

Supplementary/Interim Planning Guidance Review

Introduction

- 1.1 The Council's spatial planning framework consists of a series of planning policy documents that provide a positive approach to managing development in the assessment of planning applications and in the setting of infrastructure requirements.
- 1.2 The Development Plan for Tower Hamlets is currently made up of the London Plan, the adopted Local Plan (Core Strategy (2010) and Managing Development Document (2013)) and Neighbourhood Plans (none adopted).
- 1.3 The Council has a series of supplementary and interim planning guidance documents which support the adopted Local Plan. The guidance provides additional detail for the implementation of Council's planning policies.
- 1.4 In light of the new Local Plan, a review of all adopted supplementary and interim planning guidance has been undertaken. The review determines which adopted supplementary and interim planning guidance should be taken forward once the new Local Plan has been adopted by Full Council. The review is necessary to ensure that the Council has a robust and up-to-date planning policy framework to sustainably manage growth and maximise the benefits of development for our local community.

The Review

- 1.5 The adopted Local Plan (Core Strategy (2010) and Managing Development Document (2013)), is currently supported by:

Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs),

- a. [Development Viability SPD \(2017\)](#)
- b. [Planning obligations \(2016\)](#)
- c. [South Quay Masterplan \(2015\)](#)
- d. [Whitechapel Vision \(2013\)](#)
- e. [Bromley-by-Bow Masterplan \(2012\)](#)

Interim planning guidance (prepared under the previous planning framework and carried forward),

- f. [Bishopsgate goods yard \(2009\)](#)
- g. [Aldgate masterplan \(2007\)](#)
- h. [Former Whitechapel masterplan \(2007\)](#)
- i. [Wood Wharf masterplan \(2003\)](#)
- j. [Millennium Quarter Public Realm Guidance Manual \(2008\)](#)

- 1.6 Officers have reviewed all supplementary and interim planning guidance to determine whether they still provide robust and effective guidance to support the new Local Plan. The full review is detailed in appendix A which sets out officer recommendations.
- 1.7 Given the significant changes to national and regional planning policy, the borough's growth projections and the aims of the new Local Plan, officers have recommended the following documents to be formally revoked.
- Bromley-by-Bow Masterplan (2012)
 - South Quay Masterplan (2015)
 - Whitechapel Vision Masterplan (2013)
 - Wood Wharf Masterplan (2003)
 - Former Whitechapel Masterplan (2007)
 - Aldgate Masterplan (2007)
 - Bishopsgate Goods Yard (2009)
 - Millennium Quarter Public Realm Guidance Manual (2008)
- 1.8 The recommendation will be presented to full Council alongside the adoption of the new Local Plan.

Appendix A: Supplementary and Interim Planning Guidance

Document	Adoption Date	Status	Comments	Recommendations
Bromley-by-Bow Masterplan	2012	Supplementary Planning Document	<p>This document is obsolete.</p> <p>The majority of the masterplan area falls within the LLDC planning authority which is superseded by their Local Plan and supplementary planning guidance for the area.</p> <p>The remaining part of the masterplan area is captured in the new Local Plan Sub Area – Lower Lea Valley which sets out a number of development principles.</p>	Revoke LBTH's part of the masterplan area and remove from the website
South Quay masterplan	2015	Supplementary Planning Document	<p>This document is superseded.</p> <p>The design principles in the document have informed several site allocations in the new Local Plan and therefore are reflected in the new Local Plan where relevant.</p> <p>Additionally, the Greater London Authority (GLA) has prepared Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for the Isle of Dogs South Poplar area which comprises the South Quay area. The SPG was prepared in consultation with the Council.</p>	Revoke as an SPD but retain as evidence base for the Local Plan site allocations.
Whitechapel Vision masterplan	2013	Supplementary Planning Document	<p>This document is superseded.</p> <p>The design principles in the document informed the Whitechapel South site allocations in the new Local Plan and therefore are reflected in the new Local Plan where relevant.</p> <p>The remaining part of the masterplan area is captured in the new Local Plan Sub Area – City Fringe which sets out a</p>	Revoke as an SPD but retain as evidence base for the Local Plan site allocation.

			<p>number of development principles.</p> <p>The height principles in the document have been superseded by the new Local Plan which consist a new tall buildings policy D.DH6 to manage taller buildings in the borough. Further guidance will also be set out in the emerging Tall Buildings SPD.</p>	
Planning obligations	2016	Supplementary planning document	<p>This document is undergoing a review.</p> <p>The new Local Plan has a number of new obligations which will benefit from further guidance. The Infrastructure Planning Team is currently updating the SPD and will include new/revised obligations.</p>	Retain and update
Development Viability	2017	Supplementary planning document	<p>This document is up to date.</p> <p>Provides guidance as to how Development Plan policies should be applied in a development viability context when determining planning applications.</p>	Retain
Wood Wharf masterplan	2003	Interim planning guidance	<p>This document is obsolete.</p> <p>Up to date guidance is set out in the Wood Wharf site allocation in the new Local Plan.</p> <p>The site is also currently under construction.</p>	Revoke and remove from the website
Former Whitechapel masterplan	2007	Interim planning guidance	<p>This document is obsolete.</p> <p>This document was not formally revoked when the Whitechapel Vision masterplan was adopted in 2013.</p> <p>The masterplan area is captured in the new Local Plan Sub Area – City Fringe which</p>	Revoke and remove from the website

			sets out a number of development principles.	
Aldgate masterplan	2007	Interim planning guidance	<p>This document is obsolete. Many of the sites in the area have been developed.</p> <p>The masterplan area is captured in the new Local Plan Sub Area – City Fringe which sets out a number of development principles.</p>	Revoke and remove from the website
Bishopsgate goods yard	2009	Interim planning guidance	<p>This document is obsolete. Up to date guidance is set out in the Bishopsgate Goods Yard site allocation in the new Local Plan and therefore principles are reflected in the new Local Plan where relevant.</p> <p>The site straddles LB Hackney boundary. LBH have consulted on an Area Action Plan which includes this site. LBH is working closely with LBTH to align both plans.</p>	Revoke and remove from the website
Millennium Quarter Public Realm Guidance Manual	2008	Guidance	<p>This document is obsolete. This guidance manual was prepared to inform The Millennium Quarter Masterplan which was revoked upon the adoption of the South Quay Masterplan.</p>	Revoke and remove from the website