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Dear Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Regulation 14 Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, Isle of Dogs, London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Thank you for consulting Historic England in respect of the proposed Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Plan.

The Government through the Localism Act (2011) and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) has enabled local communities to take a more pro-active role in influencing how their neighbourhood is managed. The Regulations require Historic England, as a statutory agency, be consulted on Neighbourhood Plan where the Neighbourhood Forum or Parish Council consider our interest to be affected by the Plan. As Historic England remit is advice on proposals affecting the historic environment our comments relate to the implications of the proposed boundary for designated and undesignated heritage assets.

The consultation is for a "Quick" Neighbourhood Plan. This clearly sets out to address immediate concerns and to ensure that the unprecedented growth planned for the area is beneficial for the local community, while seeking to mitigate the harmful impacts of extensive construction. The Plan does not at this stage set out to specifically address the heritage impacts.

The area covered by the proposed Neighbourhood Plan is substantial and contains a number of heritage assets incl. c. 17 listed structures, 1 scheduled monument, three conservation areas (1 partial), 1 registered park and garden, and is within the setting of the Greenwich World Heritage Site. As one of the key elements of sustainable development identified in the National Planning Policy Framework it will be necessary to consider how these may be affected by the proposed policies. In the event of the Plan being taken forward we would encourage the Forum to consider developing clear and robust heritage policies to support the targeted environmental concerns and opportunities and to consider how these might be addressed in the "Quick" Plan. This may incorporate reliance on existing national and local policy to address impacts with further development in a "long" plan. However it would be helpful to clarify the



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approach and to seek advice from the local authority in ensuring that the environmental impacts are appropriately identified and mitigation addressed.

In respect of the full Plan, Historic England is keen to encourage the opportunity to review the local evidence base (conservation area appraisals, local lists of heritage assets, etc.) and promote policies for the positive management of heritage assets as part of the Neighbourhood Planning Process. In developing a robust evidence base, upon which to develop policies which sustain and enhance the positive elements of local character, and their settings, we would encourage the Neighbourhood Forum to identify those areas of which require updating or further analysis. To help identify describe local character and identifying the value and significance of the historic elements of the plan area you may find it helpful to look at Historic England's Historic Environment Local Management (HELM) advice. This includes guidance on local character and communities and "place check" a tool for communities to undertake a qualitative assessment of their local area.

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>

We would also suggest consulting the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service, Heritage Environment Record as a primary resource for the identification of heritage assets (glher@historicengland.org.uk). The HER should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes.

In the event of agreement to the designate the proposed boundary and Neighbourhood Forum, we would be happy to comment further on the developing plan. If you wish to discuss any of the above observations please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, it must be noted that this advice is based on the information provided by you and for the avoidance of doubt does not reflect our obligation to advise you on, and potentially object to, any specific development proposal which may subsequently relate to this or later versions of the Guidance, Appraisals and Management Plans, and which may have adverse effects on the environment.

Yours sincerely



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