

GLOSSARY

Access	A point of entry into a building or site and/or the means of getting to and from buildings or sites.
Accessible	Any building, facility or service that does not deny entry or use by disabled people.
Adoptable Standards	The quality and specification of work to a carriageway or footpath (for public highways) necessary for it to be adopted and maintained by the Council as an area of public highway.
Affordable Housing	Housing which is available to people whose incomes are sufficient to enable them to afford adequate housing locally on the open market and where the rent or price is permanently reduced directly or indirectly by means of subsidy from the public, private or voluntary sector and which is provided or managed by a housing association, local authority or other organisation, including shared ownership.
Amenity	A factor or factors which make a positive contribution to the overall character of an area, for example, open land, trees, quality of the air, levels of road traffic, etc.
Amenity Space	Those open areas within a residential development which are used exclusively by the residents for recreation. This could be private gardens or communal open space.
Ancillary Use	A use incidental to the main use of a building or site.
Ancient Monument	A monument which is protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and subject to special planning controls.
Archaeological Priority Areas	Areas defined by GLAAS as having particular archaeological interest or value, or as sites where it can reasonably be shown that existing remains of archaeological importance may survive.
Area of Townscape Value	Areas or groups of buildings or terraces which, by reason of their townscape character and / or juxtaposition with areas of open space, make a significant contribution to local environmental quality.
Article 4 Direction	A power available under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 allowing the Council, in certain instances, to restrict permitted development rights.
Assisted Area Status	Areas designated by the DTI on the basis of unemployment and other economic criteria, for regional aid to industry.
Bedsits/Non Self-Contained Accommodation	A single dwelling house or self-contained flat in a house that is organised in such a way that it becomes occupied by a number of separate households that share certain facilities in common but also have their own separate private rooms.
Biodiversity	The variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.
Biodiversity Action Plan	Document published by the Government in 1994 which outlines UK biodiversity, the country's strategy and programmes, and recommends an Action Plan for future work. The Biodiversity Action Group set up as a result published 'Biodiversity: The UK Steering Group Report' in 1995 – this produced an Action Plan for consideration by government. The Council will produce a Local Biodiversity Action Plan by the end of 2002.

Building of Local Interest	A building which does not enjoy the statutory protection of a Listed Building but is considered by the Council to be worthy of preserving in order to retain the character of the area and maintain a link with the past.
Capital Programme	Programme of Council expenditure to provide capital assets, such as buildings, land, and major items of equipment.
Capital Ring	An orbital walking route, part of the London Walks network, part of which passes through Newham.
Care in the Community	An initiative which enables people in need of care, whether because of old age, disability, illness or other reasons, to continue to live in their own homes or in homely settings within the community.
Central Council for Physical Recreation	Independent voluntary organisation responsible for representing the national views of sport and recreation at all levels.
Channel Tunnel Rail Link	The proposed purpose-built high speed rail link between the Channel Tunnel and Central London.
Child Bedspace	Any bedroom in addition to the main bedroom.
Civil Aviation Authority	Statutory authority responsible for monitoring all aspects of civilian aviation, including airports and aircraft movements.
Commuted Payment/Cash-in-Lieu	A financial contribution made by a developer to the Council towards the cost of providing and/or maintaining facilities such as affordable housing, public car parks or public open space, in lieu of the developer making their own provision under the standards.
Compulsory Purchase Order	An Order made by an authority to compulsorily purchase land or buildings for a specific purpose. Such Orders require approval by the relevant Secretary of State.
Conservation Area	An area designated by the Council under the Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as possessing special architectural or historical interest and where special controls apply. The Council will seek to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of these areas.
Controlled Parking Zone	A means of controlling on-street parking and deterring commuter and other long-stay car parking, usually in shopping centres and around railway stations, and helping to ensure the availability of parking space for shoppers and residents.
Countryside Agency	Government agency overseeing all aspects of the countryside including conservation, enhancement, access and the provision of facilities.
Curtilage	The total area of land contained within a site.
Density	A measure of the amount of residential accommodation on any given site. It is measured by calculating the number of habitable rooms per hectare. For individual sites the gross site area (the area of the site plus an area calculated by multiplying the length of the site's frontage on to adjoining streets by half the width of the streets) is the appropriate unit of measurement.
Development	Defined under the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act as the carrying out of building operations, engineering operations and other operations in, on, over or under land, or the making of any material change in the use of any buildings or other land.

Disabled People	People who have experienced a loss of a particular function of part of the body leading to impairment, but are disabled as a result of the limitation of opportunities to take part in the everyday life of the community on an equal basis with others, due to economic, environmental and social barriers.
Discount Sale Housing	Housing sold at below market price, as a result of subsidy.
District Centre	Term for the second tier of the borough's shopping hierarchy, comprising Forest Gate, Canning Town, Green Street and East Beckton District Centre. See also 'Town Centre', 'Major Centre' and 'Local Centre'.
Dwelling	A building or any part of a building that forms a separate and self-contained set of residential premises occupied by a household.
East London and City Health Authority	Authority which purchases primary, community and acute health care on behalf of the residents of Newham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney and the City of London.
English Heritage	Government agency, one of whose primary functions is to advise local planning authorities on listed buildings and conservation matters.
English Nature	Formerly known as the Nature Conservancy Council this Government body promotes and advises on nature conservation.
Environment Agency	Government body established in 1996 which merged the expertise of the National Rivers Authority, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, the Waste Regulation Authorities and some technical units of the former DoE. It seeks to provide a comprehensive approach for the protection and management of the environment by combining regulations relating to air, land and water.
European Regional Development Fund	See Objective 2 Status.
Family Housing	A dwelling comprising 2 or more bedrooms and normally including private garden space.
Greater London Authority	Elected authority established in 2000, led by the Mayor. Major development proposals must be referred by local planning authorities in London to the Mayor, who can choose not to comment and has the power to direct refusal. Also responsible for the Spatial Development Strategy, currently being drafted.
Green Belt	Predominantly open land around built-up areas which limits urban sprawl, safeguarding open countryside from development and providing areas for open recreational activity.
Green Chain	A series of adjacent open spaces within an urban area usually linked by pedestrian routes forming green links.
Green Corridor	Extensive contiguous areas of trees and open land which adjoin major transport routes and Borough 'gateway' sites.
Green Space	Open spaces, regardless of size and ownership, which fulfil a local environmental, nature conservation and/or amenity function.
Greenway	Formerly known as the Northern Outfall Sewer Embankment, a linear area crossing the Borough from north west to south east, designated for pedestrians and cyclists.
Habitable Room	A main room within a residential dwelling including living rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms, but excluding bathrooms and kitchens and kitchen/diners under 13 square metres (140 square feet).

Health and Safety Executive	Government agency responsible for the enforcement of Health and Safety legislation in the workplace.
Homeworking	An individual or individuals undertaking economic/commercial activities from their place of residence.
Hostel	Non self-contained residential accommodation with an element of supervision, but with no significant degree of care.
Household	One person living alone or a group of people (who may or may not be related) living at the same address with common housekeeping, sharing meals or occupying a common living or sitting room.
House in Multiple Occupation	A single family dwelling house or self-contained flat in a house organised in such a way that it becomes occupied by a number of separate households that share certain facilities in common.
Housing Strategy Statement	Produced annually to back up the Council's bid to the Government for money and resources required to meet housing needs.
Interim Transport Implementation Plan	Document submitted by the Council to the Mayor of London outlining transport policies and seeking funding for transport schemes over a 5-year period.
Lea Valley Corridor	Embraces the strategically important development opportunities and the existing industrial base on either side of the River Lea, in parts of Newham, Waltham Forest, Haringey, Enfield, Hackney and Tower Hamlets.
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	Established in 1967 to help meet the leisure needs of the people of London, Essex and Hertfordshire. Created to regenerate some 4,000 hectares of land and water for a wide range of sporting and leisure facilities and for nature conservation.
Light Rapid Transit Link	A modern guided public transport system which through the use of light weight vehicles, either bus or rail, combines the economic advantages of buses with the reliability of rail or underground.
Listed Building	A building which is included in the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest which is compiled by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, and Sport. Listed Building Consent is required for demolition of listed buildings and for internal as well as external alterations.
Living Over The Shop	Government programme which aims to bring accommodation over shops back into use as rented housing by the repair and upgrading of the property.
Local Agenda 21	At the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit Conference in Rio de Janeiro the UK Government signed Agenda 21, an action plan specifying what would be required to achieve sustainable development world-wide in the 21 st century. Agenda 21 calls for each local authority to adopt its own local sustainable development strategy. Newham's LA 21 will provide the wider context for the land use policies contained in the UDP.
Local Centre	Term for the third tier of the Borough's shopping hierarchy, comprising 17 local shopping centres, listed in Appendix SH1 of the Shopping and Town Centres Chapter. Local centres are not considered to be town centres in the terms of PPG6.
Local Implementation Plan	Document submitted by the Council to the Mayor for London outlining its long term transport strategies in relation to achieving the Mayor's Transport Strategy for London.

Local Spending Plan	Document submitted annually by the Council to the Mayor for London setting out funding bids for projects to achieve the strategy set out in the LIP.
London Bus Priority Network	A cross-London network comprising a number of routes where measures have been, or will be taken, to improve the speed and reliability of bus services. LBPN complements the Red Route network.
London Canals Committee	Committee responsible for providing guidance on usage of canals in London, now incorporated into the Greater London Authority.
London Council for Sport and Recreation	Government body responsible for overseeing and managing all aspects of sport and recreation policy and provision in Greater London.
London Cycle Network	Cross-London network of routes where measures have been, or will be taken to improve facilities for cyclists.
London Walking Forum	Partnership between London local authorities, LVRPA, the Ramblers' Association, the Sports Council, the Countryside Agency and others with the main task of developing a strategic footpath network for Greater London ('London Walks').
London Walks	The London-wide network of walks proposed by and being implemented by the London Walking Forum.
Major Centre	Term for the two largest shopping centres in the Borough, Stratford and East Ham. See also 'Town Centre', 'District Centre' and 'Local Centre'.
Major Notifiable Hazard	Certain sites and pipelines identified as 'notifiable installations' under Health and Safety legislation by virtue of the quantities of hazardous substances stored or used.
Metropolitan Open Land	Open land within built-up areas which has a London-wide significance and which receives the same presumption against development as the Green Belt.
Mobility Housing	Ordinary housing built to a certain standard so that it can be easily adapted for occupation by most disabled people.
National Playing Fields Association	Registered charity working for the preservation and protection of playing fields.
National Radiological Protection Board	Advisory body on radiation.
Newham Cycle Network	Local network of routes where measures have been, or will be, taken to improve facilities for cyclists, and which complements the London Cycle Network.
Objective 2 Status	Designated areas fulfilling criteria for European funding to address industrial decline.
Office for National Statistics	Government agency responsible for compiling, analysing and disseminating many of the UK's economic, social and demographic statistics.
Orange / Blue Badges	Passes issued by the Council's Social Services Department to registered disabled people in category 2 and those in receipt of higher rate mobility allowance from the Department of Social Security. Badges can be in any car used by the badge holders. Badge holders are exempt from parking fees in Council-run car parks. Orange badges are being superseded by Blue badges.

Overhead Power Line	Visually and environmentally obtrusive electricity pylons and high voltage overhead power line (132KV and above).
Permitted Development	Those categories of development defined by the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 as not requiring the submission of a planning application.
Planning Brief	A statement of appropriate planning principles and constraints presented by a particular site, intended to guide potential developers.
Planning Policy Guidance	Documents issued by the Government setting out national planning policy.
Port of London Authority	Authority responsible for the conservancy of the tidal River Thames and for regulation and control of navigation as well as working to develop conditions in which enterprise can flourish.
Prescribed Processes	Industrial activities that could cause potential damage to the environment and public health and safety identified in Schedule 1 (Part A) of the Environmental Protection (Prescribed Processes and Substances) Regulations 1991.
Primary Care	Health care provision at local level, mainly by doctors, dentists and local health centre services.
Private Finance Initiative	An initiative to find ways of mobilising the private sector to meet needs which have traditionally been met by the public sector.
Public Safety Zone	Designated area adjacent to London City Airport where there should be no significant increase in the number of people living, working or congregating.
Rail Safeguarding Lines	Designated in order to protect proposed rail routes such as the Channel Tunnel Rail Link, Chelsea-Hackney Line and CrossRail. These lines delineate an area within which any planning application must be referred to either Transport for London, Railtrack or Union Railways as appropriate.
Railtrack	Body responsible for maintenance and investment in infrastructure of national rail network which generates revenue by charging train operating companies for use of the network.
‘Red’ Route	Priority route designated by the Government with aim of improving the movement of buses, reducing congestion, improving the local environment and providing better conditions for cyclists and pedestrians.
Renewal Area	Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1990, local authorities can declare Renewal Areas subject to Government approval; these are aimed at improving private sector housing and effecting environmental and other improvements.
Residential Haven	Residential areas that benefit from, or will benefit from, traffic calming/traffic management measures.
Residential Home	Residential accommodation which provides services to people in need of care, such as homes for elders, mentally disabled people, and children.
Road Hierarchy	Categorisation of roads by function and intended traffic management.
Royal Docks Management Authority	Body which manages the water area of the Royal Docks, together with all marine infrastructure such as locks and bridges.
Royal Fine Arts Commission	Advisory body on architecture and the built environment.

Safeguarded Wharves	<p>Wharves on the River Thames or its tributaries designated by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 1997. The wharves are subject to:</p> <p>a) a safeguarding direction made by the Secretary of State under Section 12 (7A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The direction requires the Council to have regard to maintaining the use of the wharf in formulating their UDPs.</p> <p>b) a direction from the Secretary of State under Articles 10 and 27 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995. These directions require that, before granting planning permission following an application on one of the sites, the Council consult the Mayor of London, who has the power to direct refusal.</p>
Safety Audit	An audit required when a development may have implications for road safety. An audit will cover such matters as signing, pedestrian guard rails, road layout, parking restrictions and vehicle speed restrictions.
Section 106 Agreement	A binding agreement between the Council and a developer linked to a planning permission regarding matters related to the proposed development.
Sequential Approach	As included in PPG6 – Town Centres and Major Retail Development – giving first preference to town centre sites if suitable sites or buildings suitable for conversion are available, followed by edge-of-centre sites. Only then can out-of-centre sites be considered for development.
Shared Equity Housing	Housing where part of the property is sold to its occupiers with the remaining part held in ownership by another body, usually a Housing Association.
Shop Mobility	A scheme which provides help to shoppers who are disabled or have mobility difficulties.
Shopping Hierarchy	A means of classifying the shopping centres of the Borough, comprising major, district and local centres (refer to Appendix SH1 of the Shopping and Town Centres Chapter for full list).
Single Regeneration Budget	Government initiative which seeks to encourage programmes of urban regeneration through local authorities working in partnership with the private and voluntary sector and other statutory bodies. Involves a competitive bidding process for enhanced funding.
Spatial Development Strategy	Strategy being progressed by the Greater London Authority which will eventually guide development on a London-wide scale.
Special Parking Area	Newham is designated as a Special Parking Area under the 1991 Road Traffic Act. The Council has taken over responsibility from the Metropolitan Police for the determination and enforcement of certain parking regulation areas.
Sport England	An organisation responsible for developing and maintaining the framework of sport in England, Sport England is also responsible for distributing National Lottery funds to sport, with the objective of providing high quality facilities in the right place to meet the needs of all levels of sport and all sectors of the community.
Strategic Planning Advice for London	Guidance issued by LPAC in 1994 to advise the Secretary of State for the Environment on London-wide planning issues.
Strategic Guidance for London Planning Authorities	Guidance issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 1996 on London-wide planning issues. Unitary Development Plans are required to conform to this Guidance.

Stratford Development Partnership	Partnership of private, statutory and community groups established to implement the City Challenge programme over a five year period, and has since been contracted to deliver SRB programmes in Newham and elsewhere.
Supplementary Planning Guidance	Additional advice, provided by the Council, on particular types of development or specific areas of the borough.
Sustainable Development	Development which meets present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to achieve their own needs and aspirations.
Sustrans	A civil engineering charity which designs and builds traffic-free routes for cyclists, walkers and disabled people. Its current aim is to complete a national network of such routes.
Thames Gateway	Area stretching from Stratford and the Royal Docks along the Thames Estuary into Essex and Kent containing London's largest development sites. The Thames Gateway Planning Framework (RPG9a) has set out a broad development strategy defining the key principles to be applied to secure the regeneration of the area.
Thames Gateway Bridge	Part of the 'package' of three crossings of the River Thames supported by the Mayor for London. The Bridge is proposed as a multi-modal crossing, i.e., carrying a road, rapid transit link and cycle and pedestrian routes.
Thames Water Utilities	Privatised utility responsible for water supply and sewerage. Defined as a Statutory Undertaker in the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act.
Town Centre	Term for a large shopping centre, and to collectively describe the major and district categories within the borough's shopping hierarchy.
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995	A Statutory Instrument which gives guidance on administration of the planning process, and includes the definition of permitted development.
Town and Country (Use Classes) Order 1987	A Statutory Instrument which defines classes of land use. Change of use within one class will not normally require planning permission whereas change from one use class to another will usually require permission.
Traffic Calming	Traffic management measures specifically designed to reduce vehicular speed, particularly in residential areas.
Traffic Management	Traffic measures to provide more efficient traffic movement in a given area and/or improve the area's environment.
Union Railways	Body responsible for the delivery of the CTRL.
Urban Framework Plan	A document covering a MOZ which will clarify detailed land use relationships and urban design principles related to development form and layout, phasing, site constraints, building plots, scale and massing, public realm, views and vistas, landscape framework, transportation corridors and so on.
Windfall Sites	Sites not identified for housing in the Plan, but which unexpectedly become available for housing during the lifetime of the Plan.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACE	Arts, Culture and Entertainment
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
APA	Archaeological Priority Area
BR	British Railways
BSP	Borough Spending Plan
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CPO	Compulsory Purchase Order
CPZ	Controlled Parking Zone
CTRL	Channel Tunnel Rail Link
DfEE	Department for Education and Employment
DETR	Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions
DLR	Docklands Light Railway
EC	European Community
ELCHA	East London and the City Health Authority
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
FEFC	Further Education Funding Council
GLAAS	Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service
GOL	Government Office for London
HIV	Human Immuno-deficiency Virus
HMO	House in Multiple Occupation
ILIP	Interim Local Implementation Plan
IPS	International Passenger Station
ITP	Interim Transport Plan
kV	kiloVolt
LBN	London Borough of Newham
LBPN	London Bus Priority Network
LCSR	London Council for Sport and Recreation
LDDC	London Docklands Development Corporation
LEA	Local Employment Area
LMS	Local Management of Schools
LOTS	Living Over The Shop
LPAC	London Planning Advisory Committee
LRC	London Research Centre
LVRPA	Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
MOL	Metropolitan Open Land
NCC	Newham Community College
NEWVIC	Newham Sixth Form College
NHS	National Health Service
NPFA	National Playing Fields Association
ONS	Office for National Statistics
PEA	Principal Employment Area
PLA	Port of London Authority
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance
PTAL	Public Transport Accessibility Levels
RODMA	Royal Docks Management Authority
RPG	Regional Planning Guidance
SDS	Spatial Development Strategy
SERPLAN	The London and South East Regional Planning Conference
SEG	Socio-Economic Group
SNCI	Site of Nature Conservation Importance
SPG	Supplementary Planning Guidance
SRB	Single Regeneration Budget
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
TPP	Transport Policies and Programme
UDA	Urban Development Area
UDC	Urban Development Corporation
UDP	Unitary Development Plan
UFP	Urban Framework Plan
VDU	Visual Display Unit