

## Croydon Landlord Forum

### Braithwaite Hall (Croydon Central Library) Thursday 6 June 2024

### Booking Essential

Croydon Council invites you to join the landlord and letting agent forum with a chance to meet and hear from important services.

Our last forum was in March 2024 and was well received. It is an opportunity to meet up again.

#### Presentations

The forums will start at 10.30 am and 1.30 pm with the doors opening 30 minutes before for arrival and registration. Forums may not run if there are insufficient numbers of interested landlords or letting agents.

Please note the different agenda items for both forums. Please see table below.

Spaces are limited.

	Doors open for arrival & registration	Presentation starts	Advice Tables from	Forum ends at
Forum 1	10.00 am	10.30 am	11.45 am	12.15 pm
Forum 2	1.00 pm	1.30 pm	2.45 pm	3.15 pm

To register your interest for one of the forums please contact the Private Sector Housing Team using the email [propertylicensing@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:propertylicensing@croydon.gov.uk) by **4pm** on **Wednesday 29 May 2024**.

In your response, indicate your **preferred time** in priority; where 1 = first timeslot choice and 2 = second time-slot choice. If you wish to reserve more than one place, please indicate names of attendees.

**Location:** Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX. This is part of the Croydon Town Hall building. To get to the Hall please enter the building through the Croydon Main Library.

**Timings:** Please note the timings so that we operate the forum in a timely manner.

Presentations from (final agenda subject to change):

## Agenda

### Session 1 – 10.30 am

- Welcome and update from Nick Gracie-Langrick - Croydon Council
  - Benefits of London Accreditation scheme
  - Stock conditions survey 2024
- Croydon Plan – Julia Dawe, Spatial Planning Team - Croydon Council,
- Waste Management and Recycling – Ellie O'Maley, Kate O'Brien, Croydon Council
- Pest Control – Jay Robertson / Rene Plaza, Southwark Pest Control
- Q & A from Landlords / Letting Agents (time allowing)

### Session 2 – 1.30 pm

- Welcome and update from Nick Gracie-Langrick - Croydon Council
  - Benefits of London Accreditation scheme
  - Stock conditions survey 2024
- Simon James – Housing Strategy, Croydon Council
- Waste Management and Recycling – Ellie O'Maley, Kate O'Brien
- Pest Control – Jay Robertson / Rene Plaza, Southwark Pest Control
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### Advice Stalls

Some teams on the agenda will be available on an advice stall for you to ask questions and find out more about the service.

In addition, Faisal Mir from the Housing Needs and Homelessness Procurement team will have an advice stall.

### Minutes from the meeting

Whilst the forums are not recorded a copy of the presenter's slides will be available on the Croydon website soon after on this [LINK](#), alternatively you can access via the Croydon website <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/landlords/landlord-newsletters-and-landlord-forum>.

## Private Rented Housing Survey 2024

Please click this [LINK](#) for further information. Alternatively you can access via the Croydon Council website <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-05/landlord-newsletter-stock-condition-survey-april-2024.pdf>

# Croydon Local Plan

The Local Plan is used to determine planning applications. There is review of the Local Plan underway and further changes were needed following the appointment in May 2022 of the Executive Mayor, Jason Perry and subsequent approval of his Business Plan (2022-2026). The updated version of the revised Local Plan now takes account of the Mayor's Business Plan and addresses concerns raised on the previous 'Regulation 19' (which took place January-February 2022).

The revised Local Plan has been approved for publication at the Cabinet Meeting on 27 March 2024. It was subsequently approved at the Full Council meeting on 17 April 2024 for submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination (following the conclusion of the statutory Regulation 19 publication). The consultation material is currently being prepared and will be launched in June for a 6 week consultation period. Representations (in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) will soon be invited.

Find out more on the [Get involved Local Plan review page](#).

## Housing Needs and Homelessness Procurement Team

Housing Needs has set up a new procurement team with the aim of procuring further accommodation to meet the demand from our homeless residents. (Accommodation includes B&B's, longer-term Temporary Accommodation, and private rented sector units).

The service would like to develop a strong relationship with private sector landlords, local managing and lettings agents and owners of empty properties to secure use of privately rented properties for households in housing. The service will help:

- Negotiate, prepare, sign off lease/management agreements with various providers for different schemes.
- To agree all property rates and prices.
- To ensure all properties acquired meet the HHSRS Housing Standards.
- To conduct regular inspections with accommodation providers.

**Faisal Mir and team** will be available to offer advice at the June Forum.

## Waste Management and Recycling

The Council offers weekly and Biweekly collections on General Waste and Recycling. Estates and blocks of flats with more than 5 homes usually have communal bin sheds, general waste is collected weekly.

26% of properties (c.109,000) receive the communal collection service. This is where a household shares large bins with many neighbouring properties. These bins are usually located in a communal bin store. The service is designed for purpose-built flats and larger blocks of converted flats.

15% of properties (c.63,000) receive the shared bin kerbside collection service. This is where a household shares standard-sized wheelie bins and recycling boxes with a small number of neighbours (typically no more than six). The service is designed for houses that have been converted into flats, houses of multiple occupation (HMOs) and smaller blocks of purpose-built flats, where there isn't room for larger communal bins.

For sites with 5 or more units need to hire bins through the Council or purchase directly via a third party for general waste. Please contact the team at [hirebins@croymdon.gov.uk](mailto:hirebins@croymdon.gov.uk) for further information.

Managing agents/developers/owners of new builds and conversions need to purchase or hire the bins from the council or a third party. Please contact the team [newbuildbins@croymdon.gov.uk](mailto:newbuildbins@croymdon.gov.uk) for further information.

You can also find more information at this website for General Waste and Recycling: [LINK](#), alternatively you can access via the Croydon website <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>.

**Ellie O'Maley and Kate O'Brien** will be available to offer advice at the June Forum.

## London Landlord Accreditation Courses

Over 2000 Croydon landlords and property agents are currently accredited through the London Landlord Accreditation scheme. If you are interested in becoming accredited, you need to attend a full day's training course. There are some online and face to face training courses available.

### Face to Face Course dates at Croydon:

Wednesday 19th June 2024  
Monday 14th October 2024

The two face to face training sessions are at Croydon Town Hall. They start at 9am and run to 4.30pm.

For information about further training sessions, the benefits of being accredited, booking or the scheme please use this link: [LINK](#), alternatively you can access the information on this link: <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/housing/landlords/london-landlords-accreditation-scheme-llas>

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