

APPENDIX 2

Poplar Neighbourhood Planning Area 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 Area made by the 'Poplar regen alliance'.

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 between 9th November 2017 and 21st December 2017. 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 Chrisp Street and the Town Hall, Mulberry Place for inspection by interested parties.
- Provision of information to elected Councillors in the relevant areas.
- Provision of Information to Statutory Consultees.
- Publication of a Public Notice in East London Advertiser.

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).

3) Approach to categorising representations made

During the public consultation period, the public are able to make representations on the contents of the area application submitted to the Council. Typically, representations were made by local residents, interests groups and statutory consultees. 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 person or 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
Concerned	Do not state they object but highlight areas of concern
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

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 Area based application

Number of representations received

Support	Objection	Neutral	Concerned	No comment	Petition	Total
6	0	5	3	0	0	14

Comments made by statutory bodies

- Sports England provided advice as to how any future Neighbourhood Plan could contribute towards encouraging physical activity.
- Natural England provided advice as to how any future Neighbourhood Plan could protect landscapes, protected species, local wildlife sites, and opportunities for enhancing the natural environment.
- National Grid noted that there are no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus.
- The Canal and Rivers Trust confirmed they own no land or waterspace in the area there may be opportunities to improve the links across the A1261, and we would therefore support further links from the Poplar Neighbourhood Plan Area to the dock system, which offers leisure and amenity opportunities.
- Historic England noted that the area covered by the proposed Neighbourhood Plan is defined along clear physical boundaries, and as such appears a solid basis for designation. As noted in the application the area encompasses a number of designated and local heritage assets including St Matthias Poplar Church and Conservation Area (with numerous listed tombs), Poplar Baths and Technical College. Development within the Plan Area may also affect the setting of the Lansbury and All Saints Conservation Areas alongside other individual designated heritage assets.

- Transport for London welcome the proposals and the proposed boundary, noting their roles as a strategic transport authority, service provider and landowner in the area.

Summary of matters raised in support:

- The forum is a vital way to address the needs, viable and constructive concerns of local residents and communities, and to build on the exceptional community relation established within Poplar.
- It will help increase community involvement.
- Support the proposed objectives of ensuring sufficient leisure and youth facilities for the community and providing bespoke training and employment for people of all ages living in Poplar.

Summary of matters raised as concerns:

- The Area will leave some areas orphaned and outside of a neighbourhood planning area, such as Billingsgate Fish market.
- The application references the Blackwall Reach regeneration project as a key consideration but the Area excludes Phase 4 entirely and part of Phase 1B, including the proposed areas for leisure and community space. As this is one of the key focuses of the group, it would be more appropriate for the boundary to be extended to include the whole of the scheme (this was raised by Swan Housing Association and the GLA Housing and Land Team).

Other issues raised:

- A number of representations raised the importance of the forum being fully representative of the community, including extending the membership beyond SPLASH members and to include local businesses and landowners.