

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Neighbourhood Planning Consultation Summary Report Update

Network Wapping Application to establish a Neighbourhood Planning Forum and Neighbourhood Planning Area

- Formal consultation period – 22 April to 4 June 2013
- Additional period – 5 June to 30 July 2013

August 2013



Role of this document

This document provides a summary of the issues raised in the consultation responses submitted to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets with regard to the application submitted by Network Wapping on 1 April 2013 to establish a Neighbourhood Planning Forum and Neighbourhood Planning Area. It summarises both the formal consultation period (22 April to 4 June) and the additional period (5 June to 30 July).

It updates the previous version of the Consultation Summary Report published in July.

It has been prepared by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for public information and does not seek to address any of the issues raised during the consultation period.

Consultation activities undertaken by the Council

Consultation activities were undertaken in accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) parts 5&6 and 8&9. Activities carried out were:

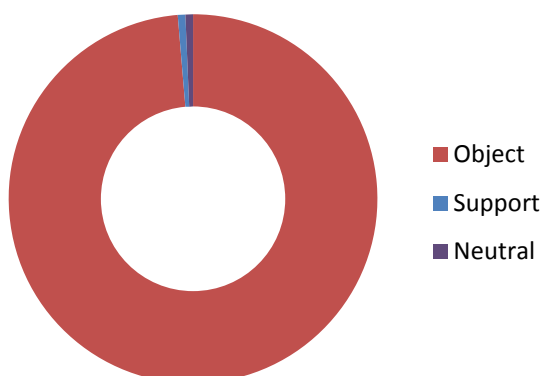
- Provision of consultation information and application material on the Council's website (www.towerhamlets.gov.uk).
- Provision of consultation information and application material to Watney Markey Idea Store and St. George's Leisure Centre.
- Provision of information to local elected Councillors.
- Publication of a Public Notice in East End Life.
- Officer attendance at two network Wapping consultation events to present an unbiased general overview and introduction to neighbourhood planning.

These activities also follow the principles of the guidance for policy documents set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It should be noted that the Statement of Community Involvement does not currently make specific reference to neighbourhood planning elements.

Response figures

The response figures are derived from individual submitted responses. They do not account for submitted responses which are sent on behalf of more than one person.

| | Total | Objection | Support | Neutral |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Formal consultation period | 111 | 111 | 0 | 0 |
| Additional period | 41 | 39 | 1 | 1 |
| Total of both periods | 152 | 150 | 1 | 1 |



Consultation responses - summaries of key themes

The following summaries of key themes have been derived from an analysis of the consultation responses from both the formal consultation period and the additional period. The additional period did not present additional key themes. They are presented in no particular order.

Proposed boundary

- The extent of the proposed Area is too large.
- The following areas should be removed from the proposed Area:
 - St. Katharine Docks; and
 - areas of Limehouse.
- Wapping is perceived to be south of the Highway and/or defined by the E1W postcode. As such, the proposed boundary should be amended to reflect this.

Consultation

- The proposed Forum has not sufficiently consulted with individuals and groups within the proposed Neighbourhood Planning Area.

Representation

- The proposed Forum is not representative of the social (including individuals and groups), economic or physical character of its proposed Area.
- The extent of the proposed Area presents challenges in enabling the proposed Forum to be representative of the Area.

Transparency

- The provision of information relating to the administration, activities and aspirations of the proposed Forum has not been made sufficiently available.

Skills and resources

- Members of the proposed Forum lack the skills and resources to successfully deliver Neighbourhood Planning.

Written constitution

- The proposed Forum's written constitution does not:
 - enable membership of the proposed Forum to be open to all; and
 - accord with the guidance stated in the Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Note (Stage 1) (February 2013).

Appendix – Formal consultation period response figures

| Total responses | Support | Objection |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| 111 | 0 | 111 |

