

STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

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

**London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Local Plan**

Statement of Common Ground – The Port of London Authority Tower Hamlets Local Plan Examination in Public

Date: July 2018

Parties: London Borough Tower Hamlets (LBTH) and the Port of London Authority (PLA)

In relation to the representations dated 8th November 2017 from the Port of London Authority in response to the Local Plan regulation 19 consultation, the following matters have been considered

1. Figure 2
2. Policy D.SG4
3. Policy D.DH2
4. Policy D.DH6
5. Riparian lifesaving equipment (policy S.OWS1, S.OWS2, D.OWS3, D.OWS4)
6. Residential and commercial moorings (policy S.OWS2, D.OWS4)
7. Air quality assessments (policy D.ES2)
8. Figure 18
9. River uses
10. River access
11. Safeguarded wharves

Agreed Actions

River access

- The aspiration to maximise opportunities to improve footpath access along River Thames are contained in policy D.OWS4: Water spaces. The following minor modification (MM39) has been proposed to policy D.DH2:
 - Insert policy link: Policy D.OWS4: Water spaces
- Policies S.OWS2 and D.OWS4 address accessibility along water spaces. As such, no changes are considered necessary.

Tall buildings

- It is agreed that policy D.DH6 should include a reference to the PLA river radar equipment at Northumberland Wharf. The wording in part I. of this policy has been amended (MM67) as follows: "...television and radio transmission networks and river radar equipment"

River uses

- Policy S.OWS2 (part d) promotes the use of rivers and waterspaces for movement, including passenger and freight transport. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to make any changes.

Air quality assessments

- Policy D.TR4: Sustainable transportation of freight is included as a key policy link for policy D.ES2. In order to reduce duplication in the Local plan, it is not considered necessary to duplicate these requirements.

Figure 18

- Proposed river piers are shown in figure 18.

Figure 2

- Figure 2 sets out the position of Tower Hamlets within the context of London and neighbouring areas. As such, it is considered appropriate that only strategic transport infrastructure of regional significance is shown. Piers and routes across the River Thames are already shown on figure 18: Strategic transport connectivity, and also figure 38: Vision for Isle of Dogs and South Poplar.

Figure 5

- A minor modification will be proposed to amend the diagram to show the locations of the safeguarded wharves.

Moorings

- Policies S.OWS1, D.OWS4 and the Water Space Study seek to encourage new moorings in suitable locations.

Outstanding matters

Sustainable transport (policy D.SG4)

- PLA: Encourage more use of the blue ribbon network for the transportation of freight.
- LBTH: Policy D.TR4 addresses in detail the need to prioritise movement by water and this policy is listed in the policy links section. As such, no changes are considered necessary to policy D.SG4.

Riparian lifesaving equipment

- PLA: All new development within or adjacent to the borough's water spaces must provide riparian lifesaving equipment as part of development.
- LBTH: It would not be feasible to require all development proposals to provide life-saving equipment all the way along the riverfront. They should be delivered in those locations where the greatest potential risk is identified.

Safeguarded wharves

- PLA: A separate policy on safeguarded wharves may be appropriate.
- LBTH: Policy D.TR4 provides sufficient detail and protection in relation to safeguarded wharves
- PLA: The agent of change principle should also be applied to safeguarded wharves
- LBTH: The land use examples in policy D.ES9 are not exhaustive. Minor modification has been proposed to amend the wording of part 2 of the policy and the supporting text (paragraph 9.69) to include industrial uses (see MM186 and MM187) which would include safeguarded wharves.

Signed on behalf of the Port of London Authority



Date: 25/07/2018

Signed on behalf of London Borough of Tower Hamlets



Date: 24/07/2018