

Appendix 3: Interim Planning Guidance: City Fringe Area Action Plan (Submission document) 2006.

“In 2016, the City Fringe will be a dynamic, vital urban district made up of a well-connected network of distinct and diverse neighbourhoods, a variety of employment opportunities, and more usable and well-connected open space. Building on the existing character, range of uses and diversity of the City Fringe, the future vision is for an area with:

- A vibrant character based on a mix of fine grain built environment and larger scale modern offices and homes celebrating the multi-cultural diversity of local communities;
- Strong small business sectors, building on existing clusters of creative and cultural sectors;
- Continuing expansion of global financial and business centre functions from the City to Tower Gateway, Aldgate, St Katharine Docks and Bishopsgate which contribute to the economic strength of London in the global economy;
- High quality, sustainable development which respects the historic and sensitive townscape of the area, while introducing distinctive world class architecture and public realm;
- A flourishing evening and night-time economy and tourism sector based on managed clusters of activity in the key accessible locations of Brick Lane, Whitechapel, Tobacco Dock and St Katherine Docks;
- Innovative and well-connected public realm and open spaces; and
- Integrated cultural facilities with the new Ideas Store, the expanded Whitechapel Gallery, The Rich Mix Centre, the Old Truman’s Brewery and greater use of public spaces for cultural events.

The policies , actions and implementation tools set out in the City Fringe Area Action Plan seek to facilitate the physical, social and environmental transformation of the area to ensure the vision becomes a reality.”