

MQ 2017/ 4334 Audits of jobs in the Fish Island/Hackney Wick area

The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) in a freedom of information request (reference 17-056) provided details of artists' workspace currently in Hackney Wick/Fish Island. What audits has the GLA or LLDC carried on the number and type of businesses and jobs they supported in this area over the past ten years? Please include dates of audits and any relevant reports or findings.

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As part of the evidence base for the Local Plan an Economy Study was undertaken in 2014. This included a business survey with a category of "arts and culture". The business survey can be found in the following location on the website <http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/-/media/lldc/local-plan/local-plan-examination-documents/local-evidence-base-documents/leb5-economy-part-a-business-survey-low-res.ashx?la=en>.

As the Local Plan is reviewed, this Economy Study will be updated and the relevant reports will be published towards the end of the first quarter of 2018. The latest information on the Local Plan review will be made available on the website in this location <http://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/planning-authority/planning-policy/local-plan-review>.

The economy study included the following information on businesses in Hackney Wick and Fish Island: 'Hackney Wick and Fish Island distinguishes itself by having the highest concentration of businesses in the Legacy Corporation area. With 448 businesses units, including 218 within the arts and culture sector (98% of all such businesses in the Legacy Corporation area), it hosts 68% of the active businesses within the Legacy Corporation. The centre of the sub-area has the highest concentration of businesses and artists in the Legacy Corporation area, with an incredible mix of industrial businesses, start-ups, creative businesses and artists' studios, many of which rely on the affordable rents and flexible workshop spaces the area offers. The southern tip has a mix of older industrial estates and newer residential developments'.

In line with this, a key component of the Hackney Wick Central masterplan developed by Hackney Council and LLDC is to protect and re-provide over 8,000 sqm of low-cost workspace including artists' studios. The Corporation's Local Plan also includes policies to protect or reprovide employment space, including low cost space, in new developments in Hackney Wick and Fish Island.

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