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Dear Mr. Allen,

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)**  
**Observations to London Thames Gateway Development Corporation**

**Location:** Orchard Wharf, Orchard Place, London

**Proposal:** Cross-boundary hybrid planning application for erection of a concrete batching plant, cement storage terminal and aggregate storage facilities, together with associated structures and facilities, walkway and landscaping, jetty and ship to shore conveyor.

**1) Outline Application: All matters reserved**

**Jetty; and Ship to shore conveyor.**

**2) Full details**

**Demolition of all existing buildings; Concrete batching plant;  
Cement storage terminal; Aggregate storage facilities;  
Associated structures and facilities; Associated highway works;  
Walkway; and Landscaping.**

I write with reference to the application made to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011 which is also to be determined by the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation.

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets Planning Department presented the application to the Strategic Development Committee Members on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 with an Officer recommendation to Grant planning permission. A copy of the Planning Committee report is attached to this Observation Letter for information purposes.

Following much discussion at the planning committee meeting, Members resolved not to accept the officer recommendation. Members were minded to refuse the planning application due to concerns over:

- 1) The safeguarding status of Orchard Wharf;
- 2) The impact of the development on the FAT walk;



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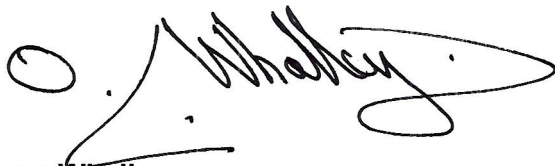
- 3) Impact from noise and general use on the biodiversity of the site and the East India Dock Basin;
- 4) Impact of noise on neighbours;
- 5) Transportation impacts; and
- 6) Design and Impact on Views.

In accordance with the Development Procedural Rules, the application has been deferred to enable Officers to prepare a supplementary report to be presented to a future planning committee meeting. This supplementary report will set out the proposed detailed reasons for refusal and the implications of the decision taken.

It is requested that the LTGDC Planning Committee takes the above concerns into account when considering the Planning Application at Orchard Wharf.

Should you have any further queries in relation to the above, please contact Mandip Dhillon on 020 7364 6614.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Owen Whalley', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Owen Whalley**  
**Head of Planning and Building Control**