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Local Plan Examination, Matter 3, vision: LLDC response to Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Forum suggested changes to the Local Plan objectives.

Background

At Day 1 of the Local Plan Examination hearing sessions, the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Forum (the Forum) highlighted its view that there was a need for the Objectives within the Plan to be added to and/or amended in order to reference community infrastructure and the Good Growth policies as now set out within the Draft London Plan (DLP). Specifically, it is argued that DLP “Good Growth Policy 1 Building Strong and Inclusive Communities should be expressed as an objective in the Plan. See new London Plan consolidated changes paragraphs 1.1.1 and 1.1.5 and GG1 AAA, B, F, FA.” The inspector requested that the Forum identify specific suggested changes in a written note.

The specific changes now suggested by the Forum are as follows:

*“We propose a **new Objective 6***

‘Provide access to good quality community spaces and community facilities that are inclusive of all and strengthen active and engaged communities.’

*Or an **amended Objective 2** that includes some of the wording above:*

‘Maintain existing and establish new locally distinctive neighbourhoods which meet housing needs, while providing and excellent ~~and easily accessible~~ social and community infrastructure that is inclusive of all and strengthens active and engaged communities.’ “

Legacy Corporation Response

The Legacy Corporation wishes to highlight that the current five objectives within the Plan, with the exception of a very minor change to Objective 5, are the same as those within the adopted Local Plan (July 2015). For the adopted and revised Local Plan, these objectives, along with the wider vision have been specifically agreed by the Legacy Corporation Board and represent an expression of its corporate purpose, plans and strategies with a spatial context. No representations during consultation were received that suggested that change is necessary, either during the Regulation 18 or 19 stages.

The purpose of the objectives as written is to provide a focus into the more specific elements of strategy and policy within the Plan as a whole, and the Legacy Corporation does not consider that the changes proposed are necessary in order to achieve a sound Plan and does not add specifically to the references and requirements for community or social infrastructure that are already within

the Plan and each objective is further unpacked in terms of its meaning in each policy area section of the Plan. It considers this to be the case for the following reasons:

- The DLP is already a part of the Development Plan for the LLDC area and there is no need for the Local Plan to specifically repeat the policies of the London Plan, particularly where the spatial implications of these policies are dealt with within the Local Plan as a whole and supported by the revised Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Document TBP4).
- Relevant references already exist within the Plan that give specific spatial and policy expression to the requirement to protect or reprovide community facilities and infrastructure. This is particularly the case for the further definitions for Policy SP2 that are provided on page 52 of the Plan, with for example the fourth bullet stating that this would mean “delivery and maintenance of sufficient new health and general community meeting places, including space suitable for faith use.” The Priority themes identified at page 16, paragraph 3.3 are also clear on the importance of “championing equalities and inclusion”. Policy CI.1 Providing new and retaining existing community infrastructure sets out a clear and robust approach to the protection and where necessary equivalent replacement of existing facilities and the need for new facilities to available for all sections of the community.
- The Plan is clear about where social and community infrastructure exists and is required. Figure 11, page 77 of the Plan identifies the location and type of existing and planned community facilities, reinforcing the detail identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.
- A change has been proposed that is designed to clarify the definition of community and social infrastructure as referred to across the Plan as a whole and be clear that these are used interchangeably.

M24 (see Document LD35)	Page 274	Appendix 5: Glossary	Community <u>and Social</u> Infrastructure and Community Facilities – Facilities such as health provision, early years provision, schools, colleges and universities, community, cultural, recreation and sports facilities, places of worship, public houses, policing and other criminal justice or community safety facilities, children and young people’s place and information recreation facilities. Such uses generally fall within Use Class D1 of the use classes order. This list is not exhaustive and other uses can be included as <u>community or social</u> infrastructure.
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In conclusion, the Legacy Corporation considers that the additional objective and the or alternative amended Objective 2, as suggested by the Forum, would simply duplicate references that express these approaches and requirements already, either within the DLP or the Local Plan itself. It considers that the strategy and policy approach to social and community infrastructure to be appropriate as currently written, along with the existing proposed modification referenced in this note, to achieve the outcomes that are sought by the changes proposed by the Forum.