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Dear LB of Newham Planning Policy team,

Please find attached our response to the Main Modification Consultation.
We are pleased with the modifications made.

If you have any queries relating to our response please contact me.

Kind regards,

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London Borough of Newham Draft Local Plan – Main Modifications Consultation

Dear London Borough of Newham Planning Policy Team,

Thank you for consulting us on the main modifications of the London Borough of Newham (LBN) draft Local Plan. As part of our response to this consultation, we have reviewed the main modifications in consideration of environmental constraints within our statutory remit.

Environment Agency Response

We have divided our response into chapters, and where commenting on an amendment specifically, we have indicated the 'MM' reference. If anything is unclear, please contact us upon receipt of the representation. If we have not commented on a chapter or MM, we have no comments to make.

Schedule of Main Modifications

We are pleased with the main modifications proposed, and building on from the engagement we had through duty to cooperate in early 2025, we are pleased to see that there were limited/no changes to the modifications proposed. We believe that the changes made have led to a stronger local plan, particularly with reference to Green and Water Spaces, and Flood Risk.

Design

MM18 (Table 1)

We are satisfied with this main modification and welcome the inclusion of water spaces for relevant tall building zones listed in table 1 and the guidance to carefully avoid/minimise overshadowing of these water spaces.

Green and Water Spaces

MM70

We are supportive of the main modifications proposed here, however in policy point D, we suggest that '**generally**' is deleted from the modified wording, so it reads

“requiring no **encroachment**...

MM71

We are supportive of the main modifications to the implementation text, particularly regarding the section on encroachment and covering. We also appreciate the main modification which explicitly mentions the requirement for the watercourse module of the Biodiversity Net Gain legislation for development within 10m of watercourses.

Climate Emergency

MM79, MM80, MM81 and MM82

We are supportive of the above main modifications relating to policy CE7.

MM83

We are appreciative of this main modification.

MM84

We are supportive of this main modification which explicitly states that no sleeping accommodation will be permitted below the tidal breach flood level.

MM85

We are supportive of this main modification.

MM198

We are supportive of this main modification which guides users to the updated River Roding flood modelling.

Schedule of Additional Main Modifications

We have no comments on the additional main modifications, all AMM's are acceptable or are not relating to elements we have provided comments on previously.

Final Comments

Thank you again for seeking our representation on the Draft London Borough of Newham Local Plan Main Modifications. We trust that the comments presented in this letter are clear and informative, however, should you have any queries regarding this response or require additional information or guidance on any of the points raised, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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