

PINS NOTE 11/2015

To: All Inspectors (England)

Relevancy: Planning appeals, Secretary of State Casework and Local Plan Examinations

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OLD OAK AND PARK ROYAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Action

1. Inspectors should note the content of this note regarding the creation of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and any implications this has for casework.

Background

2. On 1 April 2015 the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) - a Mayoral Development Corporation (MDC) comes into being - see [SI 2015 No. 53](#). The boundaries of the Corporation and the relevant London Boroughs listed below are shown on the map at Annexe A.
3. Within the boundaries, the OPDC takes on the planning functions previously the responsibility of the London Boroughs, detail for which can be found [here](#). The affected boroughs are
 - Brent Council
 - Ealing Council
 - Hammersmith and Fulham Council

Transitional arrangements

4. The SI¹ makes provision for transitional arrangements:

¹ [SI 2015 No. 442 - The Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation \(Planning Functions\) Order 2015](#)

Appeals

- Any appeal made prior to the commencement date but not determined at that date will remain the responsibility of the existing authority.
- Any appeal made after the commencement date but relating to an application made to and decided by the borough remains the responsibility of the borough.
- Any appeal made after the commencement date but relating to an application originally made to, but that was not decided by, the borough before that date will be the responsibility of the new authority.

Note: Some smaller scale applications may still be determined by the Boroughs (on behalf of the new MDC) after the commencement, and if appealed these will remain the responsibility of the Borough (on behalf of the new MDC).

Other casework

5. The SI also makes transitional arrangements in respect of:

- s106 planning obligations
- development plan documents and supplementary planning documents
- neighbourhood planning

Impact on systems

6. Owners of IT systems, including the Decision template (DRDS), have been contacted to inform them of the change.

Wording on Decisions/Reports

7. Inspectors should ensure that the appropriate and correct authority is referred to in their decisions.

Preclusions

8. With the recent push to preclude Inspectors using post code areas, Inspectors who are currently precluded from any of the existing Boroughs or post codes within the Borough should consider whether it is still appropriate. Inspectors must review this with their SGL and submit to CPI accordingly in order that records can be amended where appropriate.

Further updates

9. Details will be added to the LPAs area on PINSnet as they become available.
10. If you have any queries regarding this PINS Note, please contact XXXX.

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