bromley; LB Croydon; LB Merton; LB Wandsworth; City of Westminster and City of London.

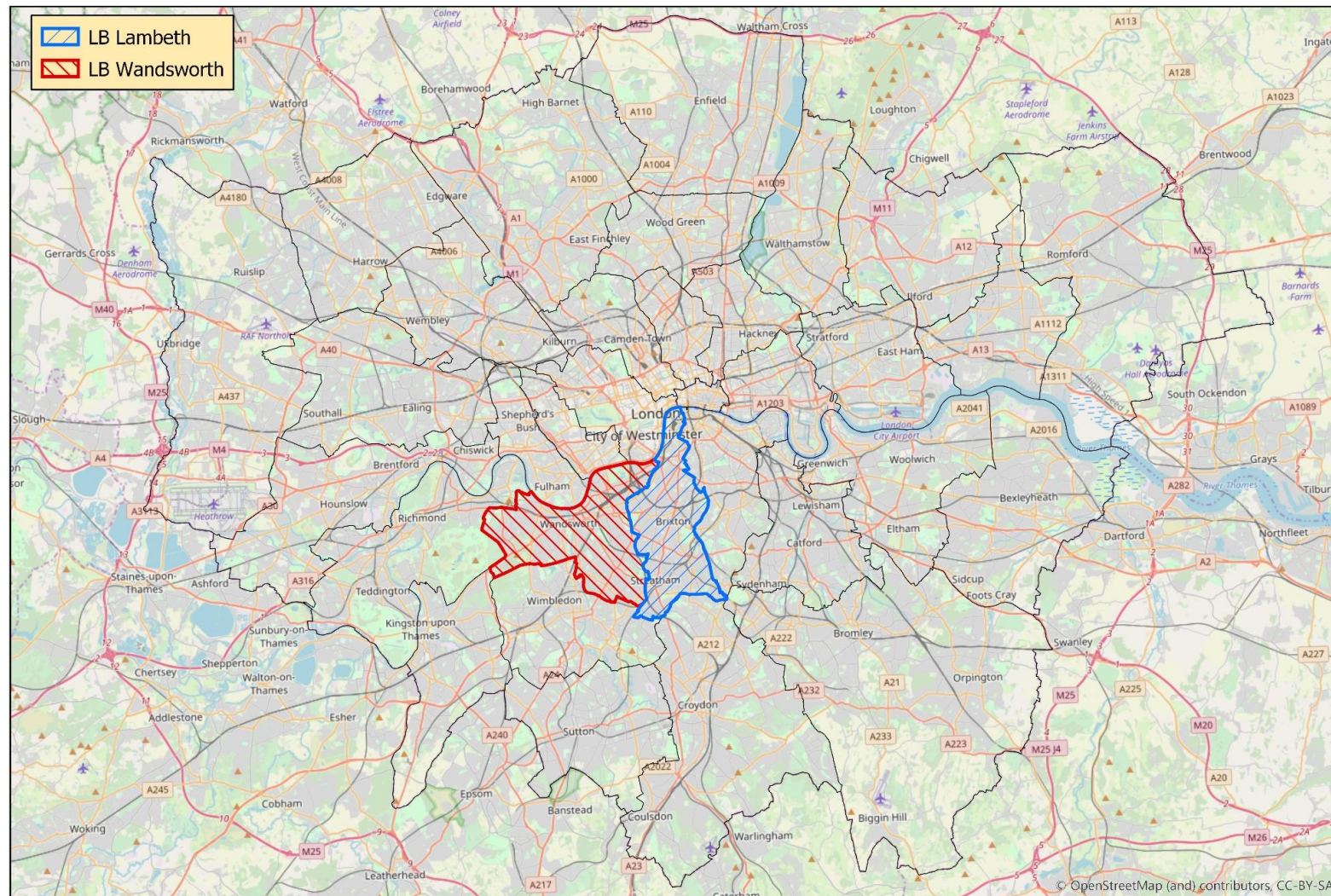
LB Wandsworth

Wandsworth is an inner London borough with a northern boundary on the River Thames. It bounds Lambeth to the east and is also bounded by LB Merton (to the south) and RB Kingston (to the southwest) and Richmond (to the west).

This statement includes the whole of the LB Lambeth and the whole of LB Wandsworth.

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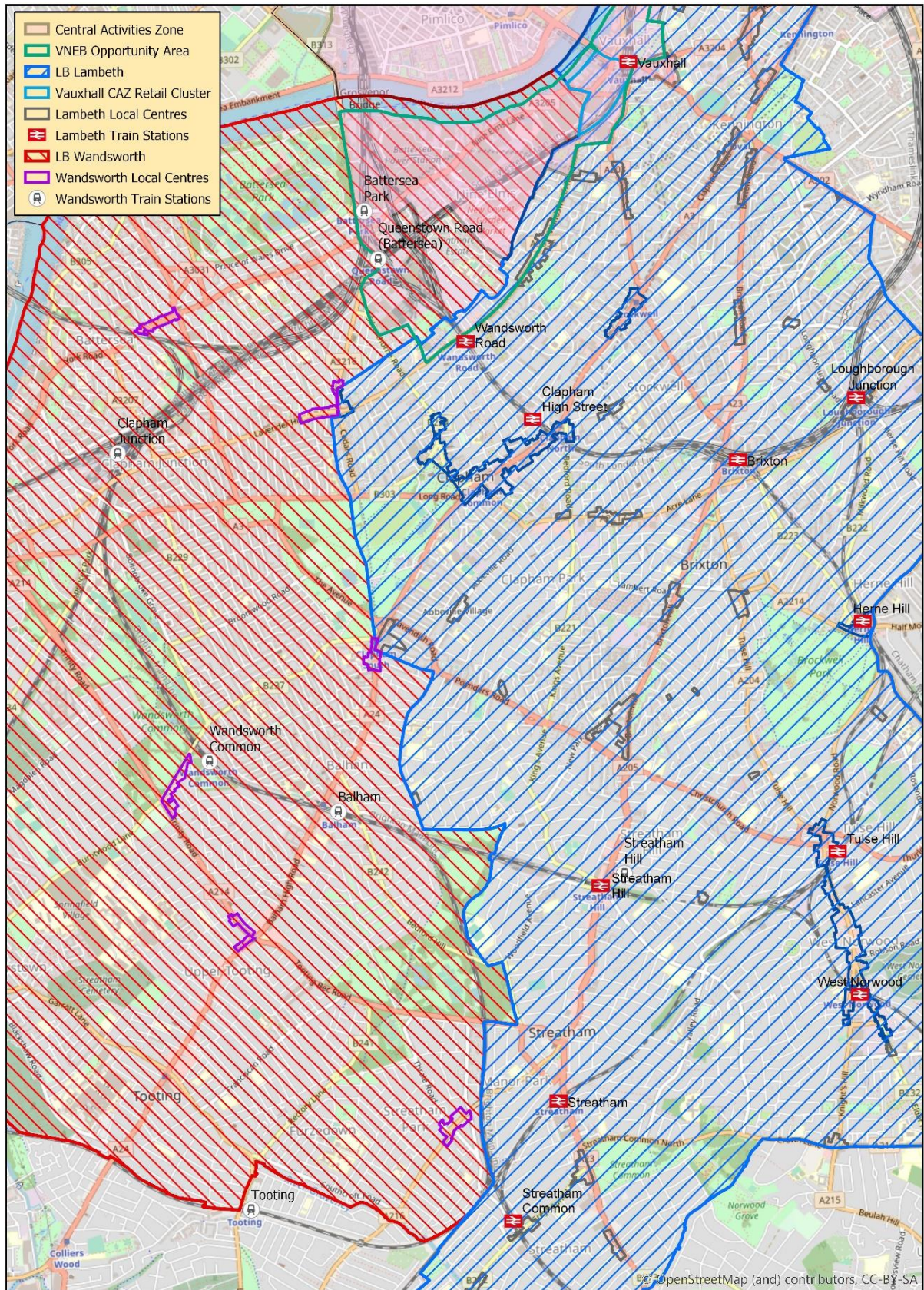
Map 2 – Map of the parties involved in this Statement



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Map 3 – Border between the LB Lambeth and LB Wandsworth and key policy designations

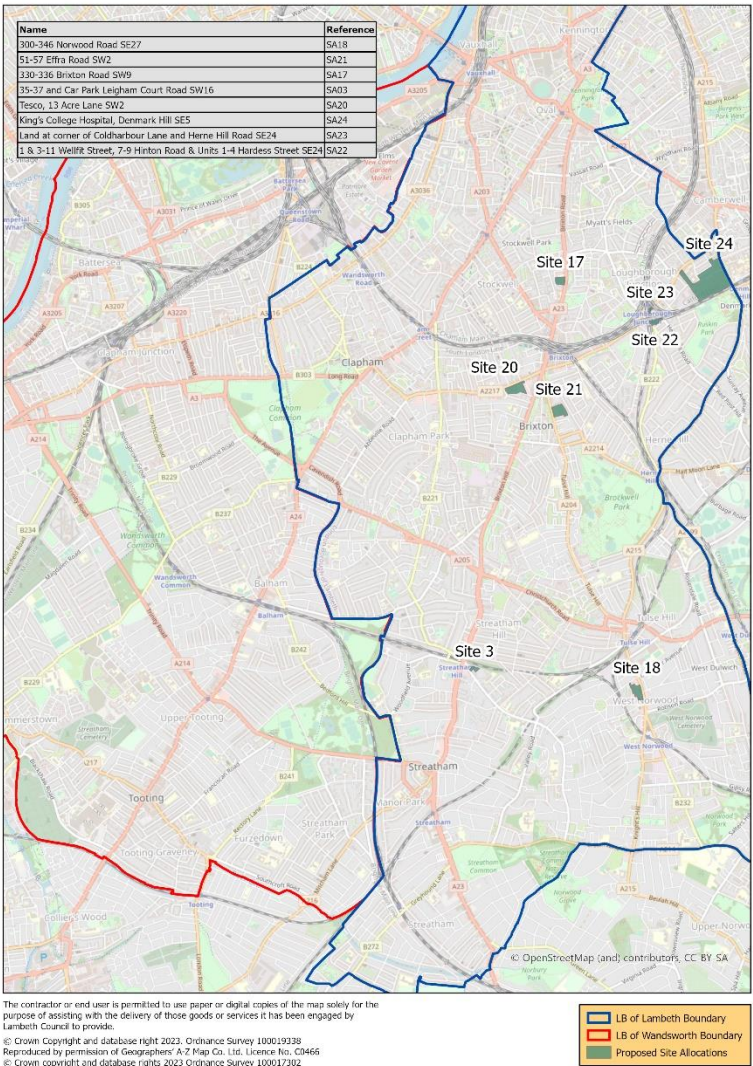


4. Strategic Matters

This section sets out where agreement has or has not been reached on cross-border strategic matters.

The parties met in December 2022 to discuss the potential impact of the proposed site allocations set out in the draft SADPD. Given the scale and location of the proposed site allocations (the closest site allocation to Wandsworth is shown on Map 4 below), the parties agree that the proposed site allocations are unlikely to give rise to any cross-boundary issues of a strategic nature.

Map 4 – Proximity of Lambeth’s draft site allocations to the border of Wandsworth



This SCG demonstrates that discussions have taken place to consider any strategic cross-boundary issues that the draft SADPD may give rise to, and that both parties agree that no additional strategic issues are likely to arise as a result of this document (details set out in Annexe 1).

This SCG is intended to supplement the existing agreement agreed by the parties in December 2019 and September 2022 (see Annexe 2 and 3 for copies of these documents). The existing agreement

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considers a wide range of strategic matters and sets out how the parties intend to deal with these issues. These include:

- Neighbourhood planning;
- Housing;
- Employment, town centres and retail, leisure and other commercial development;
- Central Activities Zone;
- Vauxhall, Nine Elms, Battersea Opportunity Area;
- Health;
- Education;
- Telecommunications;
- Security;
- Transport;
- Air quality;
- Waste management;
- Water supply and wastewater;
- Flood risk;
- Energy;
- Green infrastructure;
- Climate change;
- River Thames;
- Tall buildings;
- Strategic and local views, heritage, design, and conservation; and
- Culture and infrastructure.

These existing arrangements are considered appropriate and proportionate for dealing with any potential strategic and cross-border issues that may arise and will continue to remain in place unless otherwise agreed.

5. Governance Arrangements

This statement has been informed by on-going engagement between the parties – as evidenced by the main body of the statement explaining joint working and the schedule of engagement between the parties in Annexe 1.

These are live documents and will be kept under review, informed by continued communication between the parties through meetings, statutory consultation at key plan making stages and electronic communication.

Key stages of each borough's plan making process (set out in Table 1 and Table 2 below) will be triggers for the SCG to be reviewed, however strategic matters will be dealt with on an on-going basis in-between formal reviews of the SCG.

Timetable for agreement, review and update

LB Lambeth adopted its Local Plan in September 2021. As explained above, once adopted the SADPD and Lambeth Local Plan 2021 will form part of the development plan for the borough, alongside the South Bank & Waterloo Neighbourhood Plan, and the London Plan 2021. The key dates for this review are set out in Table 1 below.

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LB Wandsworth adopted its current Local Plan in 2016. Work began on a review of its local plan in 2018. Wandsworth's emerging local plan underwent examination in public in 2022, with the Main Modifications consulted upon in February / March 2023. The local plan is expected to be adopted in 2023. The key dates are set out in Table 2 below.

Table 1: Current Development Plan Documents being produced by LB Lambeth

Dev Plan Document	Date of review	Reg 18 date	Anticipated Reg 19 date	Anticipated submission date
Site Allocations DPD	2021	Jan 2022	Spring 2024	Spring / Summer 2024

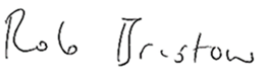

Table 2: Current Development Plan Documents being produced by LB Wandsworth

Dev Plan Document	Date of review	Reg 19 date	Consultations Main Mods	Submission date
Local Plan Review	2018	Jan 2021	Jan 2022	29 April 2022

6. Signatures

Both parties agree that this statement is an accurate representation of matters discussed and issues agreed upon.

It is agreed that these discussions will inform both the Lambeth's SADPD and Wandsworth's future plan-making activities and both parties will continue to work collaboratively in order to meet the duty to cooperate.

<div>Signed: </div> <div>Name: Rob Bristow</div> <div>Position: Director for Climate Change, Planning, and Transport</div> <div>London Borough of Lambeth</div> <div>Date: 25 January 2024</div>	<div>Signed: </div> <div>Name: Jeni Jackson</div> <div>Position: Assistant Director of Environment and Community Services</div> <div>London Borough of Wandsworth</div> <div>Date: 4 September 2023</div>
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Annexe 1. Schedule of engagement between the parties

In November 2020, LB Wandsworth (LBW) was notified and invited to make representations on Lambeth's Draft Local Views Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). No representations were received from the LBW.

In February 2020, LBW was notified and invited to comment on Lambeth's Draft Lambeth Design Code SPD. No representations were received from the LBW.

In January 2021, LBW was notified that Kennington Oval and Vauxhall (KOV) Neighbourhood Forum had applied to be re-designated and invited them to make representations. No representations were received from the LBW.

In January 2022, LBW was notified and invited to make comments on Lambeth's Draft SA DPD. No representations were received from the LBW.

In July 2022, LBW was notified and invited to make representations on Lambeth's Revised Draft Lambeth Design Guide SPD. No representations were received from the LBW.

On 12 December 2022, Officers from both authorities met to discuss strategic cross border planning matters under the duty to cooperate and to develop this statement of common ground. Lambeth officers provided a presentation to Wandsworth officers outlining the proposals including the nearest sites. No issues were identified, and it was agreed that Lambeth would lead on this SCG.

In addition, All London Borough Planning Officer meetings (Association of London Planning Officers) took place on the following dates:

- 30 April 2020 (Policy Officers Subgroup)
- 15 September 2020 (Development Plans meeting)
- 25 November 2020
- 15 February 2021
- 10 June 2021 (Sub-Committee)
- 29 June 2021 (Dev Plan meeting)
- 16 September 2021 (Dev Plan meeting)
- 12 October 2021 (Dev Plan meeting)
- 16 December 2021
- 8 March 2022 (Dev Plan meeting)
- 30 June 2022
- 18 October 2022
- 8 November 2022 (Dev Plan meeting)
- 23 January 2023

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Annexe 2. Dec 2019 Statement of Common Ground

[Please visit this link to the Local Plan 2021 evidence base for the Statement of Common Ground between London Borough of Lambeth and the London Borough of Wandsworth December 2019](#)

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Annexe 3. Sep 2022 Statement of Common Ground

[Visit this link to see the 2022 Statement of Common Ground between the London Borough of Wandsworth and neighbouring boroughs](#)