

# **STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**

Between the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and British  
Waterways

In respect of Representations 34-40, 47, 49 and 51

**London Borough of Tower Hamlets  
Fish Island AAP  
Local Development Framework**

## Statement of Common Ground 2 – British Waterways

### LBTH Fish Island Area Action Plan Examination in Public

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Parties: LB Tower Hamlets and British Waterways (note: from 12<sup>th</sup> July the AAP is to be amended to reflect that British Waterways is to be known as 'The Canal & River Trust')

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#### Role of this document

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to identify the areas of agreement between British Waterways and London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) on matters relating to the Proposed Submission version of the Managing Development – Development Plan Document (MD DPD) and Fish Island Area Action Plan (FIAAP), to be resolved prior to the Examination in Public.

#### Issues

In relation to the representations submitted by British Waterways, the following issues were discussed:

1. Implementation of new connections over the Hertford Union Canal needs further guidance.
2. Guidance for the modifications to the Hertford Union Canal lock should be updated.
3. Development should support active uses along waterways.
4. Guidance for connections along towpaths and existing bridges should be amended.
5. Location of the primary school impacting on the use of the canal.

#### Agreed actions

1. LBTH to amend the supporting text for policy FI3.3 to state:

*“3.16 The upgrading and/or replacement of existing and/or additional bridges across the Hertford Union Canal are also needed to support connectivity. Specifically with regard to the connection shown as 4b in table 3.1 and figure 3.3.”*

and

*“3.17 New connections will be expected to meet the highest standards in relation to design, management safety with minimal impact on towpath/waterway users and ecology as stated in relevant guidance.”*

2. LBTH to remove part 5 of policy FI 3.3 as British Waterways views to be technically unfeasible.

3. LBTH to provide an additional bullet point stating:

*“protecting or enhancing active uses on the waterways, such as recreation or leisure uses”*

and LBTH to provide an additional photo to illustrate active uses.

4. LBTH to remove from Figure 6.3 the ‘enhanced towpath’ illustration from along the eastern side of Fish Island East and to show Carpenter’s Lock, Bridge F06, and Bridge E39 as existing bridges on Figure 6.3.

Subject to these changes and actions being considered acceptable, British Waterways will withdraw these specific issues from their representations.

5. LBTH to remove the following text from part 3 of FI 4.6:

The removal of this wording would suggest that the school should be located on any sites in Fish Island Mid. The interpretation of the policy is that the school should be ‘part of the future redevelopment of sites(s) adjacent to Hertford Union Canal’ which suggest the site (Neptune Wharf) is expected to deliver a school. The reference to Hertford Union canal within the policy does not mean that the school must be located adjacent to the canal. It will be expected through the development management process that the location for the school will be undertaken to determine a suitable location on the site.

British Waterways (as of 2nd July referred to Canal & River Trust) confirmed on 9 July 2012 that the above clarification is sufficient is happy with the policy interpretation.