



Tower Hamlets Local Plan Strategic Policy Assessment

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (paragraph 184) requires local planning authorities to set out clearly their strategic policies in order to support the requirement for Neighbourhood Plans to be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan.
- 1.2. To provide clarity for Neighbourhood Forums undertaking neighbourhood planning, it is proposed that a list of Strategic Policies should be made available as an appendix to the new draft Local Plan.
- 1.3. In order to determine the list of Strategic Policies in the new Local Plan, an assessment was undertaken which used the criteria provided in the NPPF (paragraph 156).
- 1.4. The assessment methodology, assessment and conclusions are provided in this report.

2. Assessment Methodology

- 2.1. The Council used the criteria provided in the NPPF (paragraph 156) to assess the policies and site allocations contained within the new draft Local Plan.
- 2.2. The criteria contained in NPPF paragraph 156 is as follows:

Local planning authorities should set out the strategic priorities for the area in the Local Plan. This should include strategic policies to deliver:

- *the homes and jobs needed in the area*
- *the provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development*
- *the provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat)*
- *the provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities*
- *climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape*

- 2.3. Where a policy was considered to meet at least one of these criteria, it was determined to be a Strategic Policy.

3. Assessment

- 3.1. The assessment is provided in table 1, below.

4. Conclusion

4.1. The assessment concluded that all Spatial and Development Management Policies and Site Allocations in the draft Local Plan are strategic, with the exception of the following policies:

- D.SG3 Health Impact Assessments
- D.SG4 Construction of New Development
- D.DH8 Amenity
- D.DH9 Shopfronts
- D.DH10 Advertisements, Hoardings and Signage
- D.ES9 Noise and vibration

Table 1: Assessment of the Draft Local Plan policies against the Strategic Policy Criteria in the NPPF.

This policy delivers:	Homes and Jobs needed in area;	Provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development;	Provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change, and/or the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);	Provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other/or local facilities;	Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and/or enhancement of the natural and historic environment including landscape	Conclusion
1. Achieving Sustainable Growth						
S.SG1 Ares of growth an Opportunity in Tower Hamlets	x	x	x	x		Strategic
S.SG2 Delivering Sustainable Growth in Tower Hamlets				X		Strategic
D.SG3 Health Impact Assessments						Not Strategic
D. SG4 Construction of New Development						Not Strategic
D.SG5 Developer Contributions			X	X		Strategic
2. Creating attractive and distinctive places						
S.DH1 Delivering High Quality Design					x	Strategic
S. DH2 Attractive Streets, Spaces and Public Realm			x		x	Strategic
D. DH3 Heritage and the Historic Environment					x	Strategic

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D. DH4: Shaping and Managing Views					x	Strategic
D.DH5 World Heritage Sites					x	Strategic
D. DH6 Tall Buildings				x	x	Strategic
D. DH7 Density					X	Strategic
D. DH8 Amenity						Not Strategic
D. DH9 Shopfronts						Not Strategic
D. DH10 Advertisements, Hoardings and Signage						Not Strategic
D. DH11 Telecommunications			x			Strategic
3. Meeting housing needs						
S.H1 Meeting Housing Needs	x					Strategic
D. H2 Affordable Housing	x					Strategic
D. H3 Housing Standards and Quality	x					Strategic
D. H4 Specialist Housing	x					Strategic

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D.H5: Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation	x					Strategic
D. H6 Student Housing	x					Strategic
D. H7 Housing with Shared Facilities	x					strategic
4. Delivering economic growth						
S.EMP1 Creating Investment and Jobs	x	x				Strategic
D.EMP2 New Employment Space	x	x				Strategic
D.EMP3 Loss of Employment Space	x					Strategic
D.EMP4 Redevelopment within Designated Employment Areas	x	x				Strategic
5. Revitalising our town centres						
S. TC1 Supporting the network and hierarchy of centres	x	x		x	x	Strategic
D.TC2 Retail in our town centres		x		x		Strategic
D.TC3 Retail outside Our Town Centres		x		x		Strategic

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D.TC4 Financial and Professional Services		x				Strategic
D.TC5 Food, Drink, Entertainment and the Night-time Economy		x		x		Strategic
D.TC6 Short-stay Accommodation		x				Strategic
D.TC7 Markets		x	x		x	Strategic
6. Supporting community facilities						
S.CF1 Supporting Community Facilities				x		Strategic
D.CF2 Existing Community Facilities				x		Strategic
D.CF3 New and enhanced Community Facilities				x		Strategic
D.CF4 Public Houses		x		x	x	Strategic
7. Enhancing open spaces and water spaces						
S.OS1 Creating a Network of Open Spaces					x	Strategic
S.OS2 Creating a Network of Water Spaces			x		x	Strategic

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D.OS2 Open Space and Green Grid Network			x		x	Strategic
D.WS3 Water Spaces			x		x	Strategic
8. Protecting and managing our environment						
S.ES1 Protecting and Enhancing Our Environment			X			Strategic
D.ES2 Air Quality					X	Strategic
D.ES3 Urban Greening and Biodiversity				X		Strategic
D.ES4: Flood Risk			X		X	Strategic
D.ES5: Sustainable Drainage			X			Strategic
D.ES6: Sustainable Water Management			X			Strategic
D.ES7: Zero Carbon Borough			X			Strategic
D.ES8: Contaminated Land and Storage of Hazardous Substances					X	Strategic
D.ES9: Noise and vibration						Not Strategic
D.ES10 overheating					x	Strategic
9. Managing our waste						

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S.ES2 Managing Waste			X			Strategic
D.ES12 New waste management facilities			X			Strategic
D.ES13 Waste management in development						
10. Transport						
S.TR1 Sustainable Travel			X		X	Strategic
D.TR2 Impacts on the Transport Network			X			Strategic
D.TR3 Parking and Permit-free			X			Strategic
D.TR4 Sustainable Delivery and Servicing			X			Strategic
Delivering Sustainable Places						
Site Allocations	x	x	x	x	x	Strategic