



## **London Legacy Development Corporation Local Plan Statement of Common Ground (Local Plan Review, Regulation 19 Publication Stage, November 2018)**

- 1.1 The following is the Statement of Common Ground between the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and the Four Boroughs (London boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest). This statement applies to the review of the LLDC Local Plan at the point of its Regulation 19 (Local Planning Regulations, 2012) stage. This statement has minor variations between versions agreed with each borough to reflect individual circumstances.

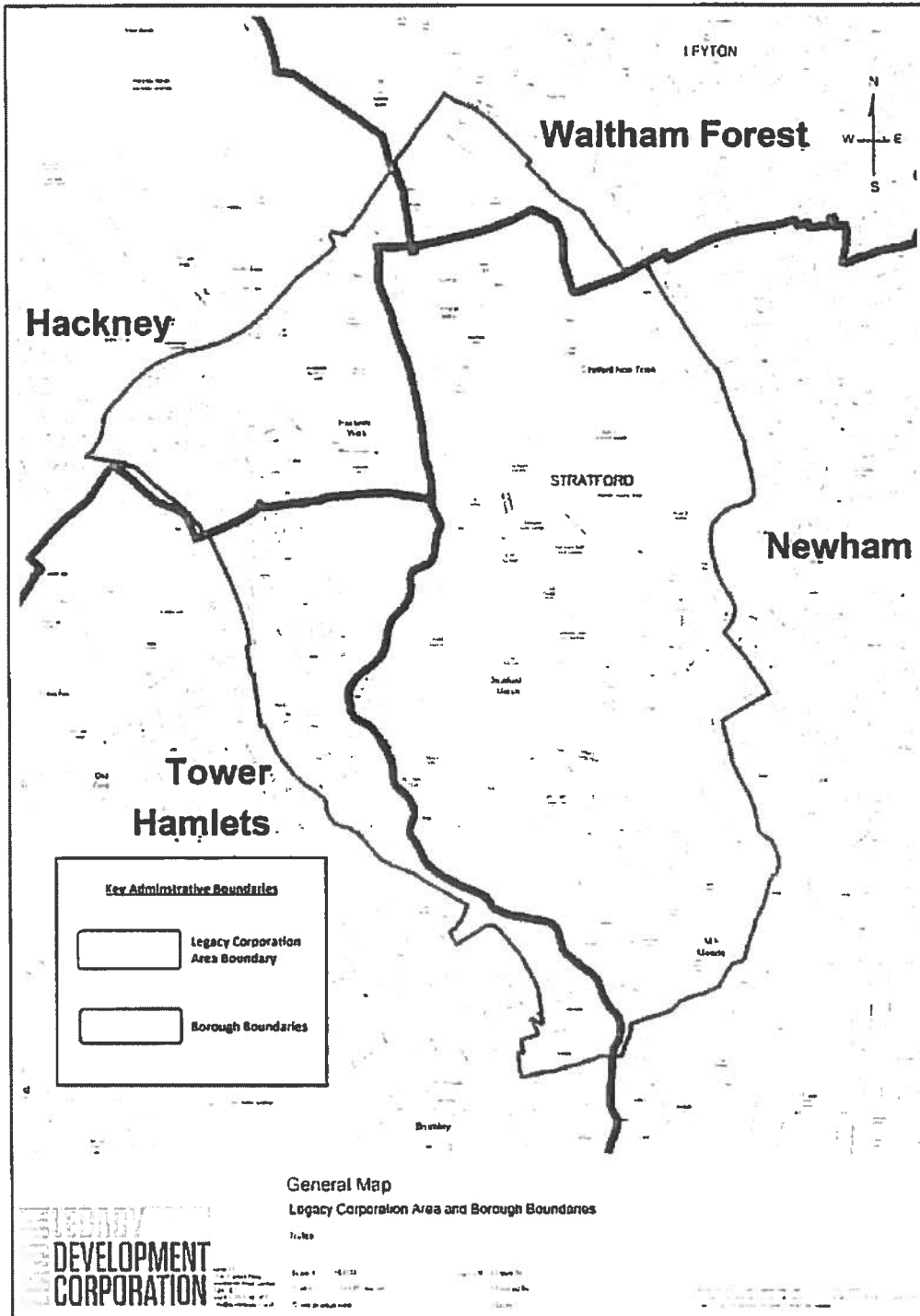
### **Written Description of the LLDC Local Plan and Map**

- 1.2 The LLDC Local Plan is the statutory Local Plan for the area identified on Map 1 of this Statement. It includes areas of the Four Boroughs as identified on Map 1. The Local Plan, in its draft revised form, sets out the overall strategy for the development of the LLDC area for the period to 2036, including a series of strategic policies, including site allocations, and includes other non-strategic policies.

### **Relevant Planning Authorities**

- 1.3 The relevant local planning authorities for the purpose of this Statement of Common Ground are the LLDC and the Four Boroughs.

**Map 1, Area of relevance to this Statement of Common Ground**



**Key strategic matters**

- 1.4 The key strategic matters that the Local Plan addresses are as follows, identifying where there are specific areas of joint working or cooperation:
- 1.4.1 **Housing delivery** - meeting the housing target set by the Mayor of London in the New London Plan, meeting objectively assessed housing need (OAN) and, given the capacity of the Legacy Corporation to meet more than its OAN, to meet an element of the housing need for the Four Boroughs and the London Housing Market Area more widely.
- 1.4.2 **Affordable Housing** – meeting the identified affordable housing need within the LLDC area and contributing to meeting the need for affordable housing in the Four Boroughs and the London Housing Market Area more widely.
- 1.4.3 **Housing Requirements in adopted and emerging Local Plans** - the table below shows the proportion of housing delivery within the four boroughs against their latest objectively assessed needs contained within borough Strategic Housing Market Assessments. The table also shows the Legacy Corporation’s housing capacity assigned to boroughs to demonstrate capacity against the borough-level Objectively Assessed Need (OAN).

Planning Authority	OAN (year)	Draft New London Plan housing target (annualised average) (Borough Planning Area only)	LLDC housing capacity assigned to boroughs (annualised average) (Whole borough, including LLDC part)
London Borough of Hackney	1,758 (2015)	1,330	1,492
London Borough of Newham	2,355 (2016)	3,850	5,335
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	3,097 (2017)	3,511	4,026
London Borough of Waltham Forest	1,810 (2017)	1,794	-
London Legacy Development Corporation	619 (2018)	2,161	-

- 1.4.4 **Economic Growth** – providing a focus for economic growth through the safeguarding of industrial and other employment floorspace capacity, the further development of Stratford as a Metropolitan Centre with potential to become an

international centre and the promotion and development of employment hubs such as Here East and the International Quarter London.

- 1.4.5 Culture and Education** - developing East Bank as a new home for universities and a range of other cultural institutions to benefit East London as a whole. This also includes joint working with relevant boroughs on the Hackney Wick and Fish Island Cultural Enterprise Zone proposals and through promotion of the development of cultural business and community cultural opportunities associated with these initiatives.
- 1.4.6 Infrastructure planning and delivery** – working with partners, including the Four boroughs, in the delivery of key aspects infrastructure, including transport projects, identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The revised draft of the IDP Project List (October 2018) has been developed reflecting the cooperation between the planning authorities and other relevant entities to date and is to be kept under review to ensure that any changes in circumstances are reflected in a final version which will be agreed by the LLDC Board and then reviewed and updated annually.
- 1.4.7 Waste** – working closely with the Four boroughs on matters of waste planning, in particular as reflected in the Waste MoU between LLDC and North London Waste Plan boroughs and the MoU between LLDC and LB Tower Hamlets (each of these is appended to the accompanying 'Duty to Cooperate Background Paper, October 2018). The MoU's set out the approach to cooperation on waste and specific sites or areas of search within respective Local Plans.
- 1.4.8 Gypsies and Travellers** – agreed regular monitoring and review of need and provision through the Planning Policy Forum and specific cooperation with LB Hackney to progress delivery of the Local Plan Bartrip Street site allocation (SA1.7).
- 1.4.9 Environmental sustainability and green/blue grid** – working with partners, including the Four boroughs, in addressing and/or mitigating key cross boundary environmental issues including air quality and flood risk, through sharing of evidence and co-operation on any relevant projects. Improving access to and use of green and blue infrastructure, acknowledging the key regional role of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.
- 1.5 Detailed information on key issues.** Detail information on the above issues are provided in the 'Duty to Cooperate Background Paper, October 2018'. Several other relevant background papers have also been prepared that detailed background information on these issues. The Key papers are:
- Housing Background Paper, LLDC, October 2018
  - Developing Business Growth, Jobs and Training' Background Paper, LLDC, October 2018
  - Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Draft Projects List LLDC, October 2018

- Built and Natural Environment Background Paper, October 2018
- Duty to Cooperate Background Paper, October 2018

1.6 **Governance arrangements.** Decision making for the LLDC as Local Planning Authority is through its Planning Decisions Committee for non-delegated planning applications and by decision of the LLDC Board for planning policy matters. The Planning Decisions Committee also provides formal comment on any key planning policy documents prior to any decision by the Board. Each of the four boroughs is represented on the LLDC Board by its Mayor, Leader or their delegate. The LLDC Planning Decisions Committee includes at least one elected Member from each of the Four Boroughs. For other governance matters, a general MoU has been signed by each of the Four Boroughs and the LLDC as a Local Planning Authority. This sets out the detailed day to day arrangements in place between the LLDC as Local Planning Authority and the Four Boroughs. The Planning Policy Forum, as identified in that MoU, provides a forum for coordination and cooperation on planning policy matters, including the Local Plan review and meets once every six weeks unless otherwise agreed.

**Statement of agreement to Statement of Common Ground (Agreement on key strategic matters)**

The signatories confirm that they agree on behalf of each relevant Local Planning Authority named that this Statement of Common Ground represents an accurate position on the matters identified in this statement at the date on which this agreement is signed. It is recognised that the Statement of Common Ground will be refreshed prior to the Submission of the LLDC revised Local Plan for Examination, addressing any matters that arise from the Regulation 19 consultation stage of the Local Plan preparation.

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