

**LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

**REGENERATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
9 NOVEMBER 2017**

Members Present: David Andrews (Chairman) Valerie Metcalfe  
Chris Kennedy (Vice Chairman) Paul Osborn  
John Bevan (Deputy for Peray Ahmet) Mary Sartin  
Christine Hamilton Paul Seeby (Deputy for Gordon Nicholson)

Apologies Received From: Peray Ahmet, Denise Jones, Gordon Nicholson, Syd Stavrou

In Attendance: Heather Johnson

Officers Present: Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships  
Beryl Foster - Assistant Director of Legal & Property  
Lindsey Johnson - Committee Services Officer

Part I

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**THAT the Minutes of the Regeneration & Planning Committee meeting held on 21 September 2017 be approved and signed.**

12 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

Chris Kennedy arrived during the next item.

13 GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – BUILDING THE RIGHT HOMES IN THE RIGHT PLACES Paper RP/07/17

The Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships introduced the report, explaining to Members that whilst we are unable to engage in debate on this issue because we are neither a housing or planning authority, officers felt it was important to bring this to Members attention, as the decisions made will impact on the Park.

A Member asked if it was possible to have a percentage for each borough detailing how much land is in the Green Belt and owned by the Authority, the Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships said that he would look into this.

Members commented on the pressures local authorities have in regard to finding land for housing, as local authorities such as Epping Forest have 94% of their land in the Green Belt, which the government has stated cannot be used for housing. In recent years new housing

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has gone on land with previous industrial and employment uses, which the government are now saying cannot be used for housing.

**(1) the contents of the report were noted.**

- 14 CONSULTATION BY THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS ON ITS DRAFT (REGULATION 19) LOCAL PLAN Paper RP/08/17

The Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships introduced the report stating that East India Dock Basin is the only piece of public open space in the borough and he would be adding an extra paragraph to the letter with reference to getting CIL funding to help maintain this piece of land.

The Chairman suggested making reference to the Canal & River Trust in regards to the towpaths in the borough, pointing out that whilst we don't own the towpaths, they are of interest to us.

A Member stated that when there is an open space deficiency, then remaining open space needs to be of the highest quality.

Members agreed that it was important for the borough to find more ways to address its open space deficiencies and find areas where they can make direct interventions.

**(1) the draft comments included in Appendix A to Paper RP/08/17 were approved with the following amendment:**

**(a) reference to getting CIL funding for East India Dock Basin be added to the letter.**

- 15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked Cllr Seeby to pass on the Authorities best wishes and hopes of a speedy recovery to Cllr Nicholson, following his recent illness.

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Chairman

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Date

The meeting started at 11.30am and ended at 12.10pm.