

## **London Borough of Tower Hamlets: Local Development Scheme (May 2017)**

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

The Council 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. We are currently amending the Draft Local Plan for Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) which will be consulted on in October/November 2017 before being submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2017. The Local Plan is currently due for adoption in July 2018.

A Statement of Community Involvement Refresh is also being progressed following the public consultation held from November 2016 to January 2017. The Council will adopt this document in September 2017. A Second Phase Review will be undertaken in 2018.

### **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.

As neighbourhood plans are not prepared by the Council and their timetables are dependent on the progress made by the community, we have not included them in the list of documents in this Local Development Scheme.

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

The timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan and other Development Plan Documents is set out in the LDS below:

### Local Development Scheme Timeline

