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Dear Planning Policy Team,

East London Joint Waste Plan Regulation 19 Submission Plan

Thank you for your consultation on the above document.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process, and as such we welcome the opportunity to input into planning policy related matters to ensure that our waterways are protected, safeguarded and enhanced within an appropriate policy framework.

Within the plan boundary, the Trust own and manage the River Lee Navigation, the Bow Back Rivers (Waterworks River, City Mill River, St Thomas Creek, The Prescott Channel, and part of the Old River Lea), as well as being Navigation Authority for Bow Creek. In accordance with London Plan Policy SI 15, the Trust would support the use of waterborne freight to and from the waste sites identified adjacent to Bow Creek, subject to appropriate assessment of each proposal, to be considered on its merits. A previous study on London's waterways demonstrated the benefits of moving waste by water: <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2005/november/congestionbusting-canals>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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