London Legacy Development Corporation Local Plan and London Borough of Hackney Local Plan 2033

Statement of Common Ground

1.1 The following is the Statement of Common Ground between the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) and Hackney Council. This statement applies to the review of LLDC and Hackney’s Local Plans and sets out details of the cooperation between the two boroughs throughout the development of the respective Local Plans.

1.2 Hackney submitted its Local Plan 2033 to the Planning Inspectorate on the 23rd January 2019 under the transitional arrangements. It is expected that an examination in public will be undertaken in the summer of 2019. The LLDC consulted on the Publication draft Revised Local Plan (regulation 19) between November and December 2018.

Written Description of the LLDC and Hackney Council’s Local Plans and Maps

1.3 The LLDC and Hackney Local Plans are the statutory Local Plans for the areas identified on Maps 1 and 2 in this Statement. The LLDC area includes part of four boroughs (LB Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest) as identified on Map 1. Hackney’s Proposed Submission Local Plan 2033, Map 2 covers the London borough of Hackney, excluding the area in the south east where the LLDC is currently the local planning authority.

1.4 The Local Plans, sets out the overall strategy for the development of their respective areas for the period to 2033 (Hackney) and 2036 (LLDC), including a series of strategic policies, including site allocations, and other non-strategic policies.

Relevant Planning Authorities

1.5 The relevant local planning authorities for the purpose of this Statement of Common Ground are the LLDC and Hackney Council.
Map 1, LLDC boundary and area of relevance to this Statement of Common Ground
Map 2 London Borough of Hackney and area of Relevance to this Statement of Common Ground
Key strategic matters

1.6 The key strategic matters that both Local Plans addresses are as follows, identifying where there are specific areas of joint working or cooperation:

1.6.1 Many of the strategic matters and key issues to be addressed through compliance with the duty to co-operate are, in London, a matter for the London Plan or are otherwise addressed through the preparation of the London Plan. The London Plan is part of the development plan for planning authorities in London.

1.6.2 Hackney and LLDC officers have an ongoing and close relationship with GLA officers and attend regular meetings to discuss strategic matters affecting our areas and London. This is to ensure that policies are in conformity with those in the London Plan 2016 and the draft new London Plan.

1.6.3 Housing - Hackney Council and the LLDC have both collaboratively with the GLA though the Strategic Land Availability Assessment and new London Plan to set housing targets of 1,330 per annum and 2,161 per annum respectively.

1.6.4 The table below shows the proportion of housing delivery within Hackney against its latest objectively assessed needs contained within borough Strategic Housing Market Assessments (SHMA). The table also shows the Legacy Corporation's housing capacity assigned to borough to demonstrate capacity against the borough-level Objectively Assessed Need (OAN). The LLDC Local Plan seeks to deliver an annualised target of 162 units per annum within the London borough of Hackney, which when added to the 1330 target in the remaining part of the borough will ensure delivery of 1492 units in the London borough of Hackney as a whole.

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<th>Planning Authority</th>
<th>OAN (year)</th>
<th>New LP33 and Draft London Plan housing target (annualised average) (Borough Planning Area only)</th>
<th>LLDC housing capacity assigned to boroughs (annualised average) (Whole borough, including LLDC part)</th>
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<td>London Borough of Hackney</td>
<td>1,758 (2018)</td>
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1.6.5 Economic Growth – providing a focus for economic growth through the safeguarding of industrial and other employment floorspace capacity, upgrading of Hackney Central from a district to a major centre, which will complement the further development of Stratford as a Metropolitan Centre with potential to become an international centre and the promotion and development of employment hubs such as the Hackney and Fish Island Creative Enterprise Zone and neighbourhood centre at Hackney Wick.
1.6.6 **Culture and Education** - Working on the Hackney Wick and Fish Island Cultural Enterprise Zone proposals and through promotion of the development of cultural business and community cultural opportunities associated with these initiatives.

1.6.7 **Infrastructure planning and delivery** – working with partners in the delivery of key aspects infrastructure, including transport projects, identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The revised draft of the LLDC IDP Project List (October 2018) has been developed reflecting the cooperation between the planning authorities and other relevant entities to date and is to be kept under review to ensure that any changes in circumstances are reflected in a final version which will be agreed by the LLDC Board and then reviewed and updated annually. Both local authorities will continue to work together planning for infrastructure through regular updates to their IDPs.

1.6.8 **Waste** – working closely with the boroughs on matters of waste planning, in particular as reflected in the Waste MoU between LLDC and North London Waste Plan boroughs and the MoU between LLDC and Hackney Council (each of these is appended to the accompanying ‘Duty to Cooperate Background Paper, October 2018’). The MoU’s set out the approach to cooperation on waste and specific sites or areas of search within respective Local Plans.

1.6.9 **Gypsies and Travellers** – agreed regular monitoring and review of need and provision through the Planning Policy Forum and specific cooperation with Hackney Council to progress delivery of the Local Plan Bartrip Street site allocation (SA1.7). The development of the site will contribute to meeting identified need arising from Hackney for gypsy and traveller accommodation.

1.6.10 **Environmental sustainability and green/blue grid** – working with partners, including Hackney Council, in addressing and/or mitigating key cross boundary environmental issues including air quality and flood risk, through sharing of evidence and co-operation on any relevant projects. Improving access to and use of green and blue infrastructure, acknowledging the key regional role of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

1.7 **Detailed information on key issues.** Detail information on the above issues are provided in LLDC’s ‘Duty to Cooperate Background Paper’, October 2018 and Hackney’s Duty to Cooperate Statement, January 2019. Several other relevant background papers have also been prepared that detailed background information on these issues. Key papers are:

- Housing Background Paper, LLDC, October 2018
- Developing Business Growth, Jobs and Training’ Background Paper, LLDC, October 2018
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Draft Projects List LLDC, October 2018
- Built and Natural Environment Background Paper, October 2018
- Duty to Cooperate Background Paper, October 2018
• Evidence to support the Hackney Local Plan: Hackney Local Plan 2033 examination.

1.8 Governance arrangements. Decision making for the LLDC as Local Planning Authority is through its Planning Decisions Committee for non-delegated planning applications and by decision of the LLDC Board for planning policy matters. The Planning Decisions Committee also provides formal comment on any key planning policy documents prior to any decision by the Board. Each of the four boroughs is represented on the LLDC Board by its Mayor, Leader or their delegate. The LLDC Planning Decisions Committee includes at least one elected Member from each of the Four Boroughs. For other governance matters, a general MoU has been signed by each of the Four Boroughs and the LLDC as a Local Planning Authority. This sets out the detailed day to day arrangements in place between the LLDC as Local Planning Authority and the Four Boroughs. The Planning Policy Forum, as identified in that MoU, provides a forum for coordination and cooperation on planning policy matters, including the Local Plan review and meets once every six weeks unless otherwise agreed.

Statement of agreement to Statement of Common Ground (Agreement on key strategic matters)

The signatories confirm that they agree on behalf of each relevant Local Planning Authority named that this Statement of Common Ground represents an accurate position on the matters identified in this statement at the date on which this agreement is signed.

On behalf of the London Legacy Development Corporation

Signature

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Date 05.03.19

On behalf of London Borough of Hackney

Signature

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Date 12.3.19