

REGENERATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 23 FEBRUARY 2023

- Lack of support for the Park's local relevance and the strategic importance of the Velopark;
- Policies on tall buildings and the need to ensure these are both set back from and down towards the Park;
- Clarity needed in policy for sporting and cultural venues such as the Velopark and Three Mills, we would like to see the same recognition for these areas as we have in the London Legacy Development Corporation's Local Plan; and
- Three neighbourhoods sit close to the Park or include areas of the Park, with site allocations against our boundary which could have impacts upon the Park.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Planning for an excellent letter which covered everything appropriate and steered the London Borough of Newham towards more recognition of the Park. The Vice Chairman added that the response was also consistent with our response to both other Local Plans and developments elsewhere in the Park.

The Vice Chairman suggested expanding on the comments regarding the 15 minute neighbourhoods and whether they might be incompatible with biodiversity in the Park.

A Member suggested that there should be both a commitment and framework within the Local Plan to safeguard the banks of the River Thames and River Lea along with improving connectivity of links between Three Mills, Bow Creek and East India Dock Basin as developments happen. The Head of Planning stated that she would create a new section in the letter that reflects this.

The Chairman raised concern over the potential for tall buildings surrounding Three Mills Island and the Gas Holders site. The Head of Planning stated that the Local Plan does acknowledge the need to protect these sites.

The Chairman agreed that he should write to the Mayor of Newham in order to gain support for the points we have made in the letter along with encouraging our Member from Newham to help to support us.

The Chairman noted that we have had several Local Plans from various boroughs come to this Committee recently and wondered whether we should consider looking once again at our Park Development Framework to ensure it is up to date. The Deputy Chief Executive stated that this is something that we will look at in the next couple of years.

- (1) the comments as set out in Appendix A to Paper RP/68/23 as the Authority's formal response to the consultation by London Borough of Newham on the draft Local Plan Regulation 18 document were approved with the following amendment:**
 - (a) a new section be added to the letter which asks the London Borough of Newham to provide a framework within their Local Plan to safeguard the banks of the Rivers Thames and Lea and to improve connectivity links as developments happen.**

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Chairman

Date

The meeting started at am and ended at pm.