

# **STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND**

Between the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the Greater  
London Authority

**London Borough of Tower Hamlets  
Managing Development DPD  
Local Development Framework**

## Statement of Common Ground – GLA

### LBTH Managing Development DPD Examination in Public

Date: 3rd August 2012

Parties: LB Tower Hamlets and the Greater London Authority

Attendees: Michael Bell (Strategic Planning Manager - LBTH)  
Marissa Ryan-Hernandez (Plan Making Team Leader – LBTH)  
Kim Tagliarini (Senior Strategic Planner - Planning Decisions Unit, GLA)  
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#### Role of this document

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared to formalise the agreement prior to the Examination in Public to remove the requirement to safeguard a site for a future waste management facility at Ailsa Street as stated in the Submission Version of the Managing Development DPD.

#### Issue

The London Plan requires boroughs to allocate sufficient land to meet their waste allocation target. Following a site selection process, the northern portion of the Ailsa Street site allocation was safeguarded for a future waste management facility in the Submission Version of the Managing Development DPD. A large number of objections were raised relating to this allocation by landowners and the local community at the call for representations stage.

Whilst the Council is still committed to meeting its waste apportionment target, it believes this could be achieved without the allocation of the northern portion of Ailsa Street. This is based on a review of the policy following submission and on-going dialogue with landowners and the community prior to the forthcoming Examination in Public.

#### Agreed actions

The GLA acknowledge that LBTH can meet its waste apportionment target based on safeguarding **existing** waste facilities in the borough (this includes the existing waste facility at Ailsa Street) and the potential for additional capacity to come forward within designated Strategic Industrial Land.

The GLA therefore agrees that it is not necessary to safeguard the potential for Ailsa Street North to accommodate a new waste management facility. This part of the allocation will be removed and the Ailsa Street designation as a whole will read:

“A comprehensive mixed-use development required to provide a strategic housing development, a primary school, a district heating facility and other compatible uses.

The existing waste management facility will be safeguarded in accordance with policy DM14.”

An additional design principle will be stated:

“Development must not prejudice the operation of the existing waste management facility in accordance with policy DM14.”

Other references to the proposed waste management facility within the design principles and implementation considerations will be removed and detailed in the “matrix of proposed changes”. Figure 32 will be amended to show the red line boundary around the existing waste management facility.

As stated in paragraph 14.4 of Policy DM14, the Council considers the existing waste sites in the borough may not provide the best long term solution for the sustainable management of waste. The Council acknowledges that unless alternative provision is made these sites must remain in waste use. As such, in accordance with part 1d of the Policy, the Council will look to work with partners outside of the borough as part of providing the most appropriate long term solution.

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GLA position

**Policy DM14 identifies sufficient waste sites to meet Tower Hamlets Council's waste apportionment target as set out in London Plan policy 5.17. Provided the existing 0.89 hectare waste transfer site is retained for waste use the GLA has no objection to the designation of the rest of Alisa Street for other uses.**