

London Borough of Tower Hamlets: Local Development Scheme (February 2018)

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a live public 'project plan' setting out, over a period of three years, which Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents will be produced and when. It allows the community and stakeholders to find out about our future intentions for the planning of the borough. Our progress in meeting the timetable as set out below is reviewed annually and updated when new Development Plan Documents are being prepared.

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets is undergoing the process of producing a new Local Plan which will set out a proposed vision, objectives and planning policies to positively plan and manage development in the borough up to 2031.

The Tower Hamlets Local Plan: Managing growth and sharing the benefits (regulation 19 consultation document) was submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 28 February 2018 to undergo an independent examination.

The hearing sessions for the examination process will commence in May/June 2018 and it is anticipated that the Local Plan will be due for adoption in early 2019.

The Statement of Community Involvement has been updated in light of comments received during the public consultation held from November 2016 to January 2017 and was adopted in September 2017. A second phase review of the statement is being undertaken and consultation on this is anticipated to take place in summer 2018 with adoption in winter 2018-2019.

Neighbourhood plans

Local communities have the power to influence the future of the places they live by preparing neighbourhood plans. Neighbourhood plans are led and prepared by the community, not the council, although the council has a statutory role to provide advice and support to those producing a plan. When neighbourhood plans are passed by an independent examiner and at a local referendum, the council must adopt them a part of its planning framework and take them into account when it makes decisions on planning applications in the area, alongside our adopted development plan documents and the London Plan.

The following areas have been designated as neighbourhood areas:

- Wapping
- East Shoreditch
- Limehouse
- Isle of Dogs
- Spitalfields (business area)
- Roman Road Bow

The following forums have been designated as neighbourhood forums:

- East Shoreditch
- Limehouse
- Isle of Dogs
- Spitalfields

