

Annex A – Council’s changes

No	Core Strategy section	Page	Description of recommended change	Text (if any)
C1	Diverse communities and distinct places	20/21	Insert Figures 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10 and accompanying text from Options and issues for places (CD158)	
C2	Setting the Scene	15	Further explanation of how the Core Strategy emerged from the Options and Alternatives Consultation Document, Options and Alternatives for Places Consultation Document and the Community Plan.	<p>New paragraph - 1.5</p> <p>1.5 The first round of consultation identified within the Options and Alternatives Consultation Document two potential overarching strategies. One strategy was looked to refocus on our town centres, and the other advocated for organic growth across the borough. This Consultation Document also looked at options for each of the borough wide policies coming forward.</p> <p>1.6 In selecting the overarching strategy, consultation findings and further evidence base suggested a combined approach which sought to refocus on town centres, while still recognising the organic nature of growth in the areas adjacent to the City Fringe and Canary Wharf. This preferred approach for the overarching strategy, along with the preferred approach for the borough-wide policies, was tested as part of the second consultation phase – Options and Alternatives for Places. This phase also tested options for how the borough-wide policies would affect the 24 identified individual places of Tower Hamlets. It also tested the vision for each place, which included engagement with the community and stakeholders about what each place would look like in the future and how that might be delivered.</p> <p>1.7 The preferred approach for the overarching strategy is stated within chapter 3 “Refocusing on our town centres”.</p> <p>Previous 1.5 now becomes 1.8</p>
C3	Refocusing on our town centres	39	Refer to the adopted London Plan (2008) as an initial basis for the town centre hierarchy.	Para 3.2 The boroughs’ town centres continue to evolve, they have changed in the way they look, the purposes they serve, the types of shops they have and the way they are accessed and used. With the London Plan as the starting point, the town centres of Tower Hamlets have been configured in a hierarchal

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				manner ⁵² which has been made locally specific to Tower Hamlets through extensive spatial baseline research. The creation of new town centres is proposed over the lifetime of the plan, in order to support population growth or to reflect existing town centre activity in some areas.
C4	Refocusing on our town centres	39	Include explanation of Tower Hamlets Activity Areas	<p>Para 3.3 In addition two Activity Areas have been identified. The Tower Hamlets Activity Areas resulted from the Town Centre Spatial Strategy (2009) identifying specific areas bordering the Central Activities Zone and the major town centre of Canary Wharf where the scale, continuity and intensity of town centre activity and land use is different to that found across the rest of the borough. Specific challenges in policy terms of these areas required a new policy mechanism as a distinctive policy response to ensure these areas are successfully managed.</p> <p>Re-number paragraphs 3.3 – 3.6 to be 3.4-3.7</p>
C5	Refocusing on our town centres	37	Provide reference to Development Management DPD and Site and Place Making DPD in SP01.	SP01 – Further detailed policies relating to town centres will be provided within the Development Management DPD and Site and Place Making DPD. (NB. This will be similar text format to the blue text on page 35)
C6	Urban Living for Everyone	42	Amendment to Figure 21 to depict amended housing target bands.	<p>Low growth (1001 – 1500 units)</p> <p>Medium growth (1501 – 2500 units)</p> <p>High growth (2501 – 3500 units)</p> <p>Very high growth (3501 + units)</p>
C7	Urban Living for Everyone	44	Clarification of how locations for seeking larger family housing will be identified.	Identifying locations within the Site and Place Making DPD and Development Management DPD where larger family housing sizes (four-bed plus) will be sought.
C8	Urban Living for Everyone	45	Clarification of how 6. a-f will be delivered by identifying delivery mechanisms such as forthcoming DPDs.	<p>Ensuring all housing is appropriate, high-quality, well-designed and sustainable. This will be achieved by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Setting housing design standards. b. Working with housing partners to facilitate existing homes to be brought up to at least the Decent Homes standard. c. Requiring new developments to comply with accessibility standards, including “Lifetime Homes” requirements.

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				<p>d. Requiring adequate provision of housing amenity space for new homes (including specialist homes where appropriate), including private amenity space in every development, and communal amenity space for developments providing 10 units or more.</p> <p>e. Requiring sites that are providing family homes to provide adequate space for play space for children.</p> <p>f. Requiring new homes to respond to climate change, including achieving a stepped-target for carbon emissions standards in-line with government guidance.</p> <p>Further detail will be developed through the Development Management DPD and other guidance, including Supplementary Planning guidance.</p>
C8A	Delivering successful employment hubs	60	Amendment of Figure 30 - Preferred Office Location blob to be more illustrative and less specific.	
C9	Creating a green and blue grid	52	Provision of reference to the protection of Metropolitan Open Land in accordance with the London Plan (2008).	SP04 (1f) Improving access to the strategically important publicly accessible open spaces, which currently include Metropolitan Open Land (East India Dock Basin and Brunswick Wharf, Island Gardens, Lee Valley Regional Park, Meath Gardens, Mile End Park, Mudchute Park and Millwall Park, Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Victoria Park) as well as the Olympic Park, Lea River Park and the FAT Walk.
C10	Programme of Delivery	26	Remove reference to some of the programmes and simplify to a list of headings	<p>Programme of Delivery</p> <p>Delivery of the spatial vision is an essential element of the Core Strategy; without which the vision will not be achieved. The council and its key partners are committed to ongoing delivery and pro-actively drive five transformational programmes that form a 'Programme of Delivery' to assist in the delivery of the spatial vision. The programmes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive regeneration areas • Infrastructure Delivery Plan

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing investment programmes • Policy and strategy programmes • Tower Hamlets Green Grid <p>This Programme of Delivery (<i>refer to Appendix 2</i>) underpins the delivery and implementation of the Core Strategy and its spatial themes. This ensures that a clear, consistent and wide-ranging delivery approach is embedded throughout the Core Strategy.</p>
C11	Programme of Delivery	130	Extend to include all vehicles for delivery	Amended Programme for Delivery as set out in CD 161A – revised CS Appendix 2
C12	Appendix 3	142	Replace “N/A” with “Monitor trend”	“Monitor Trend”
C13	Delivery and Implementation	118-119	Updating of text in light of amended government guidance.	<p>Amend para 8.8</p> <p>The Council may pool contributions relating to significant infrastructure i.e. transport, education and health. The Council may chose to achieve this through adopting the Community Infrastructure Levy in the future and / or through the use of planning obligations.</p> <p>Any pooling of contributions, including the calculation of planning contribution requirements or a CIL levy will be determined through either a SPD on planning contributions or through a CIL charging schedule.</p>
C14	Delivery and Implementation	118-119	Updating of text in light of amended government guidance.	For further information see Circular 05/05: Planning Obligations, LBTH Planning Obligations SPD and the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010.

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C15	Creating a green and blue grid	54	Further explanation of how the SFRA has been carried through into the Core Strategy within "Why we have taken this approach" text (para 4.21).	4.20 The Blue Grid addresses the issues relating to the borough's water spaces and flood risk. The Strategic Flooding Risk Assessment (SFRA) (2009) identifies that parts of the borough are at potential risk of flooding within Flood Zones 1, 2 and 3. It states that the current main risks of flooding in the borough are fluvial flooding in the Lower Lea catchment, breaches in the Thames Tidal Defences during tidal surge events and surface water flooding from impermeable surfaces. It also identifies areas which are subject to actual risk, including Poplar Riverside and Fish Island. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment was used to Sequentially Test the Core Strategy to ensure it addresses areas of potential risk to all types of flooding across the borough. However further sequential testing of sites will come forward as a part of the Site and Place making DPD.
C16	Working towards a zero-carbon borough	84	Review of SP11(7) in light of London Plan.	Require all new developments to provide 20% reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through on-site renewable energy generation where feasible.
C17	Working towards a zero-carbon borough	85	Further explanation of the area based approach stated within SP11(5) within the "Why we have taken this approach" text (para 6.26) with reference to figure 35.	6.26 Focusing higher proportions of carbon emissions reduction measures in specific areas will help to capture and maximise the cumulative benefits. The most appropriate areas are those with larger concentrations of identified development sites. Current identified clusters correspond with the low carbon areas on Fig 35.
C18	Appendix One	125	Definition of Energy Opportunity Areas	<p>Areas of new development where more energy efficient solutions can be applied by considering potential sites together.</p> <p>It is in these areas that the principles of Mayor of London's Energy Action Areas will be best applied.</p>
C19	Creating distinct and durable places	81	Add reference to strategic and local views to Why we have taken this approach text.	New Para 6.18 Strategic views guidance is provided within the London Plan (2008) with local views to be set out in the forthcoming Development Management DPD and Proposals Map.

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C20	Creating distinct and durable places	81	Provision of clarification of linkages between Figure 35 and “Why we have taken this approach” text.	<p>Addition to Para 6.15 (prior to change 1 above):</p> <p>Figure 34 identifies broad areas of different townscapes currently existing in the borough. These areas require different responses when managing growth and change.</p>
C21	Creating distinct and durable places	78 / 80	To clarify linkages between the Core Strategy policies for tall buildings and those within the London Plan (2008) by referencing economic clusters.	<p>Figure 34 key – Tall building locations for economic clusters of large floor plate offices.</p> <p>SP10 5.a. Be part of an existing economic cluster and respond to existing built character of the area.</p> <p>Para 6.17 As such, tall buildings are best suited to established economic clusters at Canary Wharf and Aldgate, where they complement the existing context.</p>
C22	Creating distinct and durable places	80	Add reference to Site and Place Making DPD for allocating preferred sites for tall buildings.	<p>b. Appropriate sites for tall buildings will be identified within the Site and Place Making DPD. All tall buildings including those outside of the above locations will be assessed against criteria set out in the Development Management DPD.</p>
C23	Creating distinct and durable places	79	Add reference to protection of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site.	<p>Change 1 – amend text of SP10(1) to read:</p> <p>1. Protect, manage and enhance the Tower of London World Heritage Site, its setting, and surrounding area, as well as the buffer zone and setting of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site through:</p> <p>a. The respective World Heritage Site Management Plans and associated documents.</p>