



## **Statement of Common Ground**

**Between**

**London Borough of Newham**

**And**

**Lee Valley Regional Park Authority**

**Stage: Newham Submission Draft Local Plan (Reg. 19)**

**Date: 28 March 2025**

## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. A statement of common ground is a written record of the progress made by plan-making authorities during the process of planning for strategic cross-boundary matters. It documents the strategic matters where effective cooperation has led to cross-boundary challenges and opportunities being identified, whether there is agreement between bodies in how these should be addressed, and how the strategic matters have evolved throughout the plan-making process. It is also a way of demonstrating at examination that plans are deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working across local authority boundaries.
- 1.2. This Statement of Common ground addresses key strategic matters between the two signatories, the London Borough of Newham and the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, as relevant to the preparation of the Newham Draft Submission Local Plan and its progression to public Examination.
- 1.3. Strategic matters overseen by other organisations will be addressed in other SoCGs, in order to streamline the process of reaching agreements with each party. Where key strategic issues overlap between different organisations that Newham have signed statements of common ground with (e.g. the delivery of housing targets), these interrelations are summarised in the [Duty to Cooperate Statement](#) (2024) and the Duty to Cooperate Addendum (2025).
- 1.4. The document is intended to be 'live', updated as circumstances change. Please see the Governance Arrangements section of the statement for more details.

## **2. Parties Involved**

- 2.1. Newham Council, who is the Local Planning Authority for the London Borough of Newham, which is an inner London Borough in East London situated between three rivers: the Lee to the west, Thames to the south and Roding to the east. London Borough of Newham is bordered by several other London Boroughs, including Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, and Barking and Dagenham. Across the River Thames lies the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

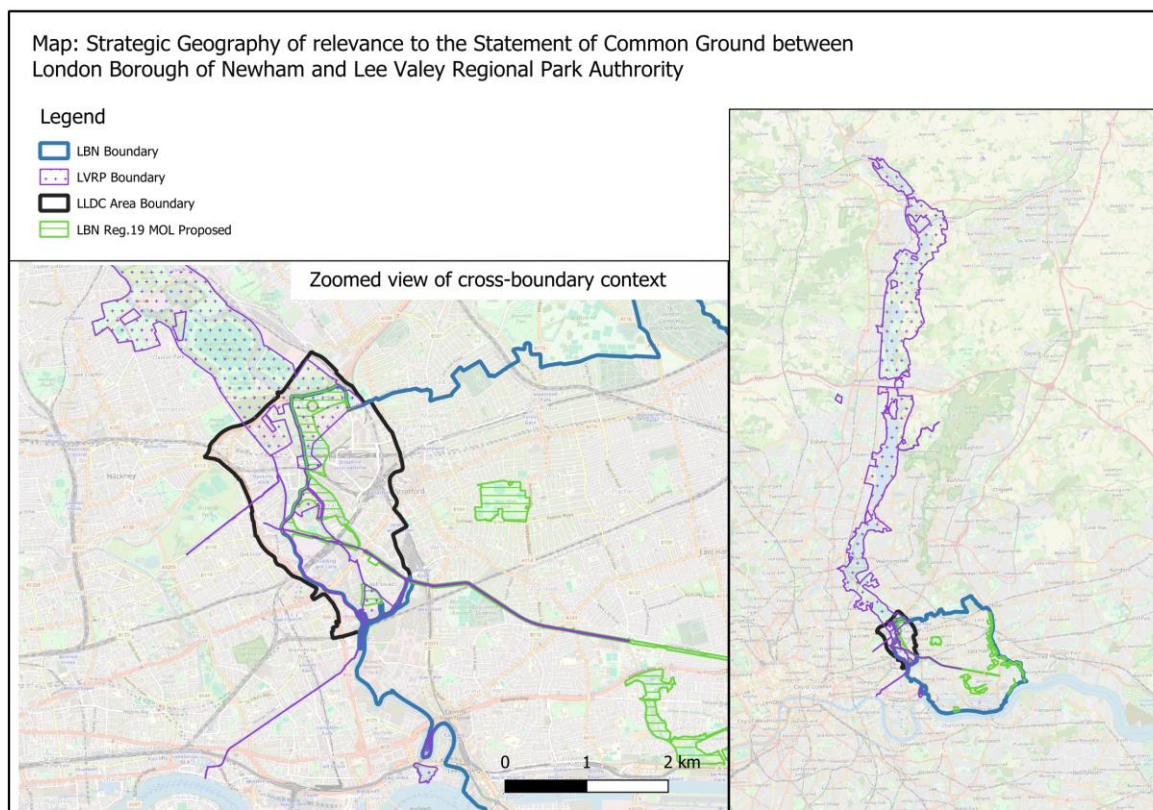
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- 2.2. The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA), a statutory authority created by the Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966 (The Park Act) who has a statutory responsibility to either provide directly or work with partners to provide facilities for sport, recreation, leisure, entertainment and nature conservation throughout the Regional Park. The boundary of the Regional Park encompasses 4,000 hectares and cuts across nine different local planning authorities. It stretches for 26 miles alongside the River Lee. 62 ha (152 acres) of the Regional Park lies within the London Borough of Newham. Section 14 (1) of the Park Act requires the Authority to prepare a plan setting out proposals for the future management and development of the Regional Park and this is currently the Park Development Framework and in particular the Area 1 Proposals. The Park Act also requires local planning authorities such as Newham, to consult with the LVRPA on applications for planning permission which they consider could affect the Park.

- 2.3. Newham is strategically located at the intersection of the London-Stansted-Cambridge-Peterborough Corridor, which is centred on enterprise and innovation within emerging sectors such as digital, media, life sciences, telecommunications and advanced manufacturing, and the Thames Estuary Creative and Cultural Industries Corridor, which adds to the borough's significance. It contains three Opportunity Areas: the Olympic Legacy (which also includes parts of the other Host Boroughs) Poplar Riverside (which crosses the boundary with Tower Hamlets) and Royal Docks and Beckton, which is also the home of London's only Enterprise Zone and Europe's largest regeneration area.
- 2.4. The London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) Mayoral Development Corporation returned planning powers back to the London Boroughs of Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest and Hackney on the 1st of December 2024. As such, key strategic matters for the parts of the LLDC that fall within Newham's administrative boundaries are also addressed in the new Newham Draft Submission Local Plan, and are subject to the matters addressed in this statement of common ground.
- 2.5. The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority also forms part of the London-Stansted-Cambridge-Peterborough Corridor. Within Newham the Regional Park has a significant contribution to make to a healthier and fairer borough, offering valuable green and waterside spaces, leisure, sporting, and cultural facilities as well as access to nature all within close proximity to existing neighbourhoods and new communities within the Olympic Legacy and Poplar Riverside Opportunity Areas. It consists of significant parts of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (QEOP) – including the Lee Valley VeloPark an international/national leisure and sporting venue, and land consisting of the northern parklands. Further south the Regional Park is embodied in the complex and layered landscape of the built and water related heritage at Three Mills Island and Riverside, designated a Conservation Area with two listed buildings (the Grade I House Mill and the Grade II listed Clock Mill) and various other structures of historic interest. Further south still lies Bow Creek Ecology Park and part of the Greenway.

### **3. Strategic geography**

- 3.1. The map below identifies the spatial representation of the key strategic matters addressed, alongside the administrative areas of the plan-making authority and the park authority respectively.
- 3.2. Newham's administrative boundaries also contain 65% of the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) area, which acted as the planning authority for the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and surrounding area until the return of planning powers to the boroughs on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. As such, key strategic matters for the parts of the LLDC Mayoral Development Corporation that fall within Newham's administrative boundaries are also addressed in the Newham Submission Draft Local Plan, and are subject to the matters addressed in this statement of common ground. Where relevant, the Newham draft Local Plan has retained and evolved site allocations and designations from the LLDC Local Plan (2020).



#### 4. Background

- 4.1. Newham Council has prepared the Draft Submission Local Plan and published it for consultation between 19<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This is the version of the plan that the Council considers to be ‘legally compliant’ and ‘sound’ and will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in 2025. The council has undertaken two rounds of consultation prior to this, to inform the Newham Draft Submission Local Plan. These include:
- Issues and Options Consultation, which took place between 18 October and 17 December 2021; and
  - Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 18), which took place between the 9 January and 20 February 2023.
- 4.2. A [Duty to Cooperate Statement](#) (DtC Statement) was published as part of Newham’s Reg. 19 consultation, which provides a summary of our engagement with Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, as a duty to cooperate partner, as part of the preparation of the new Newham Local Plan. The table below provides an extract of the relevant key strategic matters identified as part of this process and the corresponding paragraphs in the Duty to Cooperate Statement.

Key Strategic Matter	DtC Statement relevant paragraphs
The Lee Valley Regional Park	
Metropolitan Open Land review	4.286, 4.288, 4.288-4.290, 4.294-4.295

- 4.3. The national and regional policy context forming the background to this statement of common ground is also detailed in the Duty to Cooperate Statement (2024), under 'Chapter 2: Legislative and national policy context' and 'Chapter 3: Demonstrating compliance with the duty to cooperate'.
- 4.4. During the Reg. 19 consultation process, Newham approached the LVRPA to agree the process leading to the preparation and signing of this statement of common ground. The above matters are also reflected in LVRPA's response to Newham's Reg. 19 consultation.
- 4.5. A meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to discuss the key strategic matters, and the agenda and notes of this meeting are attached as Appendix 1 and provide further background information.

## **5. Key Strategic Matters**

### **5.1. The Lee Valley Regional Park**

- 5.2. The Lee Valley Park Development Framework is a suite of documents that collectively provide the blueprint for the future of the area. In July 2010, the Authority adopted the Vision, Strategic Aims and Principles followed by adoption of a series of Thematic Proposals in January 2011 which set out development and management proposals on a broad Park-wide thematic basis.
- 5.3. The thematic proposals have been translated onto area based maps in line with Section 14 of the Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966 (the Park Act) and provide specific proposals covering the whole Park. These are known as the Area Proposals and replace the previous Park Plan Part Two Proposals. Local planning authorities in whose boundaries the Regional Park lies are required under the provisions of section 14(2) of the Park Act to include the relevant Area Proposals in their Local Plans (Section 14(2) (a)). Their inclusion does not however imply approval of the local planning authority (Section 14(2) (b)). Newham falls within the 'Area 1 Proposals – Tidal Reaches to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park'.
- 5.4. Newham has corresponded with LVRPA, to work towards an agreed position on reference to the Regional Park in the Submission Draft Local Plan. Policy amendments have been made to the Local Plan to address discussions and correspondence on the issues raised by LVRPA at Reg 18 and Reg 19 consultations.
- 5.5. During the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Newham and the LVRPA discussed amendments proposed by the LVRPA to the emerging Newham Local Plan, as related to policies BFN1 Spatial Strategy, GWS3 Biodiversity, urban greening and access to nature, and SI3 Cultural facilities and recreation facilities (see Appendix 1). Further written engagement followed, leading to Newham agreeing to take forward a number of minor amendments (see Appendix 2) which the Council believes are sufficient to address the points raised. These amendments were deemed necessary in order to clarify and support the role of the Lee Valley Regional Park within Newham, including referencing relevant development guidance produced by the LVRPA and recognising its special statutory role. The amendments are Newham's preferred wording to meet the joint objectives of LVRPA and Newham, and the Council did not agree to all areas of change proposed by the LVRPA.

**5.6. Record of agreements and/or disagreements:**

- London Borough of Newham agreed to take forward the set of minor Local Plan amendments set out in Appendix 2 of this statement.
- The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority agree the minor modifications proposed in Appendix 2 of this statement.
- The Lee Valley Regional Park Authority continue to consider that further amendments are required to the implementation text for Policy BFN1.5, which would help set out the role of the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and its Park Development Framework in the development management process. This is not raised as a soundness issue, but to help clarify implementation processes.
- London Borough of Newham and the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority agree to continue to engage via the development management processes.

**5.7. Newham's Metropolitan Open Land Review**

- 5.8. London Plan (2021) Policy G3, Metropolitan Open Land, of the London Plan sets out that Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) is afforded the same status and level of protection as Green Belt. Policy G3 requires boroughs to work with partners to enhance the quality and range of uses of MOL. The policy sets out that any alterations to the boundary of MOL should be undertaken through the Local Plan process, in consultation with the Mayor and adjoining boroughs.
- 5.9. London Green Belt can be thought of as a permanent area of open land that surrounds the city whereas MOL relates to strategically significant open spaces within the built environment of London.
- 5.10. In 2022/23 Jon Sheaff and Associates and London Wildlife Trust, undertook an initial review of Newham's Metropolitan Open Land to regularise the existing designations, understand if there were any omissions and to ensure that the existing designations met the criteria of the NPPF and London Plan. This work was revised and updated in 2024 and Newham's Metropolitan Open Land Review (2024) was published as evidence during Newham's Regulation 19 Consultation.
- 5.11. LVRPA have reviewed Newham's MOL review document and have no comments regarding the MOL assessment. As per the Authority's representations the removal of the Lee Valley Velodrome from the wider Olympic Park MOL designation is supported. It is understood this approach is consistent with the treatment of the London Stadium, which currently does not form part of the adopted MOL parcel, (MOL Area 32). The remainder of the Lee Valley VeloPark will retain its MOL designation.
- 5.12. LVRPA also noted that an additional area of MOL is proposed alongside the east bank of City Mill River which would incorporate a linear extension to the Lee Valley Regional Park. This is identified in the review as an extension to MOL A32 (Olympic Park and Lee Valley) and is welcomed by officers. Protecting the openness and recreational use of this waterside area is important as it provides a connection between the wider Lee Valley Regional Park and the Greenway to the south.

5.13. Record of agreements and/or disagreements:

- Lee Valley Regional Park Authority agrees with the methodology and outcomes of Newham's Metropolitan Open Land Review.



**6. Governance agreements**

6.1. This statement of common ground will be reviewed:

- 6.1..1. Whenever agreement is reached on any outstanding matters. Or
- 6.1..2. At key milestones in progress towards addressing strategic matters. Or
- 6.1..3. At each subsequent key stage of the plan making process, as it progresses towards adoption.

**7. Signatories**

- 7.1. We confirm that the information in this statement and referred to documents reflects the joint working to date undertaken between London Borough of Newham and Lee Valley Regional Park Authority towards addressing the identified strategic matters.

<b>Signed on behalf of London Borough of Newham:</b>   <b>Name:</b> Ellie Kuper Thomas <b>Date:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 <b>Position:</b> Policy Manager, Planning and Development Directorate	<b>Signed on behalf of the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority:</b>   <b>Name:</b> Beryl Foster <b>Date:</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 <b>Position:</b> Deputy Chief Executive
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**Appendix 1: Agenda and minutes of Statement of Common Ground  
meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Statement of Common Ground between:  
London Borough of Newham and the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority**

**Meeting Date:** 19.11.2024

**Time:** 13:30-14:30

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

Ellie Kuper Thomas, Policy Team Manager, LBN

Naomi Pomfret, Principal Policy Planner, LBN

Rory Douds, Planner, LBN

Claire Martin, Head of Planning, Lee Valley Regional Park, LVRP

**Agenda and Notes**

Agenda Item	Notes [context, position statements, areas of agreement and/or disagreement]	Actions emerging [what, who, and any deadline]
Introductions (5min)	Self-introduction by the LBN and LVRP teams. LBN introduced the objective of the meeting. LBN shared the agenda of the meeting.	
Proposed amends to BFN1: Spatial Strategy (10min)	<p>LBN provided an overview of Policy BFN1 in light of the LVRP Regulation 19 Local Plan comments.</p> <p><u>Amendment to BFN1.5.h:</u> LBN noted its concern regarding LVRP's proposed amendment to BFN1.5.h, specifically relating to the ambiguity of widening support to any development that would 'support the LVRP and its remit'. This is because it could lead to protracted conversations in the future about what is and what is not the LVRP 'remit'. LBN proposed the following alternative wording, and noted agreement that it supports the removal of reference to the 'vision' (original text in normal text, new LVRP proposed text in bold, deleted text is struck through):</p> <p>h. development that supports the vision of <del>Lee Valley Regional Park, its remit and the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority's Development Framework</del> <b>Area Proposals (Area 1) as they apply to the Park in Newham;</b> and...</p> <p>LVRP understood this position but confirmed it would need to check the revised BFN1.5.h wording with its internal legal team.</p> <p><u>Amendment to Policy BFN1's justification text at paragraph 3.9:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LVRP to review LBNs proposed amendment to BFN1.5.h, with its internal legal team.</li><li>• LVRP to confirm its position on LBNs proposed wording for the justification text for BFN5, para 3.9.</li><li>• LVRP to confirm its position on LBNs query regarding the Lee Valley Development Framework being a material consideration, with regards to the proposed wording for the implementation text BFN1.5.</li><li>• LBN will take forward BFN1.5.h policy and implementation text amends, once LVRP feedback, as proposed main modifications. These will then be reviewed by the Inspector at Examination in due course.</li><li>• LBN will take forward BFN Justification paragraph 3.9 amends, as a proposed minor modification. These will then be</li></ul>

	<p>LVRP's response to the Regulation 19 Local Plan Review also requested an additional paragraph be added to Policy BFN1's justification text at paragraph 3.9.</p> <p>LBN clarified its position regarding LVRP's proposed amendment to the justification text for Policy BFN1. LVRP's proposed text includes reference to aspects of the park that aren't green or open space (Lee Valley VeloPark, film studios and the heritage within the Three Mills Island complex). LBN explained that the justification paragraph as drafted in the Regulation 19 Local Plan specifically addresses green / open space. As such, reference to buildings would not be appropriate in this justification paragraph.</p> <p>LBN proposed removing sections of text that aren't relevant to open or green space as follows (original text in normal text, new LVRP proposed text in bold, deleted text is struck through):</p> <p>3.9 The borough's quantity of publicly accessible open space for each person is low, and many areas lack good places for children to play. Despite this overarching deficit, significant areas of the Lee Valley Regional Park lie within the Three Mills, Canning Town and Custom House and Stratford and Maryland neighbourhoods. <b>These include the Lee Valley VeloPark and land consisting of the northern Olympic parklands, the open spaces, film studios, natural play, and important heritage contained within the Three Mills Island complex, part of the Greenway, and the Bow Creek Ecology Park.</b> The strategy therefore seeks to make the most of our existing green assets, including the Lee Valley Regional Park, while reducing our spatial and absolute deficits.</p> <p>LVRP understood this position and the need to remove reference to the built form elements of the LVRP.</p> <p><u>Amendments to implementation text for Policy BFN1.5:</u></p> <p>LBN clarified its position regarding LVRP's proposed amendment to the implementation text for Policy BFN1.5.</p> <p>Please see below for LVRP's proposed implementation text (original text in normal text, new LVRP proposed text in bold) for Policy</p>	<p>reviewed by the Inspector at Examination in due course.</p>
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	<p>BFN1.5 which LVRP proposed to be added to the implementation text for BNF1.5:</p> <p><b>Created by the Lee Valley Regional Park Act in 1966, (the Park Act), the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) is a key stakeholder in the Borough. It has a statutory responsibility to either provide directly or work with partners to provide facilities for sport, recreation, leisure, entertainment and nature conservation throughout the Park. Within Newham the Regional Park makes a significant contribution to the Borough's green infrastructure resource and its leisure and cultural amenity offering residents and visitors a combination of nationally and internationally important sporting venues, ecologically rich open spaces and local opportunities for recreation and healthy activity.</b></p> <p>Newham will consult the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) on planning applications which it considers could affect the Park. Under the terms of the Lee Valley Regional Park Act (1966), the LVRPA can refer any decisions by Newham to the Secretary of State if it is considered by the LVRPA that the decision taken materially conflicts with the proposals of the Authority for the development of the Park. <b>The contents of the Lee Valley Park Development Framework, as adopted, is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.</b></p> <p>LBN confirmed that it would not be taking the first proposed additional paragraph forward as a modification to the Plan, since it does not constitute implementation text.</p> <p>LBN would like further clarity from LVRP regarding the second proposed paragraph and its province. We consider that this wording could be counter to part 14(2)(b) of the Act, which states that the inclusion of a part of the LVA plan in a local planning authority's Development Plan: "shall not be treated as indicating the approval of the local planning authority to such plan..."</p>	
Proposed amends to GWS3: Biodiversity, urban greening	<p><u>Amendments to policy GWS3:</u></p> <p>LBN provided an overview of Policy GWS3 in light of the LVRP Regulation 19 Local Plan comments. LBN will propose the additional proposed text for Policy GWS3, which is to make reference to the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LBN to add the Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-209 to the list of Evidence Base for Policy GWS3.</li> </ul>

and access to nature (10min)	<p>Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2029 as part of the Evidence Base. This additional reference aids clarity and assists with policy implementation. LVRP welcomed this amendment to the Evidence Base for Policy GWS3 being taken forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LBN will take forward this text amend to GWS3 Evidence Base list as a proposed minor modification. These will then be reviewed by the Inspector at Examination in due course.</li> </ul>
Proposed amends to SI3: Cultural facilities and recreation facilities (10min)	<p>LBN provided an overview of the two changes requested by LVRP to the justification text for Policy SI3 in response to the Regulation 19 Local Plan Review.</p> <p>The first amendment is a typo to aid clarity, LBN confirmed that this would be taken forward as follows as a minor modification (new LVRP proposed text in bold, deleted text is struck through):</p> <p>3.139 Newham is home to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the London Stadium, Aquatic Centre and the Lee Valley Velopark, all of which are a lasting legacy from the 2012 Olympic Games. These are world class facilities and important national leisure and sporting venues. The Lee Valley Velopark is owned by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and is managed through a <del>its</del> leisure trust. Newham continues to work closely with and support the Park Authority as it seeks to improve and grow the offer, thereby ensuring its long term sustainability.</p> <p>LVRP welcomed this amendment being taken forward.</p> <p>LBN asked for clarity on where the second amendment should be added, regarding additional text for paragraph 3.139: LVRP confirmed that the additional text should flow after the existing text for paragraph 3.139, as part of the paragraph.</p> <p>LBN will propose the additional text provided by LVRP. It aids clarity and assists with policy implementation. Please see below for the proposed implementation text (original text in normal text, new LVRP proposed text in bold) for paragraph 3.139 which is to be added as requested:</p> <p>3.139 Newham is home to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the London Stadium, Aquatic Centre and the Lee Valley Velopark, all of which are a lasting legacy from the 2012 Olympic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LBN will take forward the typo amendment to paragraph 3.139, as a minor modification.</li> <li>• LBN will take forward the inserted text to the end of paragraph 3.139 as a proposed minor modification. This will then be reviewed by the Inspector at examination in due course.</li> </ul>

	<p>Games. These are world class facilities and important national leisure and sporting venues. The Lee Valley Velopark is owned by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and is managed through its leisure trust. Newham continues to work closely with and support the Park Authority as it seeks to improve and grow the offer, thereby ensuring its long term sustainability. <b>The Regional Park's offer for Newham's communities also extends beyond the borough boundary with a range of other venues available to residents via walking and cycling routes, such as Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, the open spaces of Hackney and Walthamstow Marshes Nature Reserve and the new Lee Valley Ice Centre in Waltham Forest, one of only three Olympic-sized twin rinks in the UK.</b></p> <p>o LVRP welcomed this amendment being taken forward.</p>	
Newham's MOL Review (10min)	<p>LBN outlined its position and request regarding Newham's MOL Review (2024):</p> <p>LBN outlined that, as LVRP is aware, we reviewed our MOL boundaries, and this was discussed in advance of the Regulation 18 consultation with all affected boroughs and the GLA. The LVRP could not attend the joint borough meeting Newham hosted but Newham shared a copy of the draft MOL Review with LVRP for comment. Following the consultation feedback at Regulation 18, we published at Regulation 19, the full MOL assessment which included reviews of the sites we decided to retain un-amended. To ensure full compliance with the London Plan, LBN is seeking LVRP's confirmation they are happy with that assessment. LVRP has agreed to review the MOL review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LVRP agreed to review the MOL Review document and let LBN know if they have any queries.</li> <li>• A statement regarding LVRP's position on the MOL Assessment will be added to the Statement of Common Ground.</li> </ul>
AOB, conclusions and actions (15min)	LBN – share minutes and circulate to LVRP for review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LBN to write up minutes and the Statement of Common Ground and circulate for LVRP sign off.</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2 – Schedule of Modifications to the Newham Submission Draft Local Plan that London Borough of Newham agree to make in response to Lee Valley Regional Park Authority’s comments.

Policy and paragraph	LBN Agreed modification (any new text in <b>bold</b> and any removed text in <del>strike through</del> )	Minor or major modification?	Reason for modification
BFN1.5.h	h. development that supports the <del>vision of the</del> Lee Valley Regional Park Authority’s Development Framework <b>Area Proposals (Area 1) as they apply to the Park in Newham;</b> and	Minor	The amendments aids clarity about the Framework being a material consideration and assists with policy implementation.
BFN1, justification para 3.9	3.9 The borough’s quantity of publicly accessible open space for each person is low, and many areas lack good places for children to play. Despite this overarching deficit, significant areas of the Lee Valley Regional Park lie within the Three Mills, Canning Town and Custom House and Stratford and Maryland neighbourhoods. <b>These include the Lee Valley VeloPark and land consisting of the northern Olympic parklands, the open spaces and natural play at Three Mills Green and Riverside, part of the Greenway, and the Bow Creek Ecology Park.</b> The strategy therefore seeks to make the most of our existing green assets, including the Lee Valley Regional Park, while reducing our spatial and absolute deficits.	Minor	The additional text aids clarity and assists with policy implementation.
GWS3, Evidence Base	Evidence Base <b>Lee Valley Regional Park, <a href="#">Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2029</a> (2019)</b>	Minor	This additional reference aids clarity and assists with policy implementation.
SI3, justification text 3.139	3.139 Newham is home to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, the London Stadium, Aquatic Centre and the Lee Valley Velopark, all of which are a lasting legacy from the 2012 Olympic Games. These are world class facilities and important national leisure and sporting venues.	Minor	Typo correction.  The additional text aids clarity and assists with policy implementation.

Policy and paragraph	LBN Agreed modification (any new text in <b>bold</b> and any removed text in <del>strike through</del> )	Minor or major modification?	Reason for modification
	<p>The Lee Valley Velopark is owned by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and is managed through a <del>its</del> leisure trust. Newham continues to work closely with and support the Park Authority as it seeks to improve and grow the offer, thereby ensuring its long term sustainability. <b>The Regional Park's offer for Newham's communities also extends beyond the borough boundary with a range of other venues available to residents via walking and cycling routes, such as Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, the open spaces of Hackney and Walthamstow Marshes Nature Reserve and the new Lee Valley Ice Centre in Waltham Forest, one of only three Olympic-sized twin rinks in the UK.</b></p>		
Glossary	<p><b>Lee Valley Regional Park Authority: Created by the Lee Valley Regional Park Act in 1966, (the Park Act), the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA) is a key stakeholder in the Borough. It has a statutory responsibility to either provide directly or work with partners to provide facilities for sport, recreation, leisure, entertainment and nature conservation throughout the Park.</b></p>	Minor	To explain the special statutory status of the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority and its remit.