

APPENDIX 2

Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum Public Consultation Summary

1) Role of this document

This document provides a summary on the level of representation, and the matters discussed within representations, during the formal public consultation period for the applications to establish a Neighbourhood Planning Forum made by Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum.

The report takes account of relevant planning matters in representations submitted to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

This paper has been prepared by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for public information and to inform the Council's decision making process. It is not intended to address any of the issues raised during the consultation period.

2) Consultation activities undertaken by the Council

The formal public consultation period ran from 5 January to 16 February 2015. Consultation activities undertaken by the Council were carried out in accordance with Neighbourhood Planning Regulations. Activities undertaken were as follows:

- Provision of consultation information and application material on the Council's website (www.towerhamlets.gov.uk).
- Provision of consultation information and application material to the Idea Store Canary Wharf and Cubitt Town Library for inspection by interested parties.
- Provision of information to elected Councillors in the relevant areas.
- Publication of a Public Notice in East End Life.

These activities also followed the principles of the guidance for the production of policy documents as set out in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

2) Approach to categorising representations made

During the public consultation period, the public are able to make representations on the contents of the area and forum applications submitted to the Council. Typically, representations are made by local residents, local Councillors, landowners, businesses, interests groups, statutory consultees and neighbouring Local Authorities. Representations were not made by all parties directly consulted.

This document presents representations in no particular order. Representation figures calculate submitted responses and as such do not limit representations to one per household or one per business. The following categories have been used to categorise representations:

Support	Have stated explicit support, or support has been inferred from the contents of the representation
Object	Have stated explicit objection, or objection has been inferred from the contents of the representation
Neutral	Have offered comments but not determined if they object or support the application

Petition	A written objection signed by multiple signatories
No comment	Where no comment has been made and no position on the matter can be inferred
Concerned	Do not state they object but highlight areas of concern

The following summaries have been derived from an analysis of the consultation responses. Please note, representations did not always specify support or objection to the area and Forum. The summary of responses paraphrases comments made by representors and, to avoid repetition, makes reference to the same matter once only.

When analysing the representations, regard is given to legislative requirements related to the Forum and Area proposals.

4) Summary of responses related to the Forum based application

Number of representations received

Support	Objection	Neutral	No comment	Petition	Concerned	Total
18	7	8	0	0	2	35

Comments made by statutory bodies and neighbouring boroughs:

- No comments were made on the purpose, membership or constitution of the proposed Forum.

Summary of matters raised in support:

- Strong support for the proposed Forum as they are necessary as a means to represent views of residents related to the massive pressures the volume of development is creating.
- The Forum will be able to act in the best interest of residents, consult with them and give a more joined up approach to planning in the Isle of Dogs.
- The Forum will work well with the Council.
- The proposed Forum is running in a formal and responsible manner and trying to include a wide spectrum of the community affected.
- A constructive and valuable contribution will be made by the Forum
- Supportive of the proposed Forum's objectives for social, economic and environmental wellbeing and its ambition to involve the local community in the planning process.
- The purpose and aims of the proposed Forum are important.
- The proposed Forum and Area will enable local services like schools to be considered alongside bare numbers of habitable rooms, social housing provision and S106 contributions.
- Open membership, as defined in the Planning Practice Guidance, must allow anyone who has an interest in the development of the area to be involved in the plan preparation and as such landowners and representatives should be included.
- Agree with the proposed constitution.

Summary of matters raised in objection:

- The proposed Neighbourhood Forum does not include sufficient representation of key stakeholders, landowners and developers who have a serious interest in emerging planning policy and designated strategic sites.
- The proposed constitution does not allow for landowners to become full members of the forum, or provide them with the ability to vote, which we strongly object to.
- Object to the make-up of representatives of the proposed Forum.

Summary of matters raised as concerns:

- The diversity of the different neighbourhoods on the Isle of Dogs highlights the potential issues with seeking to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for inhabitants who are likely to have different aspirations, values and views.
- The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) promotes a growth agenda to foster economic sustainability and meet the needs of a growing population. Consistent with the national agenda, the London Plan advocates this agenda, identifies the Isle of Dogs as an Opportunity Area where substantial numbers of new jobs and homes can be accommodated and identifies a housing delivery target for Tower Hamlets. A forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan must be prepared in accordance with this.
- The OAPF is the proper Forum for strategic planning issues and providing a comprehensive approach to infrastructure across the island. A Neighbourhood Plan is not the appropriate level to co-ordinate development of strategic sites.
- The purpose of the Forum would be better achieved through having a number of areas.
 - Open membership, as defined in the Planning Practice Guidance, must allow anyone who has an interest in the development of the area to be involved in the plan preparation and as such landowners and representatives should be included.
 - It is requested that the constitution is amended to allow landowners and representatives to be included.