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## Examination of Newham Local Plan

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### IN14: Action points from week 5 hearing session

Further to the discussions at the week five hearing session, the following actions are required in order to inform my consideration of whether the Plan is sound and/or how it could be made sound by main modifications. I may decide in due course that other or different modifications are required, including to the parts of the Plan that I refer to below.

The Council should submit a response to the following action points by **midday on Wednesday 25 February 2026**.

#### Gypsy and traveller accommodation

The proposed modification to policy H10 and reasoned justification refer to a need for 39 pitches between 2027 and 2037. The evidence seems to indicate that around 50% of the need is associated with families currently living on the existing Parkside Crescent site, and the other 50% is associated with families currently living in bricks and mortar housing. This may have implications for the way in which those needs are most appropriately met.

**AP70.** Council to amend the potential modification to policy H10 reasoned justification to refer to the approximate proportions of the total need that are associated with families currently living on the existing Parkside Crescent site and with families currently living in bricks and mortar housing.

#### Co designed masterplanning

**AP71.** Council to amend the potential modification to policy BFN2 to refer to phased development in part 2 and feasibility in part 4.

#### Green space

**AP72.** Council to prepare a potential modification to the definition of green space in the Plan that reflects the fact that not all parts of parks, woodlands, nature reserves,

gardens, allotments, playing pitches, etc will necessarily be “vegetated” and that the landscaped nature of such areas may change over time.

### **N13.SA3 East Ham Gasworks**

**AP73.** Council to amend the potential modification to policy N13.SA3 to delete the reference to development “increasing openness” and the sports pitches being brought “back” into public use.

**AP74.** Council to amend the East Ham Gasworks site map / indicative diagram to reflect the potential modification to policy N13.SA3 and the proposed change to the Metropolitan Open Land boundary.

### **Affordable housing**

**AP75.** (a) Council to amend the potential modification to policy H3 part 1(a) to refer to “affordable housing in accordance with the London Plan”.

(b) Council to prepare a potential modification to the last sentence of policy H3 to read: “Developments that do not provide affordable housing in accordance with the London Plan and family homes in accordance with Local Plan policy H4 part 2 will not be supported ....” (or similar).

(c) Council to consider whether the implementation text for policy H3 needs to be modified to refer to the threshold approach and Fast Track Route set out in London Plan policy H5 (bearing in mind that the London Plan is expected to be updated in the foreseeable future).

**AP76.** Council to amend the potential modification to policy H5 part 3 to read: “Developments of Build to Rent housing as the sole residential tenure should provide affordable homes in accordance with the London Plan ...” (or similar)

**AP77.** Council to amend the potential modification to policy H8 part 3 to read: “New purpose built student accommodation should provide affordable homes in accordance with the London Plan ...” (or similar).

### **AEIM**

My hearings programme and guidance published on 5 November 2025<sup>1</sup> advised that if further hearing sessions were to be required (in addition to those programmed between 2 December 2025 and 5 February 2026) it is likely that they would be held in the week commencing 16 February 2026. The examination website was updated on 3 February to advise that there would be a further hearing session in that reserve week, and again on 9 February to invite representors to inform the Programme Officer by midday on 12 February if they wished to participate on Tuesday 17 February. An agenda for that further hearing session was published on 11 February<sup>2</sup>. Representatives for AEIM did not participate at the additional hearing session on 17 February, despite having the opportunity to do so.

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<sup>1</sup> IN4.

<sup>2</sup> IN5.13.

My guidance notes published in August 2025<sup>3</sup> stated that, unless specifically requested by me, no further representations, evidence or other written material should be submitted to the examination. When publishing my matters issues and questions in October I stated that once the date for submitting written statements had passed, no other written evidence should be submitted, unless I specifically request it<sup>4</sup>.

However, at 11.40 on 17 February (during the additional hearing session) the Programme Officer received an email on behalf of AEIM seeking to make representations about the Council's responses to AP41 (site maps / indicative diagrams), AP52 (policy SI1), AP54 (policy SI2) and AP62 (policy N7.SA1).

The submission of that written representation was contrary to my procedural guidance for the conduct of the examination. However, in the interests of pragmatism, and because I consider it unlikely that any other parties' interests would be prejudiced, I have decided to accept the late representation and therefore ask the Council to respond to the following action point.

**AP78.** Having regard to the late representation made on behalf of AEIM received by the Programme Officer on 17 February, the Council to advise if they consider any amendments to the potential modifications set out in their responses to AP41, AP52, AP54 and AP62 are necessary to ensure that the Plan is sound.

*William Fieldhouse*

19 February 2026

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<sup>3</sup> IN1.

<sup>4</sup> IN3.