LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

REGENERATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES 14 DECEMBER 2023

Members Present:	David Andrews (Chairman) Chris Kennedy (Vice Chairman) Ken Ayling John Bevan	Heather Johnson Graham McAndrew Gordon Nicholson Paul Osborn

Apologies Received From: David Gardner, Calvin Horner

In Attendance: Susan Barker

Officers Present:	Claire Martin	- Head of Planning
	Beryl Foster	- Deputy Chief Executive
	Jon Carney	- Corporate Director
	Julie Smith	- Head of Legal
	Lindsey Johnson	- Committee Services Officer

Part I

203 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

204 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the Minutes of the Regeneration & Planning Committee meeting held on 23 November 2023 be approved and signed.

205 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

206 LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS DRAFT LOCAL Paper RP/77/23 PLAN REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

The report was introduced by the Head of Planning, who informed Members that this Local Plan will guide development in London Borough of Tower Hamlets until 2038. Generally this Local Plan supports the Park Development Framework, however additional references to the Regional Park are sought in respect of the development principals set out for three site allocationslocated close to the Park boundary.

A Member who was unable to attend the meeting had sent a note suggesting a possible crossing between East India Dock Basin and Bow Creek. The Head of Planning responded stating that the Local Plan does mention a connector bridge under the A13, she would speak with officers at London Borough of Tower Hamlets to find out more details.

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A Member expressed the importance that our aspirations for East India Dock Basin are built into the Local Plan as it would make requests for CIL monies easier to obtain. The Head of Planning stated that she could add more regarding this into the 'Vision and Objectives' part of the letter. The Chairman noted on page 15 of the letter that it mentioned that the heritage of the site should be 'protected, enhanced and improved.

A Member cautioned that it was important to make our open spaces more accessible prior to new adjacent developments being occupied, because once people are living close by, the space becomes theirs and this makes it uncomfortable for other people to visit. New developments must not detract from our open spaces being regional. Another Member added that the addition of tall buildings should not be to the detriment of the Park, but improve it both in terms of accessibility and sustainability and there should be an aspiration to not make it worse.

- (1) the comments as set out in Appendix A to Paper RP/77/23 as the Authority's formal response to the consultation by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on the draft Local Plan Regulation 18 document with the following amendment:
 - (a) delegation to the Head of Planning and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Regeneration and Planning Committee to amend the letter in regards to connectivity and aspirations regarding East India Dock Basin was approved.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 12.40pm and ended at 1pm.