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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose of this Statement

This statement outlines how Barking and Dagenham's draft Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the statutory duty to co-operate. It sets out how, in the preparation of the document, the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham (LBBD) has engaged with representatives of identified duty to cooperate bodies that are prescribed in the relevant legislation, and the actions and outcomes that have informed the plan making process.

This statement is a 'living document' that will be updated as new issues on strategic matters arise or if additional strategic bodies need to be involved in discussions, prior to the submission of the Plan.

1.2. Background

The Council is in the process of preparing a new Local Plan. Details of the consultation on the scoping and drafting of the Plan are summarised below.

Once adopted, this Local Plan will provide a framework for guiding development within the borough up to 2037. It will replace existing Adopted Local Development Framework Policies, including the Core Strategy (DPD) (2010), Borough Wide Development Policies DPD (2011), Barking Town Centre Area Action Plan (DPD) (2011), and Site-Specific Allocations (DPD) (2010). As a 'development plan document' (DPD) it will be used alongside the Mayor's London Plan to assess and decide on whether planning applications for development in the borough should be granted permission.

Stage 1 Issues & Options Stage

Between 14 October 2015 and 29 January 2016, the Council conducted its first round of public consultation on the Issues and Options consultation for Barking and Dagenham's new Local Plan. A full summary of this consultation is published on our website:

https://www.lbdd.gov.uk/sites/default/files/attachments/Issues-and-Options-Consultation-Summary-Report-V5_0.pdf

The Issues and Options consultation is one of the first stages in producing a new Local Plan. It set out the main issues that the Council consider need to be addressed by the Local Plan. The Council invited residents, businesses, stakeholders and the wider community by email and letters to make representations in line with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.

Stage 2: Preferred Options Stage

Following the initial consultation, the Council prepared a draft plan setting out proposed planning policies informed by the main issues raised at the issues and options stage and supported by an up-to-date evidence base.

A second round of public consultation was held between 29 November 2019 and 29 February 2020, the Council consulted with a range of stakeholders, including both statutory and non-statutory bodies, as well as local communities, in order to seek views on the draft Vision, Objectives and Policies. The consultation was undertaken in accordance with the council 'Statement of Community Involvement' (2019) and in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town Planning and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 18).

Stage 3: Publication Stage

The council has prepared a proposed submission version of the Local Plan that takes into consideration the responses received during the previous rounds of public consultation. This public consultation was carried out for eight weeks from 5 Oct to 29 November 2020. The consultation was undertaken in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement Refresh (2017) and in line with regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) England Regulations 2012.

Notwithstanding the positive response to the Plan, LBBD have made amendments to reflect the recently adopted London Plan 2021. Further evidence base studies have also been prepared to support the spatial strategy in relation to make more intelligent use of the Borough's industrial land, along with a more comprehensive transport strategy, linking with some of our key sites. This formed the basis for going out for another round of public consultation (Regulation 19).

2. Legislation & Guidance

2.1. Localism Act 2011

The duty to cooperate was introduced through the Localism Act 2011 and is set out in Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Section 20(5)(c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (PCPA 2004). It places a legal duty on local planning authorities and county councils in England, and prescribed public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of local plan and marine plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.

A strategic matter is defined as development or use of land which has, or would have, a significant impact on at least two planning areas, especially sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic could have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.

Other public bodies, in addition to local planning authorities, are subject to the duty to cooperate. These bodies are defined in Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012:

- Environment Agency
- Historic England
- Natural England
- Mayor of London
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Homes and Communities Agency (Greater London Authority in London)
- Each Primary Care Trust established under the National Health Service Act 2006 (now Clinical Commissioning Group)
- National Health Service Commissioning Board

- Office of Rail Regulation (now Office of Rail and Road)
- Each integrated transport authority (Transport for London)
- Each highway authority
- Marine Management Organisation

The Duty to Co-operate requires the Local Planning Authority to demonstrate that they have attempted to engage and co-operate with these organisations and any other prescribed bodies prior on all strategic cross-boundary matters prior to submitting the Local Plan. All parties should approach the duty in a proportionate way, tailoring cooperation according to where they can maximise the effectiveness of plans.

2.2 National Planning Policy Framework

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), paragraph 178 states, “Public bodies have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries, particularly those which relate to the strategic priorities...The Government expects joint working on areas of common interest to be diligently undertaken for the mutual benefit of neighbouring authorities.” Paragraph 178 of the NPPF states: “Public bodies have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries, particularly those which relate to the strategic priorities set out in paragraph 156. The Government expects joint working on areas of common interest to be diligently undertaken for the mutual benefit of neighbouring authorities. The Council’s neighbouring authorities are Newham, Redbridge, and Havering.

3. Demonstrating compliance with the Duty to Cooperate

Barking and Dagenham has worked with a wide range of parties including the Prescribed Bodies in Section 2.1, and neighbouring boroughs. This section outlines the collaboration and engagement with these organisations.

3.1 Greater London Authority and Transport for London

There is a requirement for the Regulation 19 Draft Local Plan to be in conformity with the London Plan 2021. As a London borough, Barking and Dagenham officers have worked collaboratively with the Greater London Authority (GLA) to ensure that ongoing engagement has taken place throughout the preparation of this Local Plan. Barking and Dagenham met with GLA on 6 July 2020 to primarily discuss updates to the emerging Barking and Dagenham Local Plan and the GLA response to the Regulation 18 Public Consultation. Barking and Dagenham also met with the GLA on 12 November 2020 and raised matters to discuss specific issues relating to the need for a localised policy approach to industrial land within the borough and the established housing need and waste. Barking and Dagenham met with the GLA on 12 May 2021 to present the borough's Industrial land strategy

3.2 Neighbouring Local Authorities

Barking and Dagenham shares a land boundary with the boroughs of Newham, Redbridge and Havering and the boroughs of Bexley and Greenwich are located across the River Thames to the south. Barking and Dagenham has maintained regular and open communication with neighbouring boroughs throughout all stages of Local Plan development, including email communication, face-to-

face meetings, and conference calls with officers from neighbouring boroughs (individually and as groups). Discussions in respect of Housing have also taken place with Thurrock Council, in Essex.

All neighbouring boroughs were invited to comment on the draft Local Plan at Regulation 18 Stages 1 & 2. Following the second round of Reg 18 public consultation, all five neighbouring boroughs were invited to attend follow-up meetings with officers to discuss any strategic matters of relevance. Following this, Barking and Dagenham have continued to communicate regularly with officers from Newham, Redbridge, and Havering. A record of these meetings is listed in **Appendix 1**.

Following the Regulation 19 consultation DtC meetings and statement of common grounds have been established.

Furthermore, planning officers from Barking and Dagenham regularly attend meetings with the Association of London Borough Planning officers (ALBPO), including the Development Plans group and the Planning Officers' Sub-Group. These are London-wide forums for the discussion of strategic issues and include updates from each authority on key work, which may have cross boundary implications. In addition to all London boroughs these meetings include the GLA and the London Government Association.

3.3 Other prescribed Duty to Cooperate bodies

Full details of Barking & Dagenham's co-operation with all appropriate prescribed bodies is set out below:

| Organisation | Correspondence sent (Y/N) | Meetings (Y/N) | Engagement Activity - Formal response sent to LBBB (Y/N) |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Environment Agency (EA) | Y | Y – 7/11/18; 14/11/18; 21/04/19 | Y 28/02/2020 |
| Marine Management Organisation (MMO) | Y | Y – 21/05/20 | N |
| Port of London Authorities | Y | Y – 21/04/20 | N |
| Natural England | Y | Y- 03/20 | Y – 2015, 2019 and 2021 |
| Historic England | Y | N | Y – 2015 & 2019 |
| Sport England | Y | Y - 16/04/2020 | Y 02/03/2020 |
| Transport for London | Y | Y – 30/04/2020; 06/08/2020 | Y 28/02/2020 |
| Barking & Dagenham CCG/ NHS Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU) | Y – 05/05/2020 | Y – 2019, 2020, 2021 | Y 03/01/2021 |
| Highways England | Y Y | Y- 02/02/2021 | Y-29/11/2020 |
| Civil Aviation Authority | N | N | N |

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| Office of Rail Regulation | N | N | N |
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3.4 Evidence of co-operation on strategic matters

Paragraph 24 of the NPPF outlines the requirement for Local Planning Authorities to cooperate with neighbouring authorities and with other prescribed bodies (as set out above) on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries.

The Duty to Cooperate requires the Local Authority Barking to demonstrate effective and ongoing engagement and collaboration with policy-making authorities and relevant bodies, to identify the relevant strategic matters to be addressed by the emerging Local Plan and ensure that the Plan has been positively prepared with a justified strategy. Close collaboration with policy-making authorities and relevant bodies has also been conducted through development of an Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP), to identify existing infrastructure provision and provide strategic planning of future infrastructure provision.

To demonstrate effective and ongoing joint working, Barking and Dagenham has also prepared several Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) to accompany the Duty to Cooperate Statement

Barking and Dagenham considers the following matters are strategic cross-boundary issues which should be addressed in the draft Local Plan:

- Biodiversity and Flood risk management
- Education provision
- Gypsies and Travellers' needs
- Healthcare provision
- Heritage
- Housing need and Land Availability
- Green Belt
- Transport
- Waste

Further Information providing evidence of co-operation on key Strategic is provided in **Appendix 2**

Appendix 1

Schedule of meetings with other London Boroughs

| Meeting/ Communication | Date | Attendees | Matters Discussed |
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| Meeting LBBB / Be First And ELWA authorities | 10 April 2019 | Be First, London Borough of Newham, London Borough of Havering, London Borough of Redbridge, East London Waste Authority (ELWA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Waste Plan • Transport Infrastructure • Strategic Green Infrastructure • Green Belt • Viability and CIL review • Update on Local Plan Progress (all boroughs) |
| Meeting LBBB / Be First And ELWA authorities | 24 September 2019 | Be First, London Borough of Newham, London Borough of Havering, London Borough of Redbridge, East London Waste Authority (ELWA), BPP Consulting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Local Plan Progress (all boroughs) • Progressing the Joint Waste Plan (all boroughs and ELWA) • Review capacity requirement for waste development in the East London Waste Plan (Presentation by BPP Consulting) • Strategic Housing Market Assessments (SHMAs) (all boroughs) |
| Meeting with Havering, Redbridge, and Newham Planning Policy teams | 21 October 2019 | Be First, London Borough of Havering, London Borough of Redbridge, London Borough of Newham | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing |

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| Meeting with LBBD / Be First And ELWA authorities | 3 rd March 2020 | Be First, London Borough of Havering, London Borough of Newham, East London Waste Authority (ELWA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan progress update (All boroughs) • Progressing the Joint Waste Plan (All boroughs and the East London Waste Authority) |
| Meeting with LBBD / Be First and LB Havering | 28 th April 2020 | Be First & London Borough of Havering Planning Policy Officers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoLC Market relocation & A13 Study • Dagenham Dock/ Beam Park • Gypsies & Travellers • Green Belt reviews • SHMA updates • Evidence base studies • Open space |
| Meeting with LBBD / Be First and Newham | 30 th April 2020 | Be First & London Borough of Newham Planning Policy Officers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA Riverside Strategy (Thames) • Creative Enterprise Zone along River Roding • A13 Study • SHMA updates • Waste • Transport provision/ impacts |
| Meeting with LBBD / Be First and Redbridge | 2 nd June 2020 | Be First & London Borough of Redbridge Planning Policy Officers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHMA/ Housing • Waste |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterplans/ strategic site • Allocations • Burial Grounds |
| Meeting with LBBB / Be First And ELWA authorities | 21 st November 2020 | Be First, London Borough of Havering, London Borough of Newham , East London Waste Authority (ELWA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBBB Reg 19 Consultation and Local Plan Update • A13 tunnelling discussion • Cross-boundary strategic issues relating to Billet Road (LBBB/Redbridge) • Shared Policy updates • Waste Updates |
| LBBB and LB Havering | 19 th October 2020 | LBBB and LB Havering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBBB Reg 19 Consultation and Local Plan Update • Cross-boundary strategic issues • Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation • Transport • Waste • Greenbelt |
| LBBB and LB Havering | 26 th October 2020 | LBBB and LB Redbridge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBBB Reg 19 Consultation and Local Plan Update • Cross-boundary strategic issues • Site Allocations |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste |
| LB Barking and Dagenham and LB Newham | 16 th March 2021 | Be First, LB Newham | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBBD Reg 19 Consultation and Local Plan Update • Statement of Common Ground • Waste • Housing |

Appendix 2

Strategic matters, key issues and cross boundary co-operation

Housing:

Housing Provision

Background:

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) contains a presumption in favour of sustainable development, and states that draft Local Plans should meet the full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing in the housing market area. Barking & Dagenham is part of the wider London Housing Market Area, which has complex sub-markets. The London Plan sets out the borough level housing targets, but sub regions and Local Planning Authorities are advised to consider how and where housing is delivered and to what mix and tenure. Therefore, LBBD has worked actively and constructively in collaboration with neighbouring boroughs to address the issue of housing need in East London.

DtC Partners:

LBs of Havering, Newham and Redbridge.

Engagement activities:

Planning Policy Officers from Barking and Dagenham have regular meetings with officers during the Reg 18 and current period, totalling 10 between April 2019 and June 2021.

What was discussed:

Discussing the undertaking and subsequent development of the SHMA for Barking and Dagenham and subsequently sharing information about progress and the associated consultation process, along with information regarding each borough's respective local plans (where relevant). Each meeting involves discussing each borough's SHMA and discussions took place on presenting a collaborative approach to updates. During and post Regulation 19 Consultation Duty to Cooperate meetings were

held with neighbouring local authorities to discuss housing, namely housing targets and clarity over housing numbers and delivery timescales with site allocations

Outcomes so far and next steps:

- LBBB SHMA to be circulated with neighbouring boroughs.
- LBBB has drafted Statements of Common Ground with neighbouring Local Authorities which include housing.
- LBBB has agreed to meet its Local Plan housing requirements within its administrative boundaries and notify on Local Plan housing requirements when appropriate.
- Regarding LB Redbridge, LBBB is reviewing its site allocations and will take on board LBR's comments to include delivery timescales and reference made to cross boundary working, LBBB is preparing a Chadwell Heath Masterplan SPD.

Gypsy and Traveller needs

Background:

The new Draft London Plan Policy H16 (Gypsy and Traveller accommodation) outlines the requirements of the Local Authority to "plan to meet the identified need for permanent Gypsy and Traveller pitches". Cross borough collaborative working to meet identified need in London is required as stipulated in paragraph 4(b) of the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites, published by the government in 2012 in support of the NPPF.

DtC Partners:

LB Havering.

Engagement activities:

Planning Policy Officers from Barking and Dagenham have met with Officers from Havering on 28th April 2020 and 19th November 2020, to share information and discuss how both authorities could co-operate in assessing and addressing Traveller needs through their Local Plans.

What was discussed:

commitment to meeting the accommodation needs identified for Gypsies and Travellers within Barking and Dagenham.

Outcomes so far and next steps:

A Statement of Common Ground has been drafted by LBBB and will include LBBB's commitment to meeting the accommodation needs identified for Gypsies and Travellers within Barking and Dagenham.

Infrastructure provision:

Waste Management

Background:

The East London Waste Authority (ELWA) is a Statutory Waste Disposal Authority (WDA), responsible for the disposal of waste from the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Newham and Redbridge.

The four East London boroughs and ELWA are working together to commission a new Joint Waste Plan alongside Local Plan work. This would replace the existing Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority (ELWA) Boroughs (adopted 2012) which sets out the planning strategy for sustainable waste management to 2021.

The ELWA and the North London Waste Partnership (NLWP) have prepared and agreed to a Statement of Common Ground for waste exports from North London to East London.

Additionally, Barking and Dagenham and Westminster City Council have prepared and agreed to a Statement of Common Ground for waste exports from the City of Westminster to Barking & Dagenham.

The City of Westminster has no waste facilities within its borders and no designated industrial land in which to locate new facilities. Westminster is contributing towards London's waste by meeting its London Plan apportionment targets. Westminster is able to meet its London Plan apportionment targets through collaboration with other London Boroughs, including Barking & Dagenham, with sufficient spare capacity to take on Westminster's apportionment targets to contribute to London's net self-sufficiency target for Local Authority Collected Waste (LACW) and Commercial and Industrial (C&I).

DtC Partners:

LBs of Newham, Redbridge and Havering and East London Waste Authority (ELWA), Westminster City Council

Engagement activities:

Planning Officers have engaged on developing the Joint Waste Plan with officers from Newham, Redbridge and Havering and the East London Waste Authority in four separate meetings between April 2019 and November 2020.

Planning Officers have also been engaged with Westminster City Council regarding strategic waste movements.

What was discussed:

Initial ELWA meeting on 10th April outlined joint working approach to new strategy and outlined differing scope for each borough to provide suitable land. In March 2020, an outline of the Joint Waste Strategy was proposed, with the focus on creating a collection strategy which worked for all participating members. It was agreed that the Strategy would go out to consultation in 2022.

Barking and Dagenham has also met with ELWA individually to discuss planned waste projects and waste provision for specific sites (particularly the development of Marks Gate and developments along the A13).

From discussions between Barking and Dagenham and Westminster City Council, both parties agree the following thresholds to indicate 'strategic' waste movements:

- CD&E: 5,000 tonnes per annum
- LACW/C&I: 2,500 tonnes per annum

- Hazardous: 100 tonnes per annum

Barking & Dagenham receives strategic amounts of CD&E waste exports from Westminster.

Both parties agree that exports to Clearun Recycling have reduced to zero in 2018.

Both parties note that Clearun Recycling is situated within a Strategic Industrial Location, in an area known as Creekmouth. LB Barking and Dagenham intend designating the Creekmouth area to become an attractive riverfront location, which is accessible to residents and workers and supported by a thriving residential community and complementary amenity and workspace. This riverside location has the potential to deliver a stable and balanced population who live and work in the regenerated stretch of riverbank. This is likely to have implications to the existing waste sites and the waste facilities within these sites.

Both parties agree that compensatory waste management capacity is required if a waste site is redevelopment for other uses.

Both parties agree that the Waste and Recycling Centre at Barking Riverside Development Park is a temporary facility to recycle waste from the Barking Riverside redevelopment area, as well as London more widely. The temporary nature of the facility means that Westminster's waste cannot be managed at the facility over the plan period.

A further meeting with the ELWA took place in November 2020 in which primarily waste updates were discussed

Outcomes so far and next steps:

The programme for the ELWA to conduct this work is still to be finalised, but it is envisaged that the new Waste Plan can be prepared and adopted within the extended period for operations continuing at existing waste sites.

LB Barking and Dagenham will ensure Westminster City Council is consulted on both the Local Plan and the Joint Waste Plan as they progress.

Transport

Background:

The Local Plan preparation has included involvement from key transport bodies from an early stage to ensure support for the planned growth in Barking and Dagenham up to and beyond 2037. The key projects in the Barking and Dagenham Local Implementation Plan (LIP) for transport are a further significant source of co-operation at the London-wide level whereby Barking and Dagenham receives funding from TfL in response to an agreed programme of works, contributing at a local level to strategic transport provision across London.

DtC Partners:

Transport for London, Highways Agency, Highways England, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Office of Rail Regulation (ORR)

Engagement activities:

LBBB has engaged with **TfL** on a regular basis to liaise on policy and site-specific issues. Ongoing cooperation with TfL has been used to inform our plan making process and assist the development of our evidence base.

For both rounds of public consultation, LBBB invited TfL and TfL Commercial Development to comment on the draft Local Plan. TfL and TfL CD each submitted comments, which LBBB responded to in our consultation summary report. These comments also helped inform the next stage of plan-making.

Following the second round of public consultation, representatives from TfL were invited to have a follow-up conversation with LBBB Planning Officers, which took place on 30th April.

A follow-up conversation was held on the 6th of August to resolve issues with car parking provision and cycle parking policies in the draft Local Plan.

Barking and Dagenham is also preparing an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) in support of the new Local Plan which identifies future transport developments required to support projected growth across the borough during the Local Plan period and beyond.

Barking and Dagenham invited **Highways England** to comment during both rounds of public consultation in 2015 and 2019. Highways England did not submit comments to either consultation. Highways England were invited to meet with a LBBB planning policy officer to discuss any matters of concern following the second round of public consultation, but Highways England did not respond to our request. Barking and Dagenham invited **Highways England** to comment during public consultation in 2020 in which a representation was received, subsequently a meeting was arranged for February 2021.

What was discussed:

In a meeting on 10th April 2019, Officers identified and confirmed that the only new strategic infrastructure projects involving neighbouring boroughs were CrossRail and the A13 tunnel scheme.

At 30th April meeting, Barking and Dagenham officers were able to discuss the comments received, including traffic reduction measures for Station Parade, the need to prioritise bus infrastructure to move away from car dependency, and opportunities for sustainable freight in the borough. TfL raised concerns regarding development proposals which had been granted substantial parking provision.

At 6th August meeting, TfL officers provided guidance on policy wording for car parking to be in line with TfL and emerging New London Plan policies. LBBB were alerted to emerging guidance document *Parking Design and Management Standards* to be published later this year by TfL to help inform our policy making in this area.

At the 2 February meeting, HE officers discussed their key strategic concerns, particularly the impact upon the wider strategic road network (SRN) from the Local Plan's significant projected development and whether it was considered in the Local Plan or supporting evidence base.

Outcomes so far and next steps:

Following the 30th April meeting, Barking and Dagenham agreed to continue to liaise closely with TfL to address the concerns raised, notably in respect of parking. TfL provided guidance to policy

wording in the draft Local Plan to refine the relevant policies therein, as well as offer feedback on the IDP draft.

Due to the key strategic importance of the A13, ongoing discussions with TfL (who maintain responsibility for the A13 within Greater London) regarding its development should take place.

Regarding Highways England LBBB agree to share the A13 study with HE and update HE on the transport topic paper. LBBB also agreed to prepare a Statement of Common Ground with HE. Since then LBBB has contacted HE for follow up meetings but no response has been received.

Biodiversity, Open Spaces and Flood Risk

Background:

The Local Plan preparation has included engagement with and contributions from all prescribed bodies relating to biodiversity, flood risk and green spaces within the borough in order to guide policy making and outline Barking and Dagenham's role in wider strategic environmental schemes.

DtC Partners:

Environment Agency, Marine Management Organisation, Natural England, Local Nature Partnership, Sports England

Engagement activities:

Barking and Dagenham has maintained regular communication with the Environment Agency (EA) throughout the Local Plan development process, holding three separate face-to-face meetings and subsequently sharing information and providing a response to public consultation comments.

Barking and Dagenham officers have liaised with Marine Management Organisation (MMO) regarding the emerging Local Plan and the emerging Southeast Marine Plan, including a face-to-face meeting on 11th May.

Officers have also consulted with the Port of London Authority (PLA) on both iterations of the Local Plan Reg 18 public consultation, with officers meeting with representatives from the PLA on 21st of April

LBBB has worked collaboratively with Sport England in the development of the draft Local Plan and Evidence Base. Sport England were invited to respond to both rounds of reg 18 public consultation, and comments received helped to inform our policy-making for public open space and recreational provision in the borough. Further discussions with Sport England were held following the second round of public consultation at a face-to-face meeting on 16th of April.

LBBB consulted with Natural England during both rounds of public consultation in 2015 and 2019. Natural England submitted comments for the first but not the second round of public consultation. Natural England were invited to meet with a LBBB planning policy officer to discuss any strategic matters of concern but did not reply. LBBB consulted with Natural England during the Regulation 19 Consultation in 2020, Natural England responded mentioning they had no comments but were invited for a meeting which took place in March 2021.

What was discussed:

Policy officers met with representatives from the Environment Agency (EA) on the 7th November 2018 to discuss the Thames Estuary Implementation Plan (Objectives & Responsibilities) and coordinate better ways of working and joint priorities going forward. On 14th November 2019, prior to the Regulation 18 (2) consultation, officers from LBBB and the EA discussed managing flood risk in the draft Local Plan, and the implications of the Thames Estuary 2100 (TE2100) Plan.

During the process of drafting our submission version of the draft Local Plan, we met with the EA on 21st April 2020 to discuss the comments we had received from the Reg 18 public consultation, where we discussed areas of high flood risk in the borough, ways to mitigate flood risk and ongoing mitigation projects, as well as updates to the TE2100 Plan. Following this meeting, there has been continued email communication regarding the updated wording of our green and blue infrastructure policies, and EA officers have provided additional feedback on LBBB's proposed enhancing rivers and waterways policies.

In the meeting with the Port of London Authority, officers and PLA representatives discussed proposed maritime infrastructure in Barking and Dagenham, to update the draft IDP as well as incorporating the PLA "Thames Vision" into the LBBB draft Local Plan and ensuring that Local Plan policies for Safeguarded Wharves were correctly worded.

At the meeting with Sports England on 16th April 2020, Sports and leisure infrastructure requirements to support growth over the plan period were discussed, and Sport England agreed to review the wording for playing field provision in draft policies 'SP5: Enhancing our Natural Environment' and 'DM18: Protecting and improving parks and open spaces'.

At the meeting with Natural England March 2021, the impact mitigation strategy for Epping Forest was discussed with the outcome being that LBBB would not need to get involved in strategic discussions regarding Epping Forest. Natural England were also invited to review the wording of relevant sections of the Draft Local Plan, but no response has been received as yet.

Outcomes so far and next steps:

LBBB to continue to liaise with the PLA throughout the plan drafting process.

Future updates required following engagement with Sport England to Playing Pitch Strategy.

LBBB to continue to liaise with the EA throughout the plan drafting process.

Healthcare

Background:

LBBB has engaged with healthcare providers throughout the development of the draft local plan and Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) to ensure infrastructure is delivered to support projected growth in the borough.

DtC Partners:

Barking & Dagenham CCG, NHS Property Services Ltd, NHS Trust (London) and NHS HUDU

Engagement activities:

For three rounds of public consultation, LBBB invited Barking & Dagenham CCG, NHS Property Services Ltd, NHS Trust (London) and NHS HUDU to comment on the draft Local Plan. B&D CCG submitted comments in conjunction with NHS HUDU in 2019. Following the second round of public consultation, representatives from both organisations were invited to have a follow-up conversation with LBBB Planning Officers on 5th May 2020. Following the Regulation 19 round of public consultation, representatives from both NHS HUDU were invited to have a follow-up conversation with LBBB Planning Officers on 19th May 2021.

What was discussed:

Discussions at the May 2020 meeting included examining housing trajectories and projected population growth and examining how to interlink all relevant healthcare bodies to manage future healthcare requirements, mitigate impacts of development, level of population growth etc via HUDU Planning Obligations model. Also discussed how best to involve healthcare professionals in the planning process, and involvement of NHS CCG in forthcoming Masterplanning process.

At the 19th May 2021 discussions included distribution of housing what are its impacts on health and development of health infrastructure in various sub areas namely Marks Gate and Castle Green.

Outcomes so far and next steps:

Following the 5th May 2020 meeting, B&D CCG & NHS HUDU have provided additional guidance to aid policy wording, and LBBB have had ongoing communication in regard to sharing updated housing trajectories in the draft local plan to inform needs calculations for both B&D CCG and social infrastructure requirements in the IDP. Furthermore, NHS HUDU have provided significant aid reviewing the health infrastructure provision in the IDP with Future meetings to be organised to review the IDP in the Autumn

Following the 19th May 2021 meeting Further discussions will take place following regulation 19 consultation LBBB will consider the relevant design policies in the Plan where appropriate. Chadwell Heath Masterplan is underway at a conceptual level- in which NHS HUDU's involvement may be needed- NHS HUDU will be kept informed.