

# APPENDIX 4: TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXAMINATION

## Submission documents

Key evidence base document	Purpose / justification
<b>Tower Hamlets Local Plan 2031: Managing Growth and Sharing the Benefits (Regulation 19)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the final draft version of the Local Plan. Consultation on this document took place between 2nd October 2017 and 13th November 2017 (known as the regulation 19 stage).</li> </ul>
<b>Schedule of Minor Modifications (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor modifications to the regulation 19 version. However, these changes do not materially affect the soundness of the plan</li> </ul>
<b>Regulation 22 Statement (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explains how the London Borough of Tower Hamlets has undertaken community participation and stakeholder involvement in the production of the Local Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Duty to Cooperate Statement (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of the efforts we have made to cooperate on strategic cross boundary matters</li> </ul>
<b>Schedule of Representations (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copies of the representations on the Local Plan (regulation 19)</li> </ul>
<b>Policies Map (Regulation 19)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A map illustrating the policies and proposals of the Local Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Local Development Scheme (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Plan timetable through to adoption</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment (2017)</b>	<p>Incorporates the following impact assessments of the Local Plan to meet European and national requirements and best practise approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment;</li> <li>Health Impact Assessment</li> <li>Equalities Impact Assessment</li> <li>Habitats Regulations Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Statement of Community Involvement Refresh (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out how the community can get involved in the preparation of local planning policy documents</li> </ul>

## Other relevant documents

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<b>Tower Hamlets Draft Local Plan 2031: Managing Growth and Sharing the Benefits (Regulation 18)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full draft version of the document</li> <li>Community participation and engagement</li> </ul>
<b>Our Borough, Our Plan: A new Local Plan First Steps (Regulation 18)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope of the plan</li> <li>Key issues and options</li> </ul>
<b>Soundness &amp; Legal Compliance Self-Assessment (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A checklist has been produced to demonstrate how the plan complies with the tests of soundness and legal compliance</li> </ul>
<b>Tower Hamlets Local Plan Strategic Policy Assessment (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out which policies in the Local Plan are strategic for the purpose of neighbourhood planning</li> </ul>
<b>Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out what infrastructure is required to deliver planning growth in the borough</li> <li>Post regulation 19 changes in the light of representations</li> </ul>
<b>London Plan (GLA, 2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current adopted version</li> </ul>
<b>New London Plan (GLA, 2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft consultation version</li> </ul>

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<b>Achieving sustainable growth</b>	
<b>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Spatial Planning and Health (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure health and wellbeing considerations are embedded within the Local Plan and ensure planning contributes towards delivering a healthier borough.</li> </ul>
<b>City Fringe Opportunity Area Planning Framework (GLA, 2015)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out a framework to manage current impacts of growth and facilitate the future delivery of high quality homes, jobs and infrastructure in the area</li> </ul>
<b>Isle of Dogs &amp; South Poplar Opportunity Area Framework: Consultation Draft (GLA, 2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out a framework to manage current impacts of growth and facilitate the future delivery of high quality homes, jobs and infrastructure in the area</li> </ul>
<b>Tower Hamlets Partnership Community Plan (2015)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The borough's long term vision, articulating local aspirations, needs and priorities.</li> </ul>
<b>Lower Lea Valley Opportunity Area Framework (GLA, 2007)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out a framework to manage current impacts of growth and facilitate the future delivery of high quality homes, jobs and infrastructure in the area</li> </ul>
<b>Tower Hamlets Local Plan Viability Assessment (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the study and methodology</li> <li>Assess/test the policies and site allocations to ensure that the scale of obligations and policy burdens does not threaten the viability of development</li> <li>Ensuring the site allocations can be delivered in tandem with waste infrastructure</li> <li>Give assurance that the sites are viable</li> </ul>
<b>Community Infrastructure Levy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out the types of infrastructure projects that we will be, or may, be wholly or partly funded through CIL.</li> </ul>

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<b>Regulation 123 List (2016)</b>	
<b>Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set out the priorities for action based on the health and wellbeing needs of the borough</li> </ul>
<b>Creating attractive and distinctive places</b>	
<b>Tall Buildings Study (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess existing tall building policies in Tower Hamlets and recommend a new approach to minimise harm</li> <li>Identifies tall building zones</li> </ul>
<b>Conservation Strategy (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set out a vision to guide the conservation and enjoyment of the borough's historic environment</li> </ul>
<b>Urban Structure &amp; Characterisation Study (2009 &amp; 2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies, analyses and characterises the urban form and structure of the borough</li> </ul>
<b>London Borough of Tower Hamlets: Conservation Area Appraisal &amp; Management Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure health and wellbeing considerations are embedded within the Local Plan and ensure planning contributes towards delivering a healthier borough.</li> </ul>
<b>London View Management Framework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide detailed guidance on London's strategically important views</li> </ul>
<b>Views &amp; Landmarks – Topic Paper (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justification for the borough designated views and the skyline of strategic importance</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting housing needs</b>	
<b>Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2014)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective assessment of future housing needs (both market and affordable)</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Housing Market Assessment Update (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update to the 2014 assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Accessible Housing Assessment (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justification for 2 lift requirement (refusals for properties with one lift, numbers rehoused from blocks with one lift, case studies)</li> <li>Further information on contributions in lieu amounts and how these contributions will be spent in order to deliver more bespoke accessible homes (via project 120).</li> </ul>
<b>Small Sites Affordable Housing Contributions Topic Paper (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional evidence regarding the need and deliverability of affordable housing contributions from small housing schemes</li> </ul>
<b>Child Yields Calculator (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A tool for estimating population yield from new housing development.</li> </ul>
<b>Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance (GLA, 2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides guidance on a range of strategic issues such as housing supply and density, build to rent developments, student accommodation and viability appraisals.</li> </ul>
<b>Homes for Londoners: Affordable Housing and Viability Supplementary Planning Guidance (GLA, 2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out the threshold approach to viability assessments, detailed guidance on viability</li> <li>assessments and a specific approach to build to rent schemes</li> </ul>
<b>Tower Hamlets Accessible Housing Register Categories - A Wheelchair Standard (2010)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depends on the appointment of consultants to undertake the Affordable Housing Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Gypsies and Travellers Accommodation Assessment (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses the current and future need for gypsy and traveller accommodation</li> </ul>
<b>Guidance for developers and viability testers on London Borough of Tower Hamlets preferred rents (2017)</b>	
<b>Housing Strategy (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out the strategy for improving housing conditions across the borough</li> </ul>
<b>Tower Hamlets Local Plan: Housing Delivery Strategy (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of Tower Hamlets is seeking to maximise housing output and reduce the currently anticipated delivery shortfall against the housing target</li> <li>Update to reflect new five year land supply</li> </ul>
<b>Five Year Housing Land Supply and Housing Trajectory Statement (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out our five-year housing supply position (2017-2022) and 15-year local plan housing trajectory (2016-2031).</li> </ul>
<b>Delivering economic growth</b>	
<b>Employment Land Review (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses the supply and demand balance of employment space in the borough, including future demand and the supply of sites and premises</li> </ul>
<b>Preferred Office Location Boundary Review (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines the extent of the POL (zones A-C)</li> </ul>
<b>Growth Sectors and SMR Workspace Study (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A mapping study of the borough's small business and enterprise economy, with a specific focus on economic growth sectors and the demand for and supply of SME workspace.</li> </ul>
<b>Affordable Workspace Study (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set out the justification for seeking 10% of affordable workspace within major commercial developments and how it will be effectively delivered.</li> <li>Further clarification on how the policy will be applied</li> <li>Ensuring affordable workspace requirements are viable</li> </ul>
<b>Central Activities Zone Supplementary Planning Guidance (GLA, 2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance on the implementation of the CAZ and the north of the Isle of Dogs</li> </ul>
<b>Town Centre Retail Capacity Study (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses the supply and demand balance of retail and commercial leisure space in the borough.</li> <li>Assessment of the performance and vitality of the borough's centres</li> </ul>

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<b>Town Centre Spatial Strategy to 2017 to 2022 (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out our approach in managing our town centres and improving their performance</li> </ul>
<b>Town Centre Designations &amp; Policies Topic Paper (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justification for the proposed designations and thresholds (e.g. hot-food-take-aways)</li> <li>Protection of A1 retail use within town centres</li> </ul>
<b>Retail Impact Assessment Threshold (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justifies the adoption of a locally based threshold above which retail developments will be required to undertake assessment of their impact on the vitality and viability of the borough's existing centres</li> </ul>
<b>Pubs in Tower Hamlets – Evidence Study (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out how additional support to pubs through strengthened planning policies</li> </ul>
<b>Indoor Sports Facilities Strategy (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis of current and future needs for indoor sports facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Managing our waste</b>	
<b>Waste Management Evidence Base (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses the borough's capacity to handle current and projected arisings across all waste streams and London Plan apportionment targets.</li> </ul>
<b>Waste Management Evidence Base Review (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the 2016 evidence and address the capacity of sites to accommodate waste &amp; provide evidence regarding agricultural waste, hazardous waste and waste water</li> </ul>
<b>Enhancing open spaces and water spaces</b>	
<b>Open Space Strategy (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantitative and qualitative assessment of the borough's publicly accessible open spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Playing Pitches Assessment (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A supply and demand assessment of playing pitch facilities in accordance with Sport England's Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance</li> </ul>
<b>Playing Pitches Action Plan (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set out the locations where specific types of playing pitches will be prioritised</li> <li>Translates the findings of the Tower Hamlets Playing Pitch Assessment into an action plan</li> </ul>
<b>Green Grid Strategy Update (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualitative and quantitative assessment of the borough's green grid network and identifies/recommends interventions and new projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Water Space Study (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualitative assessment of the borough's water spaces</li> </ul>
<b>Thames Strategy East (Thames Estuary Partnership, 2008)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a detailed appraisal of the stretch of the River Thames running through the borough.</li> </ul>
<b>Thames Vision Project (Port of London Authority, 2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out the collective ambition for the development of the River Thames over the next 20 years</li> </ul>
<b>Thames Estuary 2100 Plan (Environment Agency, 2012)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out recommendation on how tidal flood risk should be managed to the end of the century and beyond and the actions that need to be taken in the short, medium and long term</li> </ul>
<b>Lea River Park Primer (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance to inform the development of the Lea River Park</li> </ul>
<b>Lea River Park Design Manual (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accompanying design guide</li> </ul>
<b>Protecting and managing our environment</b>	
<b>Local Biodiversity Plan (2014)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets priorities and targets for conservation of species and habitats across the borough, and provides details of what actions we will undertake to achieve these targets</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of the borough's strategic flood risk and identified development sites to ensure that allocations pass the sequential and exceptions tests.</li> </ul>
<b>The London Borough of Tower Hamlets: London Heat Map Study (2011)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maps showing areas of highest heat demand and the locations of existing district heating/energy networks.</li> <li>Identifies potential areas for the development of further networks</li> </ul>
<b>Strategy for the Identification of Contaminated Land (2013)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategy for the inspection of land within the borough to determine the presence of any contaminated land</li> </ul>
<b>Carbon Policy Evidence Base (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To compare the cost of the GLA's zero carbon policy (which requires 35% reduction onsite) and the Tower Hamlets current zero carbon policy (which requires 45% reduction onsite)</li> </ul>
<b>Carbon Offset Fund Study (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigates how a carbon offset fund could help new development comply with planning policies and fund carbon saving projects near or off site</li> </ul>
<b>Review of Sites of Nature Conservation Importance in Tower Hamlets (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of existing SINC's</li> <li>Ensure the revised Policies Map includes up-to-date SINC's.</li> </ul>
<b>Air Quality Action Plan (2017-22)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted in late 2017 – replaces the consultation version</li> </ul>
<b>Connectivity and travel choice</b>	
<b>Strategic Transport Assessment (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyses the current and committed provision of transport and determine its capacity to support the projected number of new homes and jobs in the borough.</li> </ul>
<b>Parking and Freight Study (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assesses the impact of parking standards to ensure that growth does not have an unduly detrimental impact on the safe and efficient operation of the highway network and local air quality</li> </ul>
<b>Tower Hamlets – a Cycling Borough (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sets out our plans and aspirations for cycling to 2025</li> </ul>
<b>Site Selection Methodology Report (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Viability of the sites and the timing and phasing of anticipated delivery (parts of which will feed into the Spatial Assessment Need for Schools)</li> <li>More detailed explanation of the reasons for choosing sites and rejecting alternatives</li> <li>Greater certainty over the timing and phasing of development especially in relation to infrastructure provision</li> </ul>

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<b>Site Allocations - Sequential and Exceptions Tests (2017)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets out the sequential and exception tests for the allocated sites</li> </ul>
<b>Site Allocations – Heritage Assessment (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates how the historic environment has been considered in the site allocation methodology and selection process.</li> <li>• Refer to the archaeology assessment</li> <li>• Assesses the likely impact on heritage assets and how any harm can be mitigated where relevant</li> </ul>
<b>Whitechapel Masterplan Vision Supplementary Planning Document (2013)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets out a framework to guide new development within the Whitechapel area up to 2028</li> </ul>
<b>South Quay Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (2015)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets out a framework to guide new development within the South Quay area up to 2025</li> </ul>
<b>Ailsa Street Development Framework (2016)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets out a framework to guide new development within the Ailsa Street up to 2025</li> </ul>
<b>Fish Island Area Action Plan (2015)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets out a framework to guide the regeneration and future development of Fish Island to 2025</li> </ul>
<b>Spatial Assessment for Schools (2018)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims to further supports the approach taken to allocating schools and determining their location across the borough.</li> </ul>