



London Boroughs of Newham, Barking and
Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge

East London Joint Waste Plan

Our Ref: CD14

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Dear Louise Gibbons,

Re: Response to PINS letter dated 08 January 2026 (PINS/G5750/429/12)

Thank you for your response to our Pre-examination checklist. This letter is a response to the matters set out in the letter referenced above.

Duty to cooperate and statements of common ground [CR1]

The East London Boroughs can confirm that the SoCG with ELWA [SD30] has been signed and is ready to submit alongside the East London Joint Waste Plan (ELJWP) and supporting documents.

The SoCG with Oxfordshire [SD29] has been agreed and is currently going through sign-off procedures. The SoCG with Tower Hamlets [SD28] is in final draft and is with Tower Hamlets to confirm and then progress for signature. These SoCGs will be made available on the examination webpage in the next few days.

Our SoCG with the GLA [SD27] has been drafted and is now going through formal sign-off procedures at the GLA. While the SoCG has been agreed in principle at an officer level, the GLA's lead-in times for governance and approval mean that the SoCG has not yet been signed. Signature is likely to take 1-2 weeks. The GLA are aware that the Plan is being submitted.

We have been pushing to progress these SoCGs consistently throughout January, and delayed submission by two weeks to accommodate this. However, we are keen not to further delay submission of the Plan and are confident the SoCGs will be finalised soon.

We have also produced an 'Update statement for submission' [CD10] to update the Duty to Cooperate Statement [CD09] on the current position of the SoCGs.

Regulation 22 Consultation Statement [CR2]

All modifications proposed in CD11 and referred to in CD07 and CD08 are minor modifications. While these are being suggested to the Inspector to address representations made during the Regulation 19 consultation, it is the East London Borough's view that these modifications are not essential to make the ELJWP sound. These have been included for completeness. We understand the Inspector will not consider these when reviewing the Plan.

Strategic Policies [CR3]

We have produced a note on Strategic Policies in the ELJWP [Ref: CD15] in response to your request.

Lastly, the East London Boroughs can confirm the following documents will be made available on the examination website.

- The completed checklist sent by the East London Boroughs on 19th December 2025 [Ref: CD12]
- PINS letter dated 08 January 2026 (PINS/G5750/429/12) [Our Ref: CD13]
- This letter [Ref: CD14]

Kind regards,

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