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Schools Explanatory Note

This schools explanatory note sets out the background and approach to schools within the Revised Local Plan and brings together relevant information and conclusions from the evidence base submitted alongside the Revised Local Plan. It seeks to provide clarity about the approach taken within the Revised Local Plan and to identify the specific issues that have been raised by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets within their representation (R19.0040). This note is set out in two parts, the first part sets out background information relating to the LLDC's schools' strategy, while the second part addresses the specific issues raised in relation to school place delivery within the plan period.

Part 1: Schools Provision and Delivery Strategy

Population and Child Yield

The evidence base that identifies potential future child yield figures from projected new development within the Legacy Corporation area is contained within the Legacy Corporation's Population Report: Profile and Forecasts (March 2018). The study was undertaken as part of the Local Plan Review, to give accurate information around existing population change in the Legacy Corporation area following high levels of development, and to update the future projected population growth in the area. This study broke down child yield into five-year groupings as part of population projections.

Information from this report was then used as baseline data for the Legacy Corporation's School and School Place Review (September 2018, Arup). As the five-year groupings in relation to child yield were challenging to transfer into school age groups, the review used two methodologies to extract projected numbers, which has created a data range to illustrate potential future school need (i.e. the lowest and highest figures are taken from the application of both methodologies to produce a data range):

- a) Method A uses the baseline (2017) proportions for each year, applying these to the 5-year cohorts from 2018 and beyond.
- b) Method B assumed that within each five-year age cohort, those falling into each year of age are broadly equally distributed.

Table 1: Primary School Need

	Reception in 2036	Pupils in the whole of primary education in 2036
Method A	990-1,090	6,180-6,770
Method B	1,260-1,350	8,260-8,840

Table 2: Secondary School Need

	Year 7 in 2036	Pupils in the whole of secondary education in 2036
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Method A	640-700	2,590-,2840
Method B	1,010-1,080	4,420-4,730

Tables 1 and 2 set out that by 2036 it is projected that there will be demand for 990-1,350 reception year places and 640-1,080 year seven places from the population within the Legacy Corporation area. Currently there are 360 reception places and 480 year seven places in the Legacy Corporation area, many of these have been delivered in the period since 2012. If schools currently identified within site allocations and with permission are built out this will add at least an extra 210 reception places, with the potential for further places at existing schools where there is space or funding for expansion and the potential for a school to be delivered at Rick Roberts Way. This means that the Legacy Corporation area has the potential to meet demand for the lower end of the range of projected reception year place demand by the end of the Revised Local Plan period.

The School and School Place Review (September 2018, Arup) built on previous work to look at the wider area within which the Legacy Corporation sits. This is to acknowledge that whilst primary school need tends to be more localised for logistical reasons, that secondary school need relates to a larger area, as reflected by the larger catchment areas for secondary schools. Secondary school students can travel further to reach their school, and data shows that secondary school student movements often cross boundaries, especially for schools where there is a specialism. This work was undertaken in conjunction with the school place planning teams at the four boroughs, and so is reflective of both the Legacy Corporation and the wider area context and need. This report therefore reflects the fact that there are several schools very close to the Legacy Corporation area boundary, which could be used by Legacy Corporation residents. Schools need cannot be addressed as an isolated issue within any one area, as highlighted by the cross-boundary flows of secondary school students. It also reflects that the Legacy Corporation area is not specifically a schools place planning area, with the four boroughs being the relevant local education authorities.

As there is a large range in the population projections in relation to future need, it is important to monitor school need as development comes forward and the population continues to increase within the Legacy Corporation area. There are also areas of proposed development within boroughs near to the boundary to the Legacy Corporation area, which highlights that it will therefore be important to continue to work with boroughs who are monitoring population increase and school need outside of the Legacy Corporation area where it may have an impact on demand within the area. The report found that all school sites already identified in the Adopted Local Plan would need to continue to be referenced in relation to school need in the Revised Local Plan, with a need to continue to work with the four boroughs, as the local education authorities, in securing delivery of schools and capacity for new school places within the Legacy Corporation area as part of the wider schools place planning work that they undertake.

Monitoring and Review

The approach within the draft Revised Local Plan can be summarised as follows:

The findings of the School and School Place Review supported the existing approach in policy 'CI.2: Planning for and bringing forward new schools'. Therefore, no changes have been made to this policy based on the new evidence base.

Following early delivery of several planned schools within the Legacy Corporation area as part of the Legacy Corporation's Legacy Communities Scheme, retention of existing and delivery of planned school provision within the Legacy Corporation area (schools with planning permission and those identified as required within site allocations but currently without a permission). This is considered by the Legacy Corporation to provide sufficient school places to meet projected need at least until towards the end of the Revised Local Plan period.

The School and School Place Review study and Infrastructure Delivery Plan indicate an additional requirement for primary school places and secondary school places in addition to the existing and planned supply during the plan period to 2036 for later in the plan period. Monitoring will be required to determine the need more accurately within the second half of the plan period when a deficit has the potential to occur. The Legacy Corporation will continue to work closely with the four boroughs as education authorities to identify opportunities for expansion of existing schools and the delivery of new schools on identified sites.

Tables and Map of Planned and Existing Schools

The following tables list the proposed and existing schools within the Legacy Corporation area. These are also indicated on the accompanying map (Figure 1):

Table 3: Planned Schools

Planned Schools	Secured Through	Site Allocation	Notes
Potential for Primary School at Rick Roberts Way	No existing planning permission	SA3.6	Identified in 2015 Local Plan as a potential school site. May be required in second half of Plan Period. Requirement to be identified at the time based on monitoring of need.
Bromley-by-Bow	No existing planning permission	SA4.1	Two-form entry
Sugar House Island	Existing planning permission REF: 12/00336/LTGOUT/LBNM	SA4.2	Two-form entry
Neptune Wharf Primary School	Existing outline planning permission REF: 12/00210/OUT	SA1.4	It is understood that LB Tower Hamlets decided not to take up the option to directly deliver a primary school at Neptune Wharf, but that the Borough

			intends to work with the LLDC to keep the requirement for a new primary school on this site under review. Existing outline permission is for a 3FE primary school.
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Table 4: Existing Primary Schools

School	Number of Places	Map Number
Bobby Moore Academy (Primary)	60 Reception places	3
Carpenters Primary School	60 Reception places	6
Chobham Academy (Primary)	90 Reception places	8
Gainsborough Primary School	60 Reception places	1
Mossbourne Riverside Academy (Primary)	90 Reception Places	2

Table 5: Existing Secondary Schools

School	Number of Places	Map Number
Bobby Moore Academy (Secondary)	180 Year 7 Places	4
Chobham Academy (Secondary)	180 Year 7 places	8
East London Science School (Secondary) ¹	120 Year 7 places	5

Part 2: School place delivery within the plan period

The School and School Place Review (September 2018, Arup) was undertaken not only to understand the current context within the Legacy Corporation area, but also to understand the wider context within the school place planning areas and across the different borough education authority areas. The Legacy Corporation is not itself an education authority and

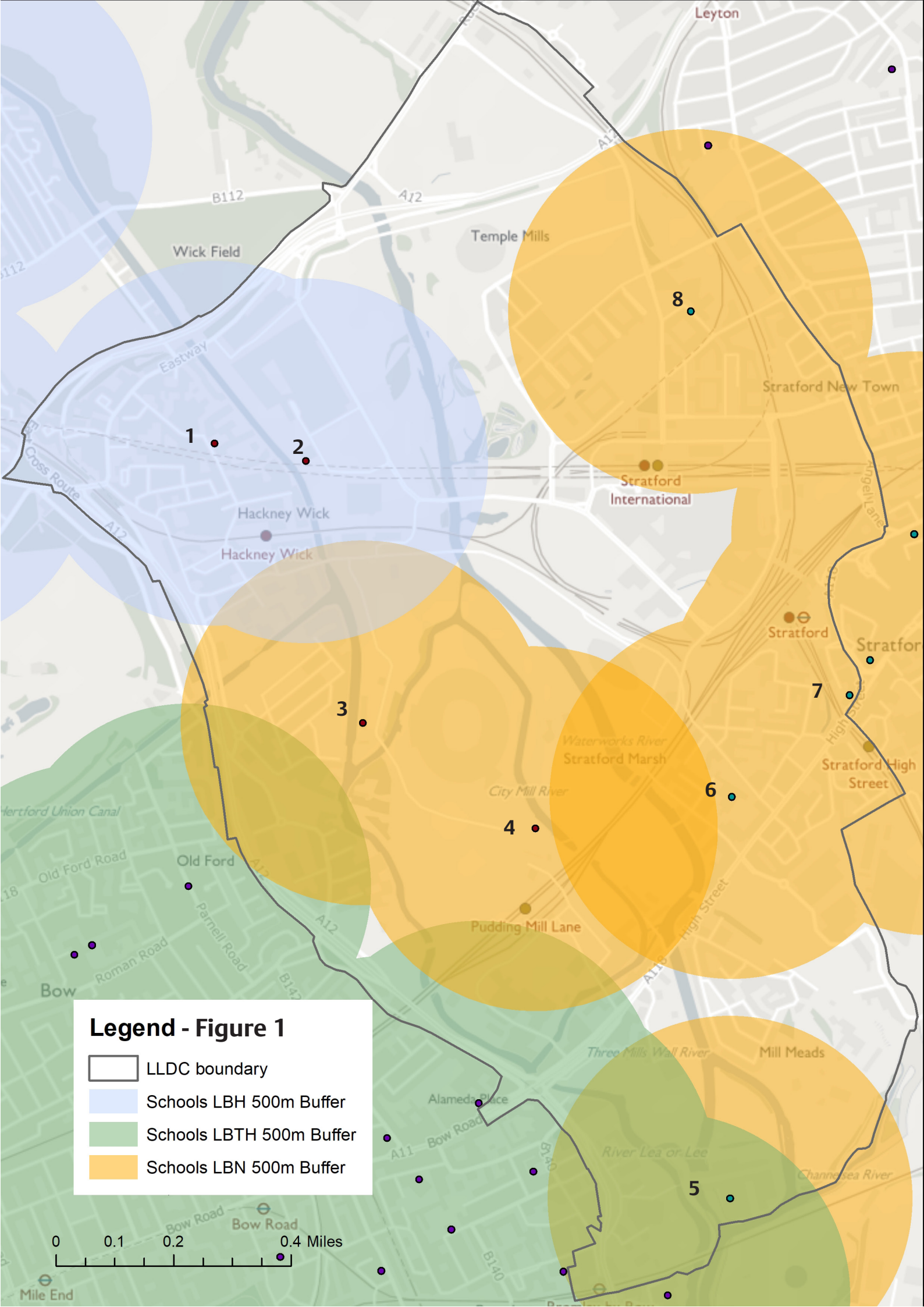
¹ The East London Science School is currently located on a site within the south of the Legacy Corporation Area, however the East London Science School have permission to develop an expanded school on a site on Stephenson Street close to the Legacy Corporation boarder in Newham.

has worked closely with the school place planning teams at each borough in the development of the report.

The Legacy Corporation area includes several existing and proposed schools, as set out in Part 1. These schools will meet a significant level of need until late into the plan period. Many of these schools have been delivered as part of large-scale development projects (e.g. Legacy Communities Scheme) ahead of need in the acknowledgement that they will be required very soon after housing has been delivered to meet the needs of new communities. This means these schools currently serve a large catchment area, as the new communities they are intended to serve in the longer term are still being delivered, and there is currently not the more local population in the immediate area to fill these facilities. It can be reasonably assumed that over time these schools will begin to serve these new communities and the projected population growth as these communities move to the area. The focus will change from a broader area to the communities and population they have been designed to serve in the immediate area.

In addition to this early delivery of schools in the area, and continuation to plan for and protect sites for future schools in the area, there is also capacity to expand existing sites. The Gainsborough Primary School has capacity for a further 30 reception year places, or another form of entry. The Carpenters Primary School also has potential for significant expansion and funding is in place, however the form and timing of any expansion may also be influenced by any plans for the Carpenters Estate as a whole. New schools in the area have also been designed to be further expanded according to need, with the new primary school at Sweetwater able to accommodate another floor and an additional form of entry, should this be needed, due to its modular design. Whilst there is limited opportunity for further sites other than those already identified through the Local Plan process, where there is the potential for future opportunity to expand, this has been carefully planned for and where possible designed into new schools to ensure flexibility to meet potential future need.

Information from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets' school place planning team indicates that within their immediate planning period for primary school places there is a surplus, over the revised plan period there will be an increase in school places within the Legacy Corporation area that falls in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets' to aid with provision for the expansion of the population in this area. Within secondary need there are indications of a deficit of places in the boroughs in the immediate school place planning period, but a projected overall increase in year seven places by the end of the Revised Local Plan period. As the population changes in the area, both within the Legacy Corporation area and proposed development that borders the area, it is key to continue to work closely with the boroughs to support them in their requirements as education authorities as well as ensuring demand is met. This will mean continuing to work closely with boroughs, including the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, as their population changes and future school place planning strategies emerge. The Legacy Corporation believes a combination of working closely with boroughs to monitor changes, continuing to safeguard sites for schools and looking at opportunities for future expansion on existing school sites, where a need arises, is a robust and flexible approach to meeting future need in the context of significant growth but longer-term uncertainty about the outcomes for population growth and child yield from that growth.



Legend - Figure 1

- LLDC boundary
- Schools LBH 500m Buffer
- Schools LBTH 500m Buffer
- Schools LBN 500m Buffer

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