

Draft Kennington and Oval Neighbourhood Plan (Regulation 15 Submission Version)

SEA Screening Assessment Addendum

February 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This is an addendum to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report for the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission, Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Plan (SEA Screening Report).
- 1.2 The Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Forum (the Forum) has now submitted an updated Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall (KOV) draft Neighbourhood Plan (the draft Plan) and supporting documents to the council in line with Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 1.3 This addendum assesses the changes made in the latest Reg 15 version of the draft Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Plan (the draft Plan), considering whether the conclusions in the previous SEA Screening Report remain. This addendum report confirms that the KOV NP is unlikely to lead to any 'significant effects on the environment', and that no further SEA is required.
- 1.4 The full version of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening report was previously consulted on with the necessary statutory bodies (Environment Agency, Natural England, and Historic England). This addendum report will be consulted on alongside the submission version of the neighbourhood plan during the Regulation 16 consultation.

2. Background to the SEA

- 2.1 A draft Strategic Environmental Assessment SEA Screening Report was prepared for the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission, Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Plan by the London Borough of Lambeth (LBL) in April 2024.
- 2.2 The statutory bodies for the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England) were consulted on this draft screening report, to seek their view on whether an SEA would be required for the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission KOV NP.
- 2.3 All three bodies responded to the consultation, a copy of the responses are available in Appendix 1 of the Reg 14 SEA. Having reviewed the above advice, LB Lambeth concluded the Reg 14 KOV NP is unlikely to give rise to significant environmental effects, and no SEA is required.

- 2.4 The final Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Report incorporated the responses from the Statutory Bodies. This underwent public consultation between 31 March 2024 - 13 May 2024.

3. Assessment of changes

- 3.1 Table 1 (below) provides an assessment of the main changes to draft Plan between the Reg 14 and Reg 15 submission versions. This provides a description of the changes made, considering whether the change would result in a different conclusion to the previous SEA scoping assessment, and whether this would lead to any significant effects on the environment.

Table 1. Assessment of changes to the draft Plan against the SEA methodology

Policy ref.	Change to the draft Plan	Officer Comment	Changes to SEA screening ?
KOV1 – Local Green Spaces	Additional wording added to demonstrate that the policy provides a clear and distinct approach to that provided by LLP Policy EN1.	The changes are minor and provide consistency with LLP EN1.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV1 – Local Green Spaces	References to paragraphs 105-106 and 154-156 of the NPPF have been updated (the policy previously referred to paragraph numbers in a previous version of the NPPF).	The changes are minor and provide consistency with the NPPF.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV1 – Local Green Spaces	Numbering (i – x) used in the body of Policy KOV1 replicated in Appendix B for clarity.	The changes are minor and relate to the formatting.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.

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KOV1 – Local Green Spaces	Alternative name ‘Lambeth Walk Doorstep Green’ for local green space (iii) ‘Lambeth Walk Open Space, Fitzalan Street/Lollard Street’ added between brackets in Appendix B.	The changes are minor and relate to headings / naming conventions.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV1 – Local Green Spaces	Note added to Appendix B regarding site ownership of the land affected by Policy KOV1 Local Green Spaces.	The changes are minor and provide additional site context.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV1 – Local Green Spaces	Updated information and photographs of Vauxhall Park added to Appendix B at the request of Friends of Vauxhall Park.	The changes are minor and provide additional site context.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV1 – Local Green Spaces	Description of the Old Paradise Gardens in Appendix B amended in response to Lambeth Village’s representation.	The changes are minor and provide additional site context.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	Reference to arrangements for off-street loading and servicing added at Transport for London’s request.	The changes are minor. These provide clarity over TfL servicing expectations.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	Requirement for the incorporation of air filtration system to improve indoor air quality omitted.	The changes are minor. This requirement may not have been achievable in practice, while alternative options of improving indoor air quality are more effective.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.

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KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	Consideration to the potential for growth in future demand of standard bicycles and cargo bikes incorporated to the policy.	The changes are minor, though support the integration of environmental considerations, with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	Reference made to the provision of segregated cycling infrastructure along those Greenways that overlap with the routes identified by the Council as suitable for such infrastructure.	The changes are minor, though support the integration of environmental considerations, with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 2 – Improving KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	Both walking and cycling now referred to in the second part of Policy KOV2.	The changes are minor, though support the integration of environmental considerations, with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 2 – Improving KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	Reference to contributing to an improvement in air quality and a reduction in noise levels in the second part of Policy KOV2 now replaced with a reference to contributions ‘to an improved, pedestrian and cycle friendly streetscape’.	The changes are minor and provide a more broadly defined objective.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 2 – Improving KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	Reference to Lambeth’s Healthy Route Network added to both the second part of Policy KOV2 and the first paragraph of its supporting text.	The changes are minor and sign post existing council transport strategies.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.

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KOV 2 – Improving KOV 2 – Improving Air Quality	A further project (Project F – Walking and Cycling) whose focus is pedestrian and cyclist-friendly mobility added.	The changes are minor, though support the integration of environmental considerations, with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 3 – Local Shops and Services	Policy title amended to ‘Local Shops and Services’ to avoid confusion with Local Centres designated in LLP.	The changes are minor and relate to headings / naming conventions.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 3 – Local Shops and Services	Part A of Policy KOV3 was reworded to avoid confusion in decision-making. Word for word replication of Part D of LLP Policy ED11 omitted.	The changes are minor and do not affect content of policy.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 3 – Local Shops and Services	The two Local Centres in the area designated in the LLP no longer included for designation as part of Policy KOV3. Only one cluster of shops is now proposed for designation, ‘Kennington Cross’.	The changes avoid duplication with the LLP.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 4 – Community Infrastructure Premises	Policy wording no longer refers to strategic policies.	The policies referenced (LLP policies S1, ED9 and LP HC7) are all strategic, therefore the change does not affect the substance of policy KOV4.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 4 – Community Infrastructure Premises	Term ‘Community Asset’ replaced with ‘Community Infrastructure Premise’.	The changes are minor and relate to headings / naming conventions.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.

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KOV 4 – Community Infrastructure Premises	Policy KOV4 reworded to include the list of 13 Community Infrastructure Premises to be protected through this designation.	The changes are minor, though adds clarification on approach to policy.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 4 – Community Infrastructure Premises	Detail added on how the designation of the 13 premises offers additional protection to that offered by LLP Policies S1, S2 and ED9.	The changes are minor, though adds clarification on approach to policy.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 4 – Community Infrastructure Premises	Information on the premises included in Appendix A updated at request of Historic England.	The changes are minor and provide updated contextual information.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 5 – Important Local Views	Policy reworded to add clarity and conciseness. This is achieved by providing a structured approach to each aspect of the views including viewing location, viewing cone, a photograph of each view from the viewing location, a view description, and a Visual Management Guidance.	The change is minor, though results in greater consistency with the approach taken in LLP.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 5 – Important Local Views	Views KOV5B ((i) and (ii)) now treated as completely separate views (Views B and C).	The changes are minor, though would support a more effective approach to protecting views, supporting the integration of environmental considerations, with a view to promoting sustainable development.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.

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KOV 5 – Important Local Views	View D ‘Kennington Park Road into the City of London’ (formerly view C) amended to omit any reference to the middle ground and state that there is an expectation for tall building development within the view where it extends beyond the KOV NP boundary into Southwark. This change was made at the request of LB of Southwark.	Earlier policy would be ineffective outside of the borough. Change to the effects of the plan unchanged.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.
KOV 5 – Important Local Views	View D viewing location moved to a point outside Oval Underground Station.	View D now covers a shorter distance. Change likely to be minor in effect, given the view location is situated on the same strategic road which is very unlikely to be obstructed by any new development.	No effect on previous SEA conclusions. No significant effects envisaged.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The assessment of the changes to the draft Plan are set out in Table 1. This finds that most changes are relatively minor in nature. These changes to the draft Plan are not considered to lead to any substantial different conclusions to those reached in the previous SEA screening Assessment for the Regulation 14 Pre-Submission, Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Plan by the London Borough of Lambeth. It is therefore concluded that the draft Plan is unlikely to result in any significant effects on the environment, therefore no further SEA is required.