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East London Boroughs response to ID01 Inspectors’ Preliminary Questions

Main modifications

Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 gives examining Inspectors the power to make main modifications that would be necessary to remedy legal compliance or soundness shortcomings of plans. However, Inspectors are only able to recommend main modifications if councils request them to do so. The Boroughs’ submission letter does not make such a request. Consequently, if you want us to make any necessary main modifications to the Plan, please could you include your formal request for us to do so in your response to this letter.

- 1.1 Our delegated authority agreed via our respective Full Council decisions delegates the authorities, in consultation with relevant directors and portfolio leads, to make a formal request of the Planning Inspector at an appropriate point during the Examination of the Local Plan to recommend modifications to the Plan to make it sound and legally compliant in accordance with section 20 (7c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.
- 1.2 Accordingly, the East London Boroughs would formally request the appointed Inspectors to make any necessary main modifications to the Plan; however, please note that any significant modifications drafted or requested during the examination will require officer level consultation with relevant Directors and/or Portfolio Leads as necessary.

National Planning Policy Framework

The latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework (the Framework) published in December 2024 sets out transitional arrangements relevant to the examination of Plans in its Annex 1. In your response to this letter, we would appreciate your view as to whether any of the transitional arrangements applies and if so, which previous version of the Framework would be relevant to the examination. You should provide clear reasons for your view with reference to Annex 1 of the December 2024 Framework.

- 1.3 We do not consider the transitional arrangements set out in Annex 1 of the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024) apply to the examination of this plan. This is because consultation on the Regulation 19 version of the plan took place following 12 March 2025. The relevant version of the National Planning Policy Framework against which the plan should be examined is the version published in December 2024.