

Position Statement

On Behalf of:
Mr Terry Welley and the Estate of Mrs Patricia Fox
(Representation No. 635947)

We act on behalf of Mr Terry Welley and the Estate of Mrs Patricia Fox ('our clients'), who own the freehold of adjoining sites at St Leonards Wharf and Ailsa Wharf, Poplar, E14 OLE.

We had initially been instructed by our clients to prepare a Position Statement expanding on our previous representations which objected to Managing Development DPD given the inclusion of a safeguarded waste management facility at Ailsa Street (referred to in the DPD at Policy DM14 and SA11 - Poplar Riverside).

We were advised by the Council (Peter Farnham), in a telephone conversation on Monday 3rd September that, following discussions with the GLA, the Council has decided not to proceed with the safeguarding of the Ailsa Street site and to remove all reference to this site (as being deemed suitable for a waste management facility) from the DPD.

We have been advised that the Council will be tabling amendments to the DPD to this effect, and that these will be presented to the Inspector at the Examination.

At the time of writing, we have not had sight of the Council's proposed amendments.

The proposed removal of the safeguarded Ailsa Street waste facility from the Plan addresses our clients concerns and negates the need for the submission of a more detailed Position Statement on their behalf. Instead, our clients wish to indicate their support for Council's decision to remove the safeguarded site, together with their suggestion that the land previously identified for a waste management facility should now be allowed to come forward for mixed use development in line with the type of uses outlined in the Council's 2003 Ailsa Street Development Brief.

Notwithstanding, we still plan to attend the Examination to observe the discussions on waste issues (Policy DM14) and participate in the session concerning Policy SA11 (Poplar Riverside). In the case of this latter session, we would wish to be included in any debate concerning the nature of appropriate uses for the wider Poplar Riverside site, given the removal of the safeguarded waste facility.

In the event that the Council's proposed amendments to remove the Ailsa Street safeguarded waste facility are not accepted, then we would revert to our original position of objection to the Plan and reserve the right to add further evidence to support our case that the site is unsuitable and unavailable, and its inclusion makes the Plan unsound.

We trust the above makes our position clear.

Contour Planning Services Ltd
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