



Statement of Common Ground

Between

London Borough of Newham

And

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Stage: Newham Submission Draft Local Plan (Reg. 19) and Waltham Forest Draft Submission Site Allocations Local Plan Part 2 (Reg. 19)

Date: 10 December 2024

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 A statement of common ground (SoCG) 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 London Borough of Waltham Forest, as relevant to:
 - the preparation of the Newham Draft Submission Local Plan and its progression to Public Examination; and
 - the preparation of the Waltham Forest Draft Submission Site Allocations Local Plan Part 2 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.
- 1.4 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 Newham's [Duty to Cooperate Statement](#) (2024) and the Duty to Cooperate Addendum (2025).
- 1.5 This SoCG is part of the suite of SoCGs LB Waltham Forest has prepared with a range of other boroughs and prescribed bodies. The details of key strategic matters with other organisations and the cooperation that has taken place as part of the Local Plan preparation is detailed in Waltham Forest's Duty to Cooperate Statement – Local Plan Part 2.
- 1.6 The document is intended to be 'live', updated as circumstances change. As such, this statement builds on/supersedes the previous Statement of Common Ground signed between the two parties – see Appendix 1 to this statement. Please see the Governance Arrangements section of the statement for more details.

2 Parties Involved

- 2.1 Newham Council 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 Lea 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. 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 the 1st December 2024.

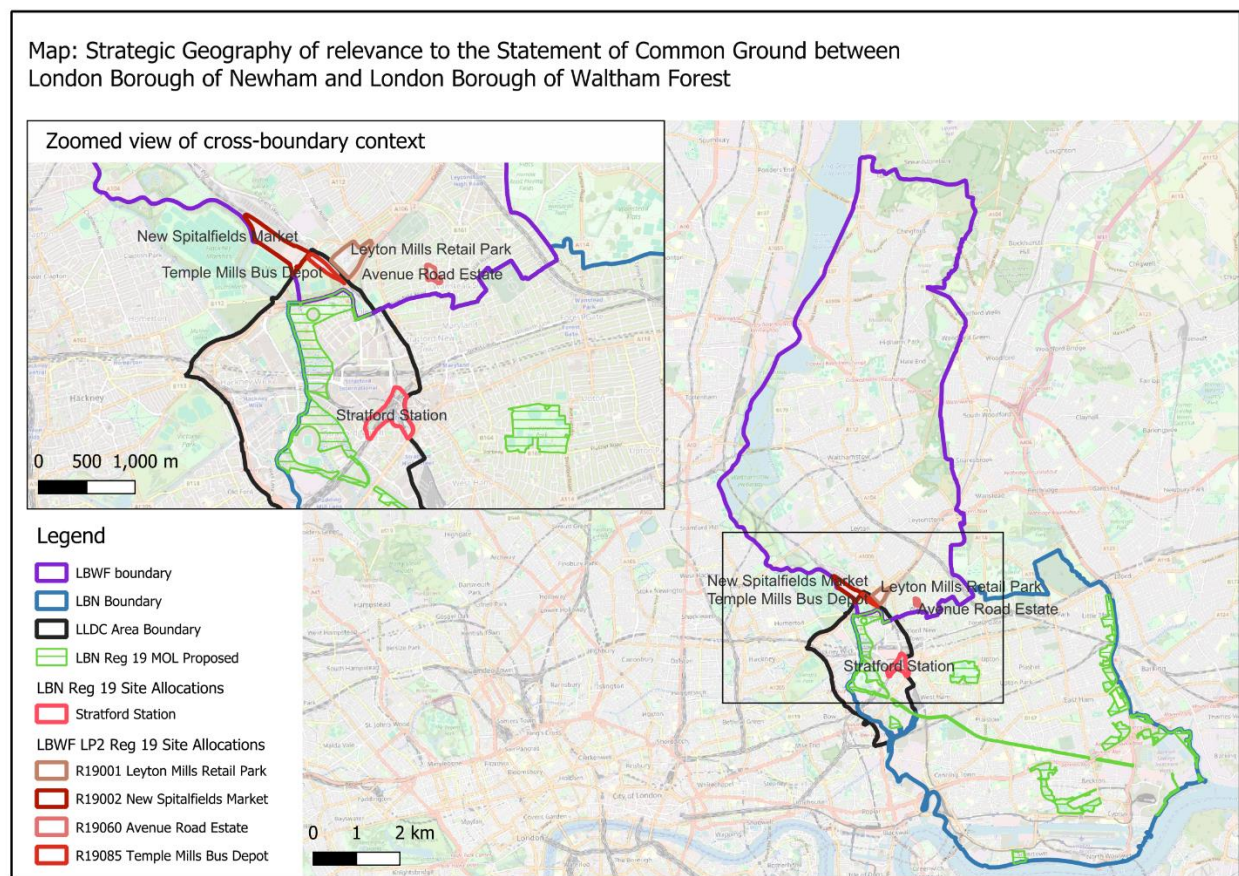
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- 2.2 Waltham Forest Council is the Local Planning Authority for London Borough of Waltham Forest. Waltham Forest is an outer London borough situated in northeast London. It is a relatively small (3,880 ha) but very diverse borough stretching from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in the South to the Epping Forest SAC & SSSI and the County of Essex in the North. The borough is bookended by the River Lea and its 13 associated reservoirs and marshes to the west and Epping Forest to the east. Neighbouring London boroughs are Redbridge, Newham, Enfield, Hackney, and Haringey, while on its northern edge it also abuts Epping Forest District Council and the overarching Essex County Council.
- 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 Waltham Forest is one of the most diverse areas in the country with 48 per cent of residents from a minority ethnic background. Industry and commerce in the borough are well established and is now characterised by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The borough has a strong industrial and creative sector history and presence, including Blackhorse Collective' Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ) which is firmly embedded in the borough's regeneration and growth plans. The south and centre of the borough are connected to central London by the Victoria and Central Underground lines as well as Overground Lines stretching further north, supporting an emerging night-time economy and links to higher education.
- 2.5 The LLDC returned planning powers back to the London Boroughs of Newham, Tower Hamlets, 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.
- 2.6 One Waltham Forest proposed site allocation (Temple Mills R19085) was located within the LLDC's planning remit. Waltham Forest's Local Plan Part 1 and Local Plan Part 2 refer to the LLDC, stating that applications must have regard to the London Legacy Development Corporation's (LLDC) Local Plan 2020-2035, and are-where relevant-subject to the matters addressed in this statement of common ground.

3 Strategic geography

- 3.1 The map below identifies the spatial representation of the key strategic matters addressed, Waltham Forest's site allocations in proximity to Newham, alongside the administrative areas of the two plan-making authorities.

- 3.2 As noted above, the LLDC d returned planning powers back to the London Borough of Newham and London Borough of Waltham Forest on the 1st of December 2024. Where relevant, the Newham draft Local Plan and the Waltham Forest draft Site Allocations Local Plan Part 2 have retained and evolved site allocations and designations from the LLDC Local Plan (2020).
- 3.3 Waltham Forest produced in partnership with the LLDC, the now adopted Leyton Mills SPD, which includes the Temple Mills Bus Depot and Eton Manor MOL. The Waltham Forest adopted Local Plan Part 1 and the emerging Local Plan Part 2, as well as the Leyton Mills SPD accords with the designation of the Temple Mills Bus Depot site as employment land and Eton Manor as a park/MOL as designated in the LLDC Local Plan (2020).



4 Background

- 4.1 The strategic issues pertinent to both authorities are detailed in Section 5 of this statement, and provides an update and continuation of the key strategic matters as identified in the previous SOCG (2021) between the two parties (Appendix 1).
- 4.2 A meeting was held on 8th October 2024 to discuss the key strategic matters, and the agenda and notes of this meeting are attached as Appendix 2 and provide further background information.

Newham

- 4.3 Newham Council has prepared the Draft Submission Local Plan and published it for consultation between 19th July and 20th September. 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 18th October and 17th December 2021; and
 - Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 18), which took place between the 9th January and 20th February 2023.

- 4.4 A [Duty to Cooperate Statement](#) (DtC Statement) was published as part of Newham’s Reg. 19 consultation, which provides a summary of the engagement with Waltham Forest, 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	Newham DtC Statement relevant paragraphs
Housing target	4.26, 4.30, 4.32, 4.35, 4.36-4-38
Gypsy and Traveller need	4.42, 4.47-4.50
Newham’s Metropolitan Open Land review	4.286, 4.288, 4.288-4.290, 4.294-4.295

- 4.5 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’.
- 4.6 During the Reg. 19 consultation process, Newham approached Waltham Forest to agree the process leading to the preparation and signing of this statement of common ground. As part of this, Waltham Forest have asked for this SoCG to also be relevant to Waltham Forest’s Local Plan Part 2 Regulation 19 site allocations document, in line with NPPF requirements for demonstrating ongoing joint working on strategic issues.

Waltham Forest

- 4.7 The Waltham Forest Local Plan is formed of two parts – Local Plan Part 1 (spatial strategy and development management policies) now adopted, and Local Plan Part 2 (site allocations). Together they set out the Council’s spatial and planning policy framework to promote, shape and manage inclusive growth over a 15-year period from 2020 to 2035. Local Plan Part 1 was adopted in February 2024. An initial Local Plan Part 2 Regulation 19 consultation was held from 8th November 2021 to 31st January 2022. The most recent consultation for a revised Local Plan Part 2 ran from Tuesday 6 August 2024 to Wednesday 9 October 2024. LB Waltham Forest now consider Local Plan Part 2 to be ‘legally compliant’ and ‘sound’ and will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in December 2024/January 2025.

- 4.8 Further, Waltham Forest invited Newham to consider any further key strategic matters which may arise between the two plan-making authorities through the Waltham Forest Submission Draft Site Allocations Local Plan. Newham has reviewed the draft site allocations adjacent to its boundaries and raised no new concerns. The boroughs will continue to work together to coordinate the delivery of site allocations on the boroughs' shared boundary, through ongoing formal consultation processes linked to any applications.

5 Key Strategic Matters

Housing Target

Newham

- 5.1 Housing targets for Newham and Waltham Forest are set out in the London Plan (2021). These targets were informed by the findings of the Greater London Authority's Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, both of which were published in 2017. Correspondence with the GLA has confirmed Newham's proportion of the LLDC's London Plan housing target, which is an additional 14,800 homes on top of Newham's target to deliver 32,800 homes by 2028/29.
- 5.2 Newham's housing target in the Draft Submission Local Plan proposes a stepped housing target, which seeks to deliver a net increase of between 51,425 and 53,784 quality homes between 2023 and 2038. This is stepped across the plan period rather than expressed as a consistent number year on year. While Newham have identified sufficient housing capacity to meet our London Plan housing target, the projected phasing of delivery means that Newham will not be able to meet our London Plan housing target within the period of the London Plan. This is primarily as a result of delays to the delivery of large sites, particularly site allocations, against the assumed phasing in the 2017 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.
- 5.3 In light of the above, Newham have been advised by the GLA to approach several boroughs, including Waltham Forest, to understand whether there is any available housing capacity above the London Plan (2021) individual targets, which could assist Newham in meeting its London Plan housing target within the London Plan period (2019/20 – 2028/29).

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- 5.4 The London Plan sets a 10-year minimum housing target for Waltham Forest of 12,640 new homes (1,264 per year) based on a London-wide assessment of capacity/available sites in 2017/18. A Waltham Forest specific SHMA however, identified a borough need for 1,810 dwellings per annum over the period 2014-2039. Waltham Forest has local and bespoke housing capacity evidence, including a suite of design-led masterplans, feasibility studies and area frameworks that show where and when new homes can be delivered over the 15-year plan period (2020-2035). This shows the capacity to deliver, on average 1800 homes per year, or 27,000 over the 15 year Plan Period. Through examination of Local Plan part 1, this position was found sound, and adopted Local Plan Part 1 sets a stepped housing target of per annum of 1,264 between 2020/21-26/27, 1,594 between 2027/28-28/29, and 2,494 between

2029/30-34/35. As such, the Waltham Forest Local Plan goes as far as reasonably possibly to meet the borough's Objectively Assessed Need and does not have additional capacity to take on any of LB Newham's housing need.

5.5 Record of agreements and/or disagreements:

- London Borough of Newham and London Borough of Waltham Forest agreed to continue to engage via local plan making processes, should circumstances change.

Gypsy and Traveller need

Newham

- 5.6 In December 2023, the Government updated the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS). The new guidance has been published in response to the October 2022 Court of Appeal ruling, which found the previous 2015 PPTS to be unlawful in its discrimination against those forced to give up their nomadic lifestyles due to disability or old age.
- 5.7 As part of Newham's Local Plan evidence base Newham has prepared a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, which found that there was no need for new pitches for households that meet the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites definition of Gypsies and Travellers. However, the study found a need for 23 pitches for households that did not meet the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites definition.
- 5.8 Currently the Newham Draft Submission Local Plan allocates one site as a safeguarded Gypsy and Traveller accommodation site, which is an existing site containing 15 pitches. The safeguarding of this site does not count towards meeting identified future need, albeit there is scope to extend the site by a few pitches to the south of the allocation.

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- 5.9 Waltham Forest Local Plan Part 1 (adopted February 2024) Policy 22 'Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Show people' identifies the need for nine additional pitches and sets out that this need will be met through the protection and intensification of existing sites.
- 5.10 The emerging Waltham Forest Local Plan Part 2 (Site Allocations) reflects the position set out in LP Part 1 by allocating the existing sites at Folly Lane and Hale Brinks North for the use as Gypsy and Traveller accommodation and future intensification of the use.
- 5.11 Waltham Forest does not have additional sites capacity to take on any of Newham's need for Gypsies and Travellers accommodation.
- 5.12 Record of agreements and/or disagreements:
- London Borough of Newham and London Borough of Waltham Forest agree that the allocation of sites for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation proposed in Waltham Forest Draft Submission Site Allocations Local Plan Part 2 (Reg. 19) and in the Newham Submission Draft Local Plan (Reg. 19) are unlikely to give rise to any cross-boundary issues of a strategic nature.

- London Borough of Newham and London Borough of Waltham Forest agreed to continue to engage via local plan making processes on the overall delivery of sufficient Gypsy and Traveller accommodation in either borough, should circumstances change.

Stratford Station and other transport infrastructure

Newham

- 5.13 Stratford Station, along with Stratford's two bus stations, forms a key strategic public transport interchange for east London. It has become the fifth busiest station on the entire National Rail network, the sixth busiest station on TfL's network, and is also the busiest bus station in London. Since 2001, Stratford Station has seen the largest absolute amount of passenger growth of any station in the UK.
- 5.14 The station was not designed to accommodate the volume of passengers now using it and this has resulted in unacceptable levels of overcrowding, regular station closures and poor passenger experience.
- 5.15 In 2019, the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC), Newham, Network Rail and Transport for London (TfL) started to prepare a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for the long-term redevelopment of the station and the surrounding area to address capacity and connectivity issues. The Strategic Outline Businesses Case was submitted to the Government in July 2023.
- 5.16 The Newham Proposed Submission Local Plan includes a site allocation for the Stratford Station site, which set out infrastructure requirements and development and design principles for different plots. Significant growth continues to be planned through both boroughs' Local Plans for the area connected to Stratford Station (within Newham), and Newham and Waltham Forest continue to engage on the need to plan strategically for regional transport capacity improvements.

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- 5.17 The Waltham Forest Local Plan Part 1 (2024) includes proposals to improve transport connectivity within the borough and neighbouring areas. It has identified key transport infrastructure projects including the Ruckholt Road Rail station, Walthamstow Central Station Transport Interchange, and improvements to Leyton Underground Station. The Strategic Transport Review carried out by ARUP on behalf of LBWF points to the need for improvement in the transport network to cope with the expected increase in transport demand associated with population growth and the development of economic activity hubs in the borough including town centres. LBWF supports LB Newham in lobbying for improvements to Stratford Station.
- 5.18 Record of agreements and/or disagreements:
- London Borough of Newham have no objection to the proposed site allocations in the Waltham Forest Draft Submission Site Allocations Local Plan Part 2 (Reg. 19).
 - London Borough of Newham will continue to work with the LLDC (as a Mayoral Development Corporation), London Borough of Waltham Forest, TfL and other relevant

stakeholders to support the business case for improvements to Stratford Station as a key regional interchange.

- London Borough of Waltham Forest has agreed to support London Borough of Newham's ongoing asks to TfL to prioritise improvements to Stratford Station.

Newham's Metropolitan Open Land review

5.19 This matter is of relevance only to the progression of Newham's Local Plan.

Newham

5.20 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.

5.21 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.

5.22 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.

Waltham Forest

5.23 Waltham Forest have reviewed Newham's Metropolitan Open Land Review and find the approach for Newham to be sound.

5.24 Record of agreements and/or disagreements:

- London Borough of Waltham Forest agreed with the methodology that London Borough of Newham have used for Newham's Metropolitan Open Land Review in the borough's context, and have no concerns with the resulting amendments to MOL designations

6 Governance agreements

6.1 This statement of common ground will be reviewed:

6.2 Whenever agreement is reached on any outstanding matters, or

6.3 At key milestones in progress towards addressing strategic matters, or



6.4 At each subsequent key stage of the plan making process, as it progresses towards adoption.

6.5 The table below outlines existing cooperation forums that will be used to continue to engage each other and progress the key strategic matters.

Key Strategic Matter	Forum	Details/frequency of the forum
Housing target	GLA's London Plan borough engagement programme, including through the All London Boroughs Planning Officers meetings.	ALBPO meets monthly to discuss a range of issues of importance to the London boroughs and the GLA. The GLA will provide the timeframe and format for engagement on the new London Plan in due course.
Gypsy and Traveller need	GLA's London Plan borough engagement programme, including through the All London Boroughs Planning Officers meetings.	ALBPO meets monthly to discuss a range of issues of importance to the London boroughs and the GLA. The GLA will provide the timeframe and format for engagement on the new London Plan in due course.
Stratford Station and other transport infrastructure	Regeneration processes/business case development/transport and highways work programmes with TfL	Tbc

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 London Borough of Waltham Forest towards addressing the identified strategic matters.

<p>Signed on behalf of London Borough of Newham:</p>  <p>Name: Ellie Kuper Thomas</p> <p>Date: 10th December 2024</p> <p>Position: Policy Manager, Planning & Development</p>	<p>Signed on behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest:</p> <p>Signature</p>  <p>Name: Sarah Parsons</p> <p>Date: 4th December 2024</p> <p>Position: Assistant Director – Place and Design</p>
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Appendix 1:

SUPERSEDED STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND between the
London Borough of Waltham Forest and London Borough of
Newham, Date: 19th July 2021



STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

Between the London Borough of Waltham Forest and
London Borough of Newham

Date: 19th July 2021

1. LIST OF SIGNATORIES AND ROLES

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Name: Joe Addo-Yobo

Role: Head of Planning Policy

London Borough of Newham

2. KEY STRATEGIC MATTERS

- a) Arrival Points and Transition Roads
- b) Epping Forest
- c) Increasing role of Stratford Station

3. DESCRIPTION AND MAPS

The SoCG covers the Local Planning Authority areas of the London Borough of Waltham Forest and London Borough of Newham shown in the map below.



4. AGREED MATTERS

- a. The parties agree that LBWF has engaged LBN during the preparation of the Waltham Forest Local Plan (LP1). Both parties are committed to working effectively with each other and other relevant authorities to ensure that they continue to work collaboratively on issues that extend beyond their administrative boundaries.
- b. LB Newham notes LBWF's intention to prepare a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as part of wider measures on Epping Forest SAC Mitigation. LB Newham supports this approach and welcomes the opportunity for collaborative working on this and other extended projects towards finding a comprehensive mitigation solution. Both authorities note the uniqueness of the challenges faced by individual authorities regarding Epping Forest.

5. OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Key discussion points at the present time relate to the implementation of the LBWF Local Plan - how growth will be managed at borough arrival/gateway locations between both boroughs. It is noted that LBWF is preparing a Site Allocations Document which includes sites south of the borough close to the borough boundary with LB Newham e.g. Avenue Road Estate. The Council has also prepared a Characterisation and Intensification Study. LB Newham is also beginning work on a Characterisation Study. There is agreement to work collaboratively on plan projects including evidence base preparation and where necessary ensure that policy approaches between both boroughs align to address cross boundary implications.

Growth impacts on Stratford station was also discussed. It is noted that preliminary work to improve the station and increase capacity is currently taking place. Both boroughs will continue collaborative working with TfL and partners through the Borough Transport Liaison meetings led by TfL. On its part, the Waltham Forest Local Plan includes proposals to improve transport connectivity within the borough and neighbouring areas. The emerging Local Plan (LP1) has identified key transport infrastructure projects including the Ruckholt Road Rail station, Walthamstow Central Station Transport Interchange, and improvements to Leyton Underground Station. The Strategic Transport Review carried by ARUP on behalf of LBWF points to the need for improvement in the transport network to cope with the expected increase in transport demand associated with population growth and the development of economic activity hubs in the borough including town centres.

6. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) will be kept up-to-date and will form a key part of implementation of Local Plan policies and any future Local Plan reviews. Meetings to discuss strategic issues will be held with London Borough of Newham and discussions and other factors may inform a revised SoCG.

7. TIMETABLE FOR REVIEWS AND UPDATES

Meetings to manage strategic issues will be held on an ongoing basis.

8. SIGNATURE

The London Borough of Waltham Forest and London Borough of Newham confirms that this Statement of Common Ground reflects the joint working by both organisations to address identified strategic matters.

Signed on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest by:

Name: **Joe Addo-Yobo**

Position: **Head of Planning Policy & Strategy**

Signature:



Date: 26/07/2021

Signed on Behalf of London Borough of Newham

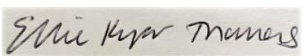
Name:

.....Ellie Kuper Thomas.....

Position:

.....Planning Policy Manager.....

Signature

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Date:

.....09/08/2021.....

Appendix 2:

AGENDA AND MEETING NOTES FROM THE STATEMENT OF COMMON
GROUND MEETING HELD ON 8th OCTOBER 2024

Statement of Common Ground between:
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Meeting Date: 08.10.2024

Time: 14:00-15:00

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Present:

Ellie Kuper Thomas, Policy Team Manager, LBN

Antonia Marjanov, Principal Policy Planner, LBN

Claire Laurence, Principal Policy Planner, LBN

Rory Douds, Planner, LBN

Alexander Ross, Principal Officer, LBWF

Rob Wellburn, Principal Officer, LBWF

James Delamere, Design & Conservation Lead, LBWF

Agenda and Notes

Agenda Item	Notes [include context, position statements, areas of agreement and/or disagreement]	Actions emerging [what, who, and any deadline]
1. Introductions (5min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-introduction from LBN and LBWF teams.• LBN introduced the scope of the meeting.• LBN shared the agenda of the meeting.	
2. Housing delivery (10min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LBN clarified their position for the London Plan housing delivery target:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ LBN has a large housing capacity figure, but this is dependent on the delivery of large-scale and complex strategic sites that have taken longer to deliver than anticipated under the 2017 SHLAA. LBN will not meet its London Plan target by 2028/2029.○ LBN needs to understand LBWF position to help meet its target. In LBWF Plan 1, the housing target is above the London Plan target, so LBN questioned whether LBWF may have the capacity to them meet London Plan housing needs.• LBWF clarified their position:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ LBWF Local Plan seeks to deliver a higher housing target than the London Plan, but has no additional capacity due to the slow delivery of existing, complex sites.• LBN asked whether LBTH has the additional capacity to meet LBN's needs within the London Plan period.• LBWF confirmed it has no additional capacity to take on Newham's housing delivery.	LBWF and LBN agreed to continue to engage via local plan making processes, should circumstances change.

<p>3. Gypsy and Traveller pitches capacity (5min)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBN clarified their position on Gypsy and Traveller pitches capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LBN has one site safeguarded and an option to extend by a few pitches. ○ LBN's need is 23 pitches based on its 2021 assessment. ○ LBN site allocations are largely in flood risk zones and the Council is struggling to identify sites to meet the need. ○ The GLA identified a need for 30 pitches. • LBN asked if LBWF can help to meet its need • LBWF clarified their position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LBWF have 2 safeguarded sites. These have been allocated in the current plan. ○ No additional capacity to take LBN's need for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodations. 	<p>LBWF and LBN agreed to continue to engage via local plan making processes, should circumstances change.</p>
<p>4. LBWF Reg 19 Sites Local Plan and Leyton Mills SPD (10min)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBN clarified their position on LBWF's Leyton Mills SPD, welcoming the changes to the adopted version that clarify the policy tests required to be met by meanwhile use applications, including an assessment of transport impacts. • LBN clarified their position on LBWF's Reg 19 Sites Local Plan consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are no concerns about tall buildings on sites adjoining the boundary with LBN. There is broad alignment here on townscape approach, and LBN welcome the ongoing engagement on these sites as they progress through DM processes. ○ The remaining key strategic matter is the need to increase the capacity of Stratford Station, which was raised during the previous LBWF Local Plan engagement and is part of the existing SOCG (2021) between the two boroughs. LBN noted that they are having similar discussions with LBTH. LBN wants to amend the current paragraph from Statement of Common Ground (working with TFL for improvements to the station for capacity needs) and add wording on supporting the ongoing business case. • LBWF welcomed LBN's support for the emerging Sites Local Plan, and agree with LBN's position to amend current wording paragraph of the 2021 Statement of Common Ground. LBWF also suggested adding wording about the 	<p>LBWF to support LBN's ongoing asks to TfL to prioritise improvements to Stratford Station.</p> <p>LBN and LBWF agreed to work together to coordinate the delivery of site allocations on the boroughs' shared boundary, through ongoing formal consultation processes linked to any applications.</p>

	<p>innovation corridor towards Tottenham Hale up the Lea Valley, to make a wider case for the need to invest in the regional transport infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBWF asked if LBN will be submitting a representation on their Local Plan part 2 consultation. • LBN clarified they will not submit a representation as the issues have been covered in this meeting, and there are no new concerns resulting from the emerging LBWF Sites Local Plan. 	
5. Flood risk modelling (5min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBN summarised comments received from the EA at the Regulation 19 consultation which questioned the SFRA methodology, as the EA requires further review to assess if our methodology is sound. The EA gave no indication of who is meant to check the methodology and how. As the issues relate to the Lea model, the EA may also raise this with LBWF. LBN asked whether LBWF has had this feedback. • LBN are meeting the EA to discuss further and are aware there may be a resource request. • LBWF noted their Reg 19 consultation is ongoing, and had not received a response from EA before the meeting. The EA had requested a review of the SFRA at Reg 18 stage, which was done in-house. • LBN asked what did LBWF do for assumption on fluvial flood risk on Lea and Roding as the EA data is out of date. LBN's flood risk assessment attempted to bring the data up to date. • LBWF used EA latest data from end of last year, and believe this is the most up to date position. • LBN reported that the EA consider that the most up to date data on their website is now out of date. • LBN and LBWF agreed to consider if there are efficiency opportunities for both boroughs to work together, if the same issues are raised in relation to the LBWF Sites Local Plan following the Reg 19 consultation. 	<p>LBWF to update LBN on any EA representations sought.</p> <p>LBWF and LBN agreed to explore options for future shared work, if required by the EA.</p>
6. LLDC transition related matters (10min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBWF asked about when GIS data from LLDC will be made available, as part of the transition of planning powers back to the boroughs. • LBN noted that the data has not been received and there are ongoing processes to manage this. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBN asked if there was anything within LBN boundary of the LLDC area to discuss. • LBWF had nothing to discuss on these areas. 	
7. Lee Valley Regional Park (10min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBWF clarified their position with the LVRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LVRP supports LBWF allocations, but objected to tall buildings strategy on sites adjacent to and within the park. ○ LVRP are seeking delivery of leisure facilities within the park, but LBWF have concerns with the sustainability impacts of the proposed sites. ○ LBWF sites set out in the draft Local Plan and which are on LVRP land, are needed to address housing need, and will provide mixed uses. • LBN clarified that they have workers with LVRP to add more reference to the park and any LVRP Authority strategies that have a clear spatial element linked to sites in Newham. However, LBN felt many elements of the strategy for the park were too undefined to be included in the plan. 	
8. AOB and conclusions/actions (15min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LBN reviewed its Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) boundaries. The majority of existing MOL has been retained. LBN noted that there has been push back from LLDC on the Olympic Park MOL designation. • LBWF agreed to review the MOL review report, as GLA wants boroughs to collaborate here, and LBWF will be neighbouring planning authorities again soon. LBWF state they expect they will be happy with our position to retain MOL land. 	<p>LBWF to review the MOL review. LBN agreed to add a statement on MOL to the Statement of Common Ground.</p> <p>LBN to write up minutes and circulate. Then, LBWF will sign off once reviewed.</p>