

Consultees and pre-application engagement

It is recommended that applicants consider direct early engagement with infrastructure providers and other organisations that are likely to be consulted as part of the planning application process. Key stakeholders for Strategic Sites are highlighted through the Local Plan Appendix 1.

The table below provides a list of consultees and links to their pre-application services. This list is not exhaustive.

Consultee Name	Service provided	Paid?	Contact Forms/Details
Environment Agency	Free preliminary advice relating to environmental constraints for a plot of land (flood risk, contamination, drainage). Paid discretionary support for preparation of Environmental Statement and other technical reports and assessments. Advice on mitigation strategies to reduce environmental damage More information here .	Free and Paid	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-planning-application-enquiry-form-preliminary-opinion enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
Natural England	Support with review of survey results, and advice on landscape and visual impact assessment or mitigation strategies. More information here .	Paid	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charged-environmental-advice-service-request-form
Historic England	Free initial pre-application service, and extended pre-application service, for applications where Historic England would be a consulted as part of the process. More information here .	Free and Paid	https://historicengland.org.uk/about/contact-us/local-offices/london-south-east/
Metropolitan Police Service: Designing Out Crime Officer	Secured by Design enquiries or advice for development to ensure accreditation.	Free	DOCOMailbox.NE@met.police.uk 0208 217 3813
Thames Water	Service confirms if capacity exists to serve the development or if upgrades are required for potable water, waste water and surface water requirements.	Free	https://www.thameswater.co.uk/preplanning
Port of London Authority	Service for general development enquires on the Thames, and also on specific River Works Licence applications. More information here .	Paid	http://www.pla.co.uk/About-Us/Further-Contacts-Planning-Department
London City Airport	Service assesses compatibility with the airport's physical and technical safeguarding.	Free	safeguarding@londoncityairport.com