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Dear Subscriber ,

1. New National Planning Policy Framework

You may find helpful the set of articles published [here](#) for subscribers to PlanningResource which explain and review the implications of various parts of the new National Planning Policy Framework. They include comments by RTPI, RIBA, TCPA and others.

2. Boundary Commission Review

Between 2018 and 2022 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England will review the boundaries of 25 London boroughs in a rolling programme. You may wish to speak with your Council about the ward boundary changes that are likely. Too often the boundaries are down roads, rather than back garden fences of a neighbourhood. That divides communities, contrary to the Boundary Commission's wish 'that they reflect community interests'. That results in different sets of Councillors for each part of a conservation area or a neighbourhood.

The Commission will consider evidence from the council (and its groups) on the total number of councillors that should be elected to the authority in future, and will then re-draw ward boundaries to accommodate those councillors according to three statutory criteria. After consultation and subject to parliamentary scrutiny process, new boundaries would come into effect at the 2022 elections. The reviews will focus only on the internal electoral arrangements of each council, not external boundaries of any authority.

Seven London councils will be excluded because they have already been reviewed since 2000: Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Kensington and Chelsea, Redbridge, Southwark, Croydon and Bexley.

You can find more information at the link [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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