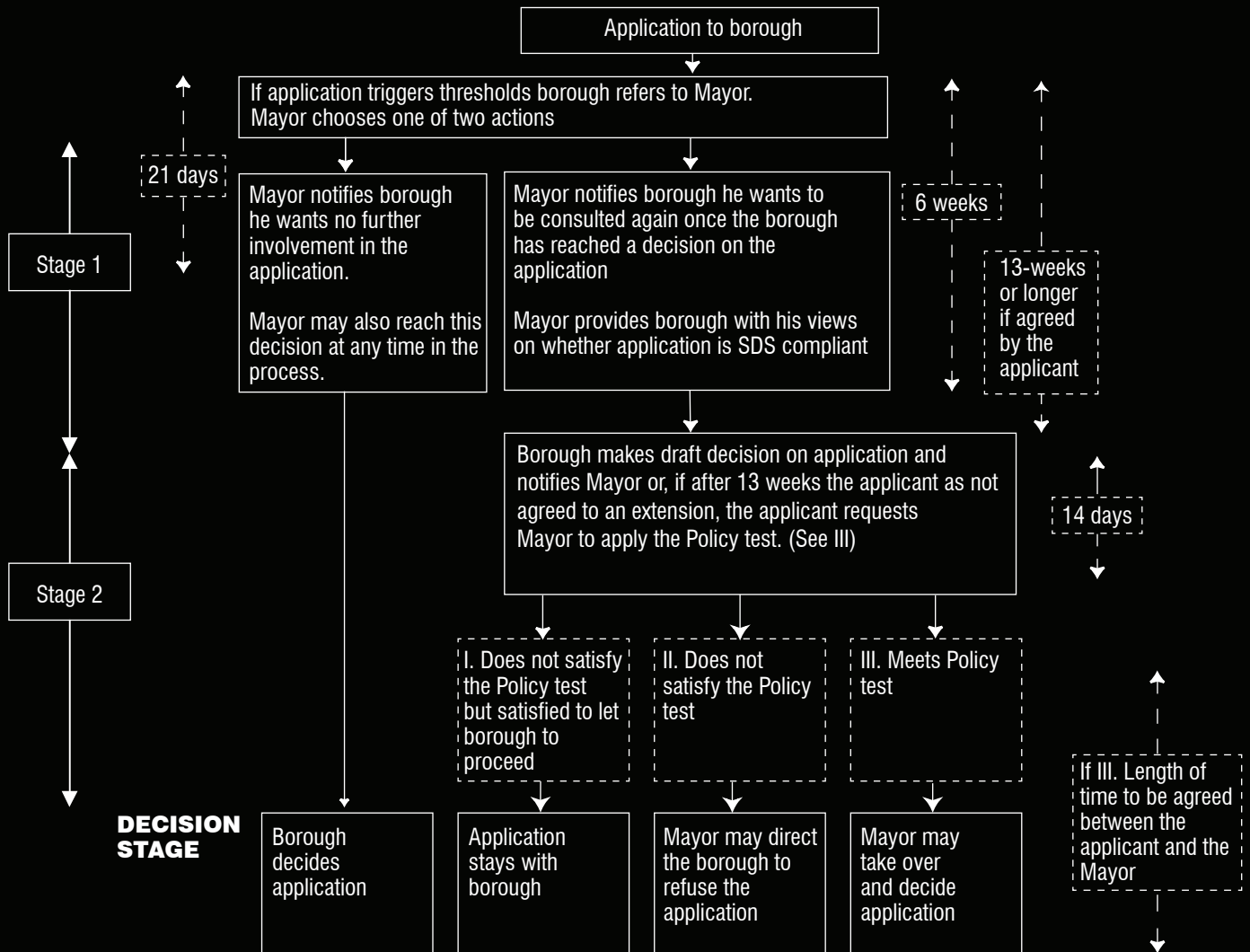


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THE MAYOR'S ROLE IN PLANNING APPLICATIONS OF POTENTIAL STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE



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PLANNING APPLICATION PROCESS

Stage 1

Within 6 weeks of receiving an application the Mayor is required to provide the borough with a statement setting out whether he considers that the application complies with the London Plan and his reason for taking that view. The 6 week period forms the borough's usual 13 week period for reaching a decision on an application and applies to all referred applications. The Mayor may, at this stage, decline any further involvement in deciding on the application.

Stage 2

If the Mayor requires involvement, article 6 indicates that where a borough is minded to make a decision on an application it must notify the Mayor who has 14 days to:

- i) allow the borough to proceed with its decision; or
- ii) direct the borough to refuse the application; or
- iii) apply the test at Article 7 to decide whether to take-over the application and decide it himself.

In the case of ii) and iii), the Mayor must notify the borough of his decision giving full reasons.

If the borough has not determined the application within the relevant time limit, the applicant can request that the Mayor take over the application or appeal to the Secretary of State for non-determination.

