

POSITION STATEMENT

**Barts & London NHS Trust (Represented by Drivers Jonas
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In respect of Session 2, 7-14
Policy DM8 and identification of new site allocations

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

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Barts & London NHS Trust Group – Position Statement LBTH Response Statement

This statement provides the Council's response to the issues stated within the Barts & London NHS Trust's Position Statement for the Managing Development DPD Examination in Public. This statement does not seek to repeat information relating to the Council's position as stated elsewhere.

Issue 1

The Royal London Hospital site is of sufficient scale and strategic importance to warrant a site allocation in the Managing Development DPD.

Summary

The Council maintains its position that the Royal London Hospital site is not identified in the Managing Development DPD as a Site Allocation.

Response

After discussions with the Trust, the Council has committed to producing site-specific planning and design guidance for the site through a Development Brief in partnership with the Trust and other relevant stakeholders.

Subject to these changes and actions being considered acceptable, Barts and the London NHS will withdraw these specific issues from their representations.

Issue 2

The proposed wording of DM8 Community Infrastructure does not account for the site specific circumstances of the Royal London Hospital where health facilities are re-provided.

Summary

The following amendments to DM8.3 are suggested: "The loss of a facility will only be considered if it can be demonstrated that there is no longer a need for the facility within the local community, and the building is no longer suitable for its use, or the facility is being adequately re-provided elsewhere within the Borough."

Response

Agree. The changes are already reflected in the Submission version DM DPD.

Issue 3

Question the 500 housing unit capacity threshold which excludes of a number of sites, including the London Chest Hospital, which could meaningfully contribute to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets significant housing target.

Summary

The threshold for the inclusion of sites should be lowered and the London Chest Hospital site included as a 'suggested site' for general housing.

Response

Disagree. The Council maintains its position that the London Chest Hospital site is not identified in the Managing Development DPD as a Site Allocation as stated in the response to

representation 213. Site allocations have been identified for locations that are required for strategic infrastructure and/or are capable of delivering 500 new net additional homes.