

Waltham Forest

Priority SPDs Summer 2023 Public Consultation Report

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Consultation drop in event Summer 2023 at Fellowship Square

Executive Summary

This report relates to the six priority Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) being prepared by the Place and Design team at Waltham Forest Council.

The report details the combined public consultation undertaken in Summer 2023 for these six SPDs and the outcomes of the consultation.

These SPD topics, which are shown below, cover key themes and will incorporate comprehensive guidance to support the implementation of the strategic policies set out in the newly adopted Waltham Forest Local Plan. They will inform future development in the Borough and facilitate the efficient delivery of infrastructure projects.

The public consultation took place between the **12th June and 6th August 2023**. It incorporated an interactive website and survey, a range of drop-in events across the Borough and a combination of open and invited workshops aimed at reaching as many residents as possible.

This report includes a comprehensive summary of the engagement methods used in the consultation, the range of residents who were engaged and the key findings from the consultation for each SPD. It also identifies key learning for future public consultations.



**Exemplar
Design SPD**



**Green and
Blue Spaces
SPD**



**Retrofit &
Residential
Extensions SPD**



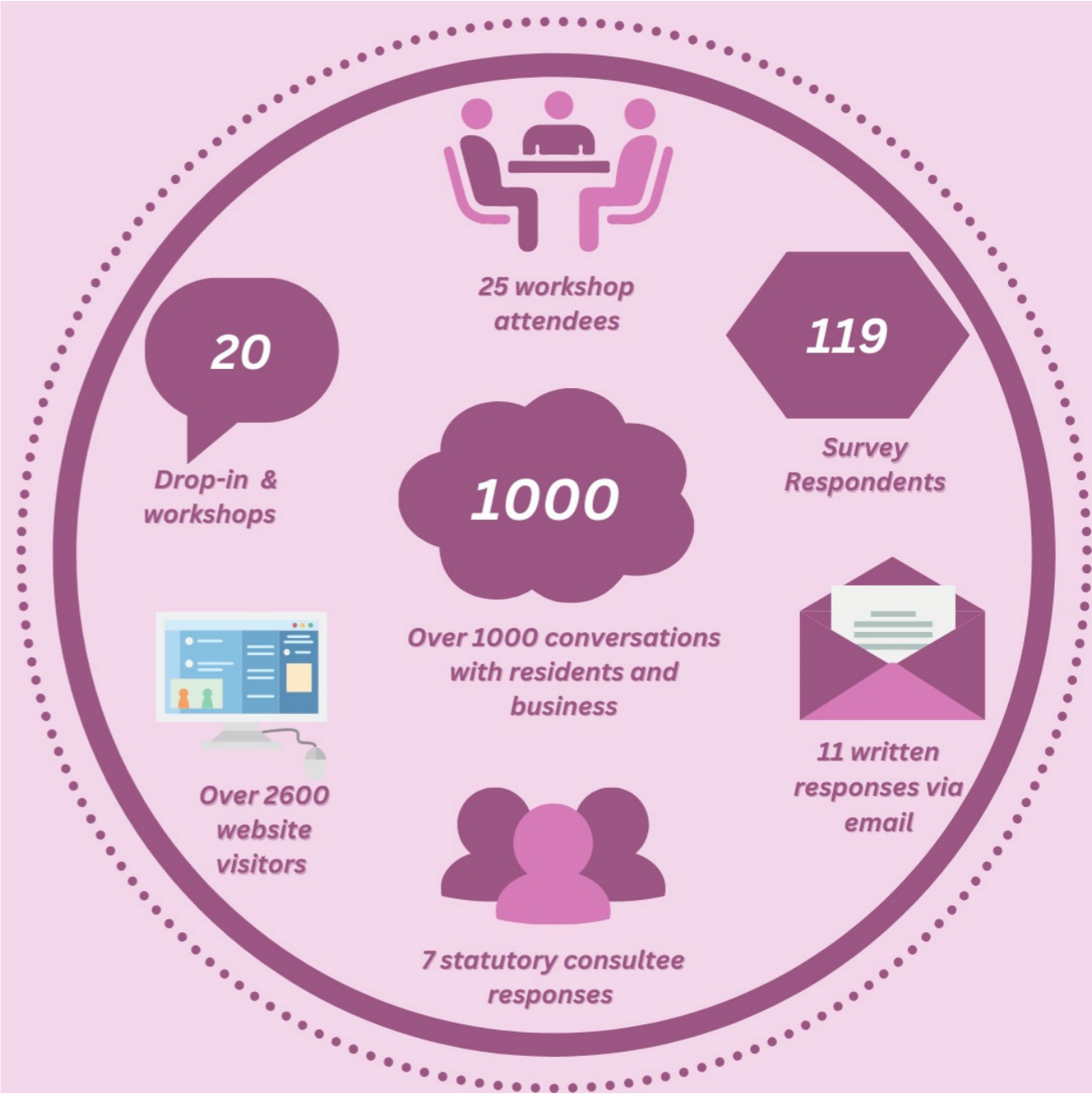
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Intensification
SPD**



**Developer
Contributions
SPD**



**Leyton Mills
SPD**



High level engagement figures for the priority SPDs Summer 2023 public consultation

1 Introduction

There are exciting changes planned for the Borough over the next few years and the Council is preparing six priority Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to provide important guidance to help to deliver them.

These new planning guidance documents will support the adopted Waltham Forest Local Plan, which sets out a 15-year vision and framework for the future development of the Borough. It is the main document that is used for making decisions on planning applications within the borough.

1.1 Local Plan

The Local Plan shows how we can meet the need for new homes whilst also securing high quality exemplar design, protecting and enhancing the character of local areas, providing new and improved green spaces and public realm, responding to the Climate Emergency, improving air quality and significantly reducing flood risk, creating safer accessible spaces, maximising the number of local jobs and employment space, reducing inequality and delivering a whole range of community infrastructure.

The new Local Plan is in two parts. Local Plan Part 1 (LP1) establishes the borough-wide spatial strategy, with 17 Strategic Locations identified as the most sustainable locations for inclusive, planned growth – each with its own development principles and assessment of existing and planned infrastructure.

Local Plan Part 2 (LP2) is a Site Allocations document. It complements the spatial vision and Strategic Locations set out in LP1 by allocating specific sites for redevelopment to meet the Borough's needs, and sets clear expectations for the type of development and quality of design expected on each site. The draft version is expected to be published for consultation in Summer 2024.

1.2 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

These are documents which provide additional guidance on the implementation of policies from the Local Plan, and are used to help make planning decisions. Waltham Forest Council is producing a suite of priority SPDs to deliver on the Local Plan aims for a greener, safer, prosperous and inclusive Borough for all residents. These documents are intended to be engaging and accessible for all those who use them.

1.3 The priority SPDs

The six priority SPDs support key policies within Local Plan 1. These six thematic and area specific SPDs are intended to become adopted planning guidance.



Exemplar Design

The Exemplar Design SPD will help to ensure that forthcoming proposals promote inclusive neighbourhoods, enhance community safety and respond to the Climate Emergency.



Green & Blue Spaces

The SPD will look at ways to protect and enhance the diverse green and blue spaces that already exist in the Borough, as well as how to create and connect attractive new spaces.

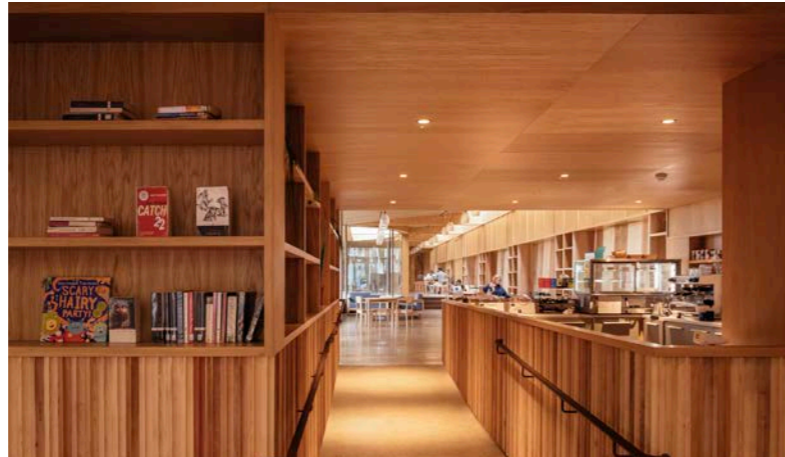


Industrial Intensification

This SPD will set out how the Borough's industrial areas can make the most efficient use of available land securing the future and quality of our industrial estates.

Developer Contributions

This SPD will replace the Borough's existing Planning Obligations SPD and clarify how developers contribute to the cost of needed infrastructure and other public benefits for the whole community, as part of the planning process.



Retrofit & Residential Extensions

The SPD will provide advice for extending or altering the home, including how to make it more energy efficient. The document aims to make the process of making beneficial home alterations as simple as possible.



Leyton Mills

This document will ensure that development that comes forward in and around the new Leyton Mills neighbourhood is coordinated, sustainable and high quality. The SPD will be informed by the existing Leyton Mills framework.

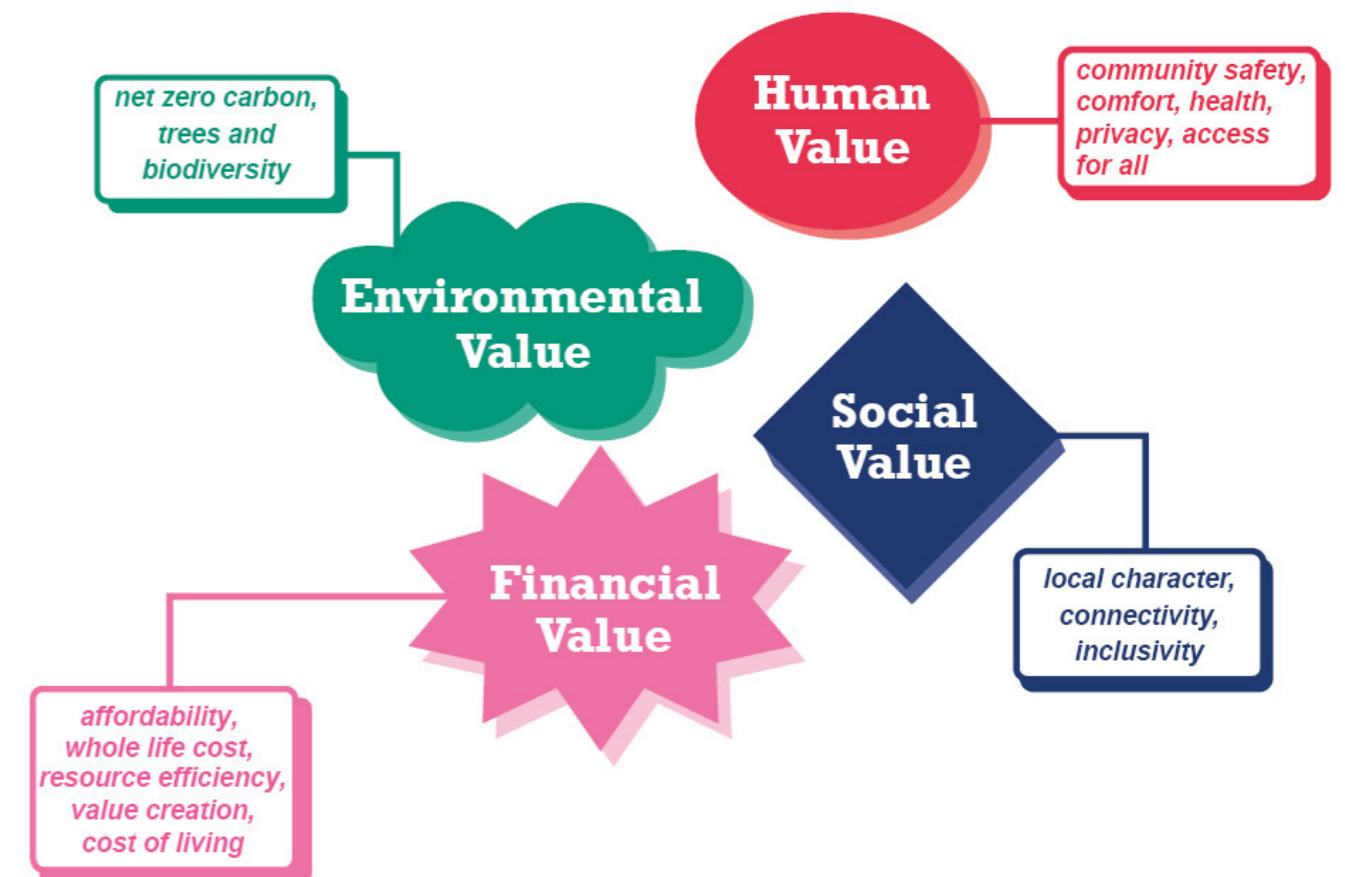


1.4 Exemplar Design

The council is developing a unique Exemplar Design approach. This will ensure that new buildings and places in the Borough look great and also fully consider the needs of all the people who will use them – like making sure they are safe and inclusive to all, support the delivery of connected neighbourhoods and help us address the Climate Emergency.

To ensure this, all the SPDs will address the following four principles of exemplar design:

- Human value
- Social value
- Environmental value
- Financial value



2 The Consultation

The aim of the Summer 2023 public consultation was to present the six priority SPDs to the Borough's communities and seek early feedback.

The decision was made to conduct a combined early consultation on all six priority SPDs at the same time. Though this would require careful co-ordination and the production of consultation materials related to all six documents, it presented an opportunity to communicate the interconnected nature of the SPD themes.

During this consultation a wide range of people across Waltham Forest were asked to share their views on the early guiding principles and ideas for the SPDs and the topics they cover. All feedback was recorded in order for it to be incorporated into the SPDs as they continue to evolve and be refined.

A variety of engagement methods were used to engage with as broad a range of residents as possible. Methods included an online survey, drop-in events and workshops. The consultation was advertised on the Council's web platform 'Let's Talk', the Council's public website, on specifically produced postcards and posters displayed in libraries and other public locations across the Borough, on digital kiosks and in the local press. All consultation material was produced 'in-house' by the Place and Design team.

2.1 Consultation objectives

The consultation for the priority SPDs had five main objectives:

- Introduce residents and communities to the themes, topics and key principles of the six priority SPDs at an early stage to establish interest in the documents and enable meaningful contribution to their formulation.
- Produce clear, engaging consultation materials to facilitate interest, understanding and participation.
- Reach as broad a range of residents and stakeholders as possible across the Borough through diverse engagement methods.
- Encourage comprehensive comments and feedback, ensuring that all voices are heard and recorded.
- Identify which aspects of the consultation were successful and where lessons can be learned in order to keep refining and improving how we engage productively with our residents and communities.



Consultation drop in event Summer 2023 at Leytonstone Library

2.2 Community Engagement Tool-kit

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLKIT PLACE & DESIGN TEAM

A Community Engagement Tool-kit was produced in September 2022 in response to recommendations from Waltham Forest Growth Scrutiny Committee. The tool-kit is intended to ensure that Officers take a consistent approach to engagement and continue to put into place the recommendations made. It opens with some of the detailed recommendations made by Growth Scrutiny Committee and a series of key actions to put these into practice. These actions include:

- A 'hybrid' approach to future engagement, incorporating digital and in-person engagement sessions;
- A dedicated approach to engaging young people, and groups who are traditionally less engaged (including those with learning disabilities and private rented sector housing tenants) in future engagement; and
- Ensuring that those who do engage receive feedback whether their comments are taken on board or not.

In preparation for the consultation, the Place and Design team developed an SPD engagement plan drawing on the Community Engagement Tool-kit. The plan was developed to ensure a hybrid approach to consultation, incorporating digital and in-person methods and events and to ensure the involvement of those groups who have been traditionally less engaged. The Engagement Tool-kit has been revised based on the learning from this consultation exercise.

2.3 Engagement with 'less heard from' groups

In our commitment to inclusive community consultation, we have undertaken significant efforts to engage with groups often under-represented in public discourse. This section outlines the strategies employed and the outcomes of our efforts to reach young people, faith groups, people with learning disabilities, and private tenants.

2.3.1 Young People

Recognising the importance of integrating the perspectives of young individuals in our planning processes, we implemented several targeted initiatives:

Young Advisors' Workshops: We conducted workshops focused on Leyton Mills and the other five Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), enabling direct engagement with youth perspectives on local development.

Leyton Sixth Form College Workshop: A workshop tailored to align with the student curriculum on Green and Blue Spaces, facilitating a hands-on approach to learning and feedback on environmental planning.

Eco-action Week Workshop: This event centred on Green and Blue Spaces and the Exemplar Design SPD, encouraging active youth participation in environmental stewardship and design discussions.

2.3.2 People with Learning Disabilities

Efforts to reach out to individuals with learning disabilities included:

Direct Outreach: The Place and Design team attempted to contact relevant groups via phone and email, utilising contacts from

Waltham Forest Adult Learners and Adult Social Care. Despite these efforts, responses were limited.

Survey Participation: Among survey respondents, 15% described being limited "a bit" by health problems or disabilities, while 8% felt limited "a lot."

2.3.3 Private Tenants

Recognising the unique challenges and perspectives of private tenants:

Outreach Attempts: Similar to our approach with people with learning disabilities, we made concerted efforts to engage private tenants through direct contact methods. These attempts unfortunately did not yield significant responses.

Survey Insights: Private tenants comprised 5% of survey respondents, with an additional 3% living in social or affordable housing. These statistics highlight the need for ongoing efforts to better involve these community members in future discussions and planning processes.

2.3.4 Faith Groups

Engagement with faith communities was facilitated through two main avenues:

Drop-in Event at the Holy Trinity Church:

An accessible forum for faith group members to learn about and discuss the SPDs in a familiar setting.

Community Participation Network

Meeting: We presented the SPDs at this meeting, which was attended by approximately 50 individuals, including representatives from various faith groups. This platform provided an opportunity for broad-based dialogue and input from a cross-section of our community.



Workshop session at Leytonstone Library



'Eco-action week' workshop session at Waltham Forest Town Hall



Workshop session Summer 2023 at Leytonstone Library

2.4 Engagement with local community groups

The council engaged with 22 internal and external groups which ranged from social, educational, cultural, and religious groups within the organisation of which there were ten responses.

General feedback was positive and there was particular interest in developer contributions, green spaces, education, general health, and well-being. A variety of visible engagement methods were used to reach out to people for e.g. drop-in high-street stalls, leaving materials in local shops and community spaces. The groups were also directly contacted via email and followed up again by the council. With those groups who had an interest, a presentation with information of the suite of SPDs were presented. The groups that were actively engaged with include the following:

2.4.1 External Groups

- Gangs Unite: Social Action Group
- Healthwatch Waltham Forest
- Violence Against Women and Girls
- Christian Network / VCS and Faith Based Groups
- Friends of Cheney Road Park
- Differently Abled Forum
- Faith and Friendship Group
- Race Equality Network

2.4.2 Internal Groups

- Adult Social Care
- Adult Learning Services
- Climate Action Network
- Public Health
- Waltham Forest Early Help
- Waltham Forest Community Transport
- Waltham Forest Social Prescribing service
- Waltham Forest Dementia Hub
- Waltham Forest Culture Team

2.5 Consultation methods

The Place and Design team implemented a comprehensive communication strategy to maximise outreach to residents through various engagement platforms. By creating a cohesive and recognisable brand identity for the Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and all related materials, the team ensured consistency across online platforms, engagement boards and posters. This unified branding approach facilitated easier identification and access for the community.

Additionally, to foster a seamless integration of physical and digital engagement, QR codes were strategically placed on posters and engagement boards which encouraged residents to visit the “Let’s Talk” online platform and participate in the survey, further enhancing the effectiveness of the outreach efforts and ensuring a wide range of community input.

2.5.1 Let’s Talk platform

The ‘[Let’s Talk](#)’ online platform was used to create a simple hub for information about the SPDs and SPD consultation.

The platform has been designed to be easy to use and visually interesting, with the aim of appealing to a wider audience and increase resident participation.

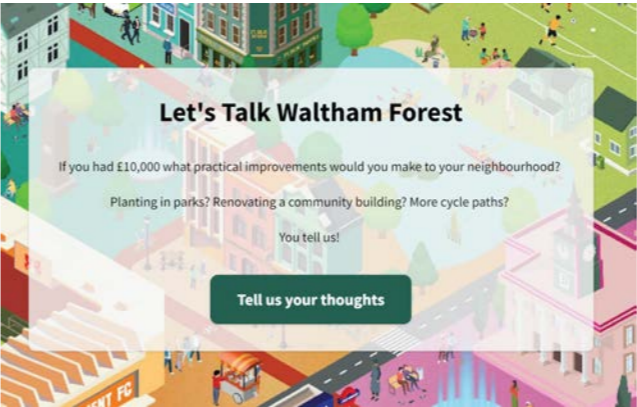
The Let’s Talk page featured a summary and a short online survey for each of the SPDs to be completed by residents.

2.5.2 Online survey

In an effort to ensure comprehensive community engagement and input, six distinct online surveys were meticulously designed, each correlating with a specific Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Each survey comprised four targeted questions, carefully constructed to introduce the overarching theme of the respective SPD and outline the key topics slated for detailed exploration within the document.

Crucially, each survey incorporated an open-ended question that granted local residents the latitude to articulate detailed feedback, personal insights, and constructive suggestions regarding the SPDs’ thematic content.



Online Engagement Platform “Lets Talk”

2.5.3 Drop-in sessions

A range of drop-in sessions were held at 12 locations across the Borough, to provide visibility of the consultation to a wide audience. To enhance the interactive aspect of the drop-in events, specialised engagement boards were conceptualised and designed in-house by the Place and Design team. Each board was tailored to reflect specific themes and topics of the respective SPD, featuring compelling visuals, key points, and pertinent questions that invited reflection and feedback. Recognising the logistical demands of disseminating these boards, we enlisted the services of Zed Bike, they offer fast and efficient delivery services using bicycles or cycles, renowned for their eco-conscious operational methods. They were commissioned to deliver the boards to various drop-in venues across the borough. These drop-in events were also used to help to encourage people to respond to the online survey. Two online drop-in sessions also took place.



Drop-in event at Fellowship Square



Drop-in event at Wood Street



In person drop-in event at Lea Bridge



Workshop with the Young Advisors

2.5.4 Sign up workshops

Workshops were held in different areas of the Borough to encourage residents to come along and talk more in-depth about some of the topics they were most interested in.

For those that could not make to one of these workshops in person, two online workshops were also held.

2.5.5 Workshops with young people

Three workshops with young people were held. These included the Borough's Young Advisors, a group of students from Leyton Sixth Form College and a group of young people taking part in eco-action week.



Workshop set up at Leytonstone Library

2.6 Promoting the consultation

2.6.1 Posters and postcards

To amplify public awareness and participation during the consultation period, the Place and Design team creatively spearheaded the design of attractive posters and postcards incorporating QR codes for seamless digital access. A total of 100 posters and 1,500 postcards were produced, each crafted to capture attention and instantly relay the message of the ongoing consultation. These materials prominently advertised the “Let’s Talk” platform, inviting community members to take the survey online about the borough’s future. Strategically, the team embarked on a widespread distribution campaign, capitalising on high-traffic public spaces across the borough. The larger posters were displayed on public notice boards and the smaller handouts were directly distributed to residents and strategically left in communal places like libraries, thus ensuring a broader reach.

A digital version of the poster was displayed on the Borough’s digital kiosks. Those already registered on our database, were emailed regarding the consultation and a range of community groups were also contacted directly.

2.6.2 Social media

Social media was used to try to engage a wider audience in the consultation and increase its reach. Posts promoting the SPD consultation, with information on how to respond and upcoming events, were shared on the Council’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. A paid for Facebook advert was also used to further promote the consultation.

2.6.3 Newspaper

In order to broaden outreach and ensure comprehensive community engagement, a half-page advertisement was placed in the Waltham Forest Guardian, a key local publication with extensive reach across the borough. This initiative was instrumental in leveraging the newspaper’s widespread distribution to all households, thereby capturing the attention of a diverse demographic, from long-standing residents to newcomers in the community.

2.6.4 Newsletters

A number of digital Newsletters were also used to promote the SPD consultation event

- Connecting Communities Newsletter sent on Tue 27/06/2023 to almost 800 recipients.
- Leyton and Lea Bridge e-newsletter to 3,440 recipients.
- Residents’ News (175k subscribers)
- Have your say e-newsletter 9,570 recipients.
- Leyton and Lea Bridge e-newsletter to 3,457 recipients.



Postcard specifically designed for SPD consultation

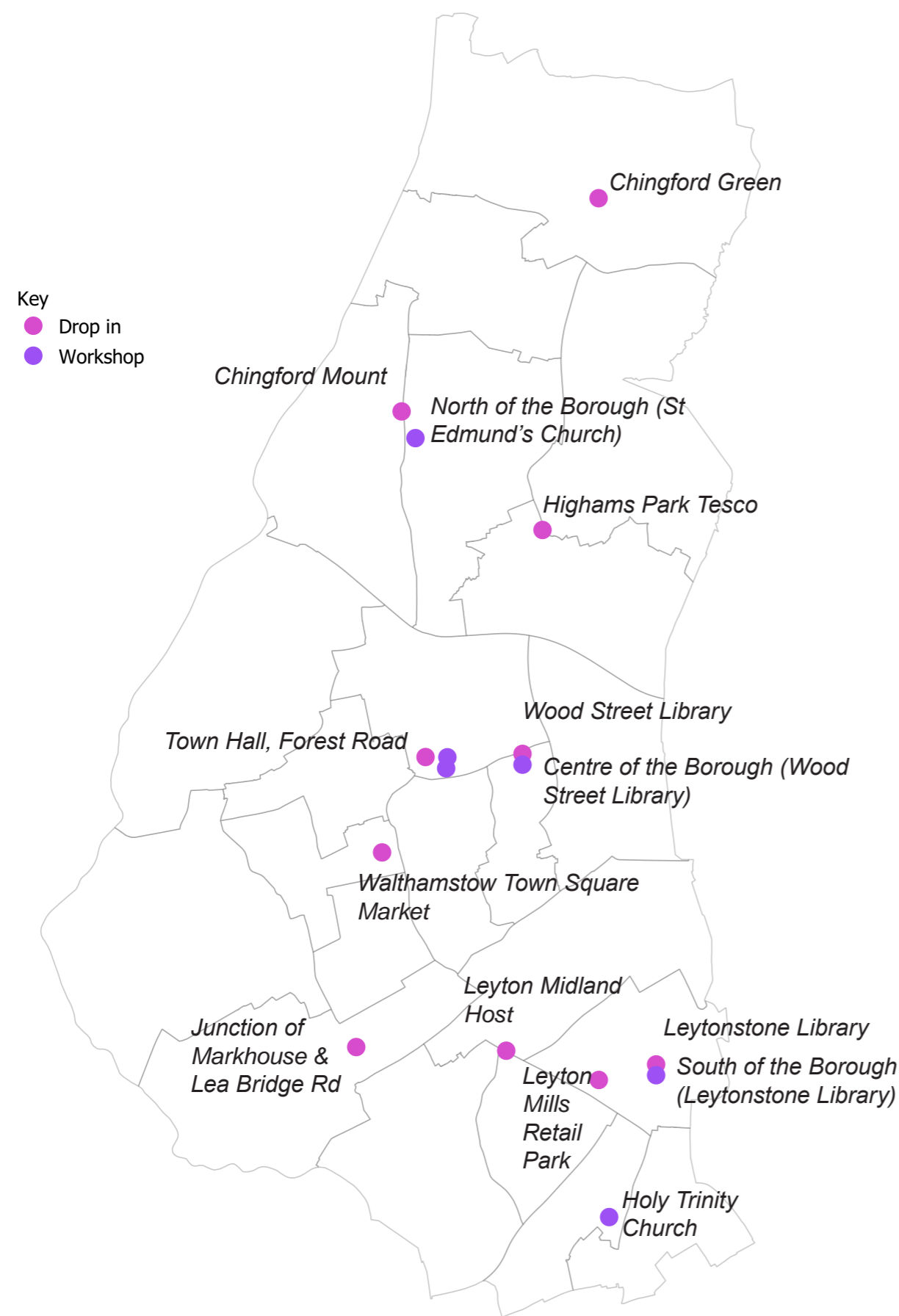


Social media channels were used to engage a wider audience



Newspaper spread from WFnews advert

2.7 Schedule of engagement events



Map showing location of in-person consultation events across the Borough

Session	Venue	Date	Time
1) Workshop	Leyton Sixth form college	Tuesday 13 June	3PM - 5PM
2) Drop in	Fellowship Square	Wednesday 14 June	2PM – 5PM
3) Online Drop in	Microsoft Teams	Thursday 15 June	3PM-4PM
4) Drop in	Junction of Markhouse and Lea Bridge Rd	Friday 16 June	10AM – 2PM
5) Workshop	Young Advisors: Town Hall	Monday 19 June	5PM-7PM
6) Drop in	Chingford Mount Square	Tuesday 20 June	10AM – 2PM
7) Drop in	Leytonstone Library	Wednesday 21 June	3PM – 7PM
8) Drop in	Wood Street Library	Thursday 22 June	10AM – 2PM
9) Drop in	Walthamstow Town Square Market	Saturday 24 June	11AM – 3PM
10) Online Drop in	Microsoft Teams	Monday 26 June	1PM-2PM
11) Drop in	Highams Park Tesco	Tuesday 27 June	3PM – 7PM
12) Online Workshop	Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 27 June	7PM - 9PM
13) Drop in	Chingford Green	Thursday 29 June	11AM – 3PM
14) Drop in	Leyton Mills Retail Park	Saturday 1 July	11:00 – 16:00
15) Drop in	Leyton Midland Host	Tuesday 4 July	11.30-3PM
16) Workshop	North of the Borough (St Edmund's Church)	Wednesday 5 July	4:30PM - 6:30PM
17) Faith Group Workshop	Holy Trinity church	Tuesday 11 July	11PM - 1PM
18) Workshop	South of the Borough (Leytonstone Library)	Wednesday 12 July	4:30PM - 6:30PM
19) Online Workshop	Microsoft Teams	Monday 17 July	7pm- 9pm
20) Eco-Action Week Workshop	Town Hall Innovation Lab	Monday 24 July	1PM -3:30PM
21) Workshop	Centre of the Borough (Wood Street Library)	Tuesday 25 July	5PM - 7PM

Table listing SPD consultation events as shown on map (online events coloured in purple)

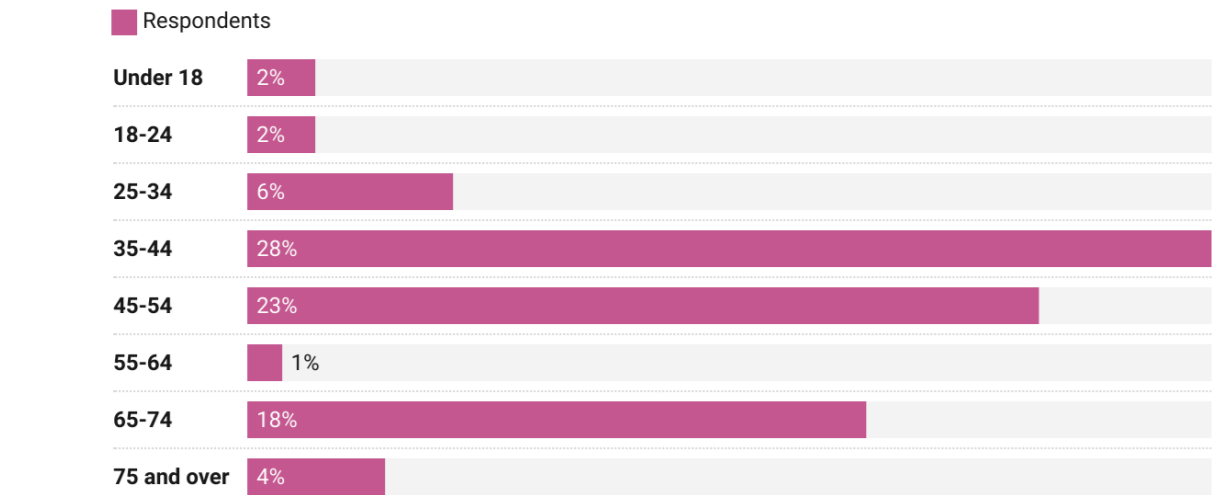
2.8 Demographics

A wide range of residents responded to the consultation. At the drop-in events, although detailed demographic data was not collated, it was evident that these were a successful way of engaging a representative mix of residents. In the online survey, 38% of respondents were under 44 with a relatively even split of male (48%) and female (50%) respondents.

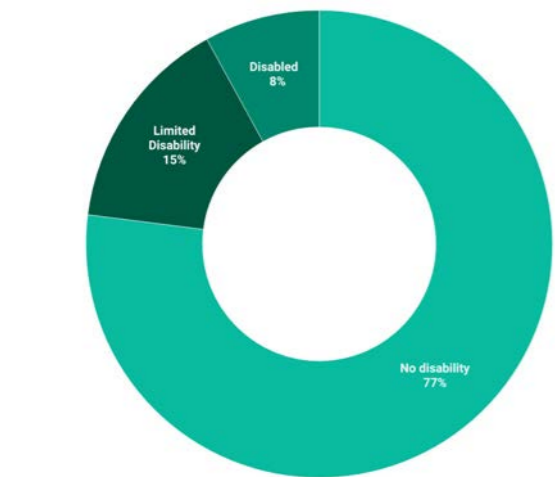
The majority of respondents were White British (75%) and homeowners (91%), suggesting a need to further consider how to engage different ethnic groups and those in the private rental sector and social housing.

23% of respondents were either disabled (8%) or had a limited disability (15%).

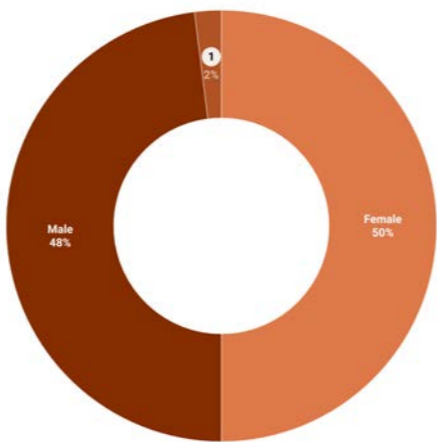
This demographic mix from the online survey was similar for the Borough wide workshops that were held.



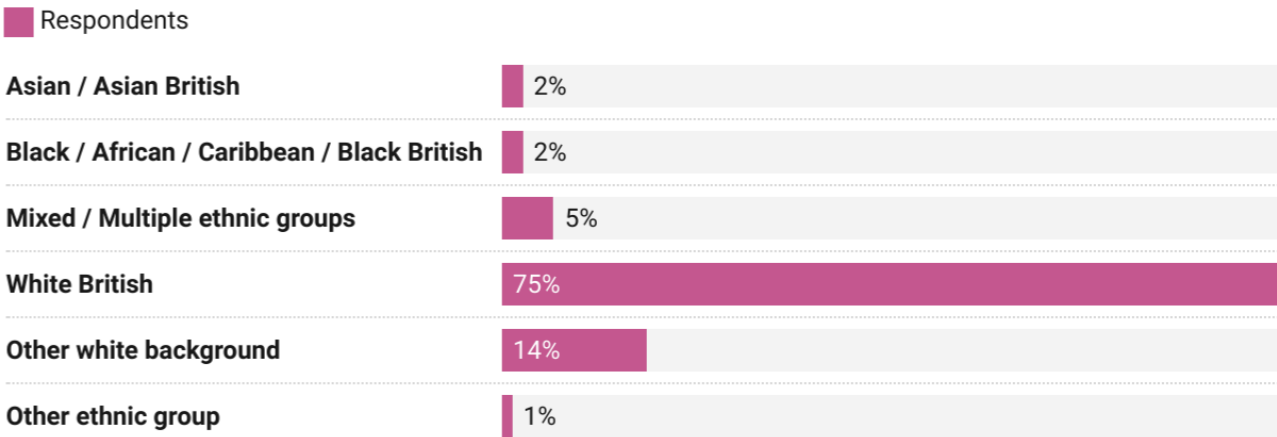
Age of respondents across all SPD surveys



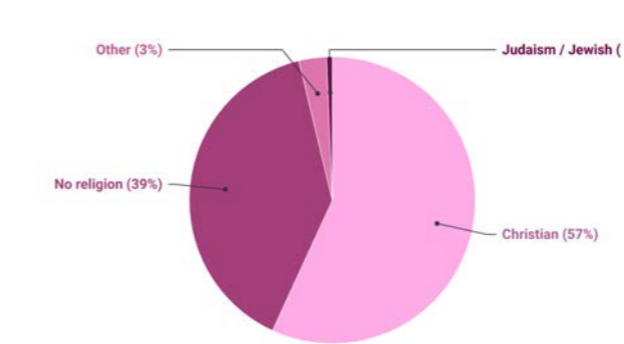
Disability data relating to respondents across all SPD surveys



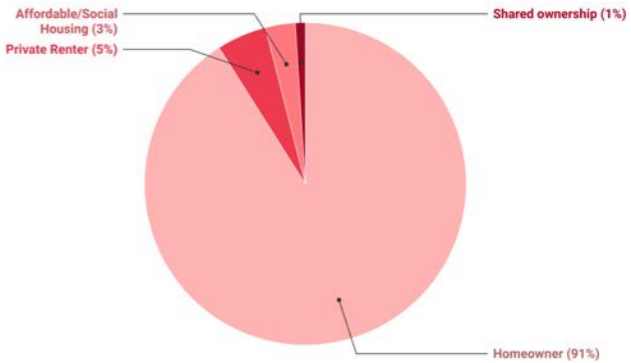
Gender of respondents across all SPD surveys



Ethnicity of respondents across all SPD surveys



Religion of respondents across all SPD surveys



Social Class of respondents across all SPD surveys

2.9 Consultation summary

Across the consultation, residents provided feedback on all six of the SPDs and were broadly positive about the plans to develop documents on the topics of Exemplar Design, Green & Blue Infrastructure, Retrofit & Residential extension, Industrial Intensification and Leyton Mills.

Over 1,000 people attended the drop-in sessions and 25 attended the workshops. At these events, despite the tendency of residents to focus on the initial document encountered, there was benefit in consulting on the guidance documents altogether as it was possible to show the important links between the documents. This was particularly so with the Developer Contributions SPD, which residents stated was sometimes harder to engage with. Considering this alongside the other documents helped people to understand this better and its role.

The area-based nature of the Leyton Mills SPD meant that although there were less comments received overall, these were often more specific and more detailed.

Over the six online surveys for the SPDs, 119 people completed these. Some completed multiple surveys, making the total responses received 188.

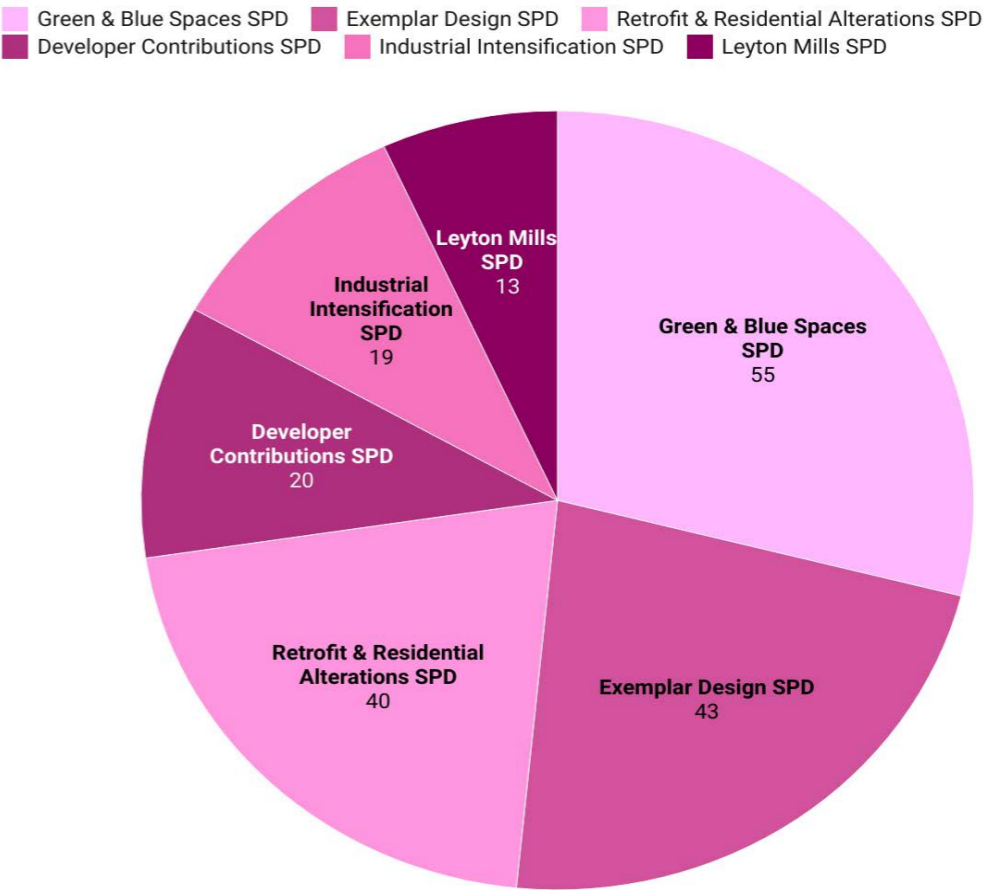
The Green and Blue Spaces SPD received the most responses, closely followed by the Exemplar Design SPD and the Retrofit and Residential Alterations SPD.

The “Let’s Talk Online” platform was employed as the medium for conducting an online survey, and its reception among residents has been highly positive.

During the survey period, the platform recorded a remarkable 2,400 visits, equivalent to an average of 96 visitors per day, demonstrating a substantial and consistent level of engagement. Impressively, out of these visitors, 116 actively engaged with the platform, reflecting a keen interest in the survey’s content and objectives. The survey itself witnessed substantial participation, with 112 individuals actively taking part, contributing valuable insights and feedback.

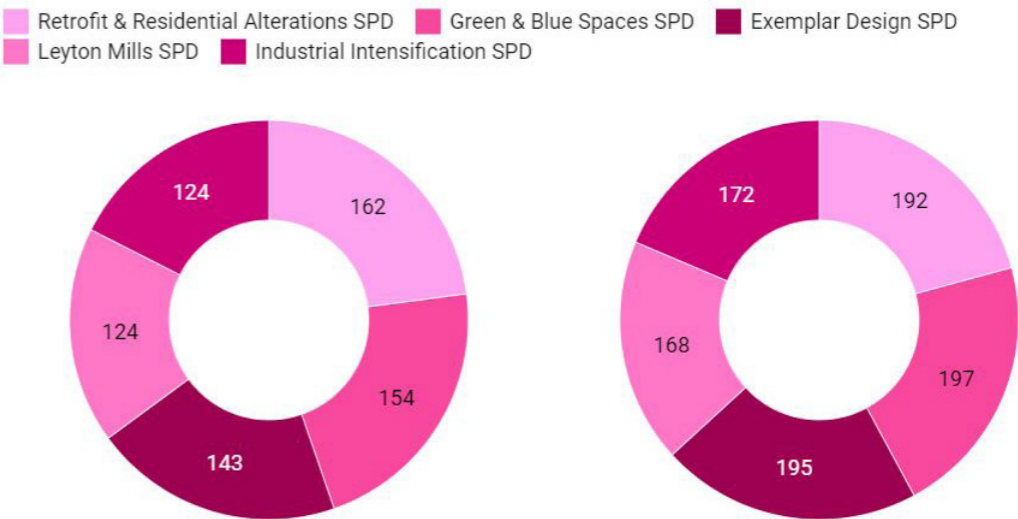
2.9.1 Online Survey

Survey Submissions



Number of survey responses received for each SPD

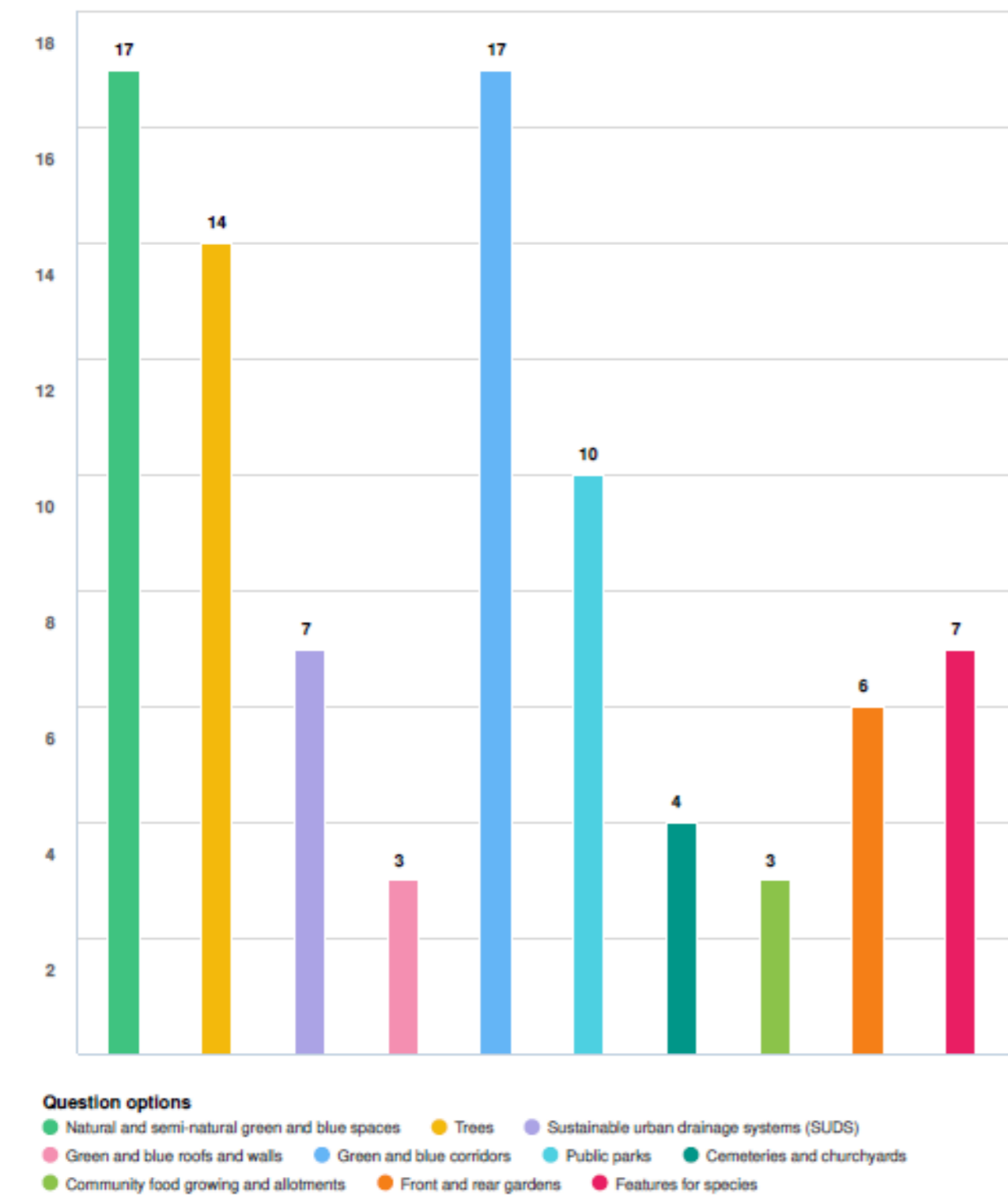
Survey Submissions



Number of Lets Talk website visitors and downloads

2.10 Responses to individual SPDs

Green and Blue Spaces SPD



Green & Blue Spaces SPD survey respondents interest in key themes

Summary of comments

Respondents were very positive about the production of a Green and Blue Spaces SPD and the key takeaways from the responses are as follows:

- A strong advocate for the inclusion of green spaces in new developments, aiming to offer recreational opportunities for the community.
- Emphasising the importance of engaging with diverse community groups to ensure green spaces are accessible and inclusive for everyone.
- The need to safeguard front gardens as crucial habitats for biodiversity, alongside the enhancement of greener roads and streets to promote green connections.
- The importance of considering how the SPD is implemented to achieve its goals, particularly with regard to how contractors manage and maintain these spaces.

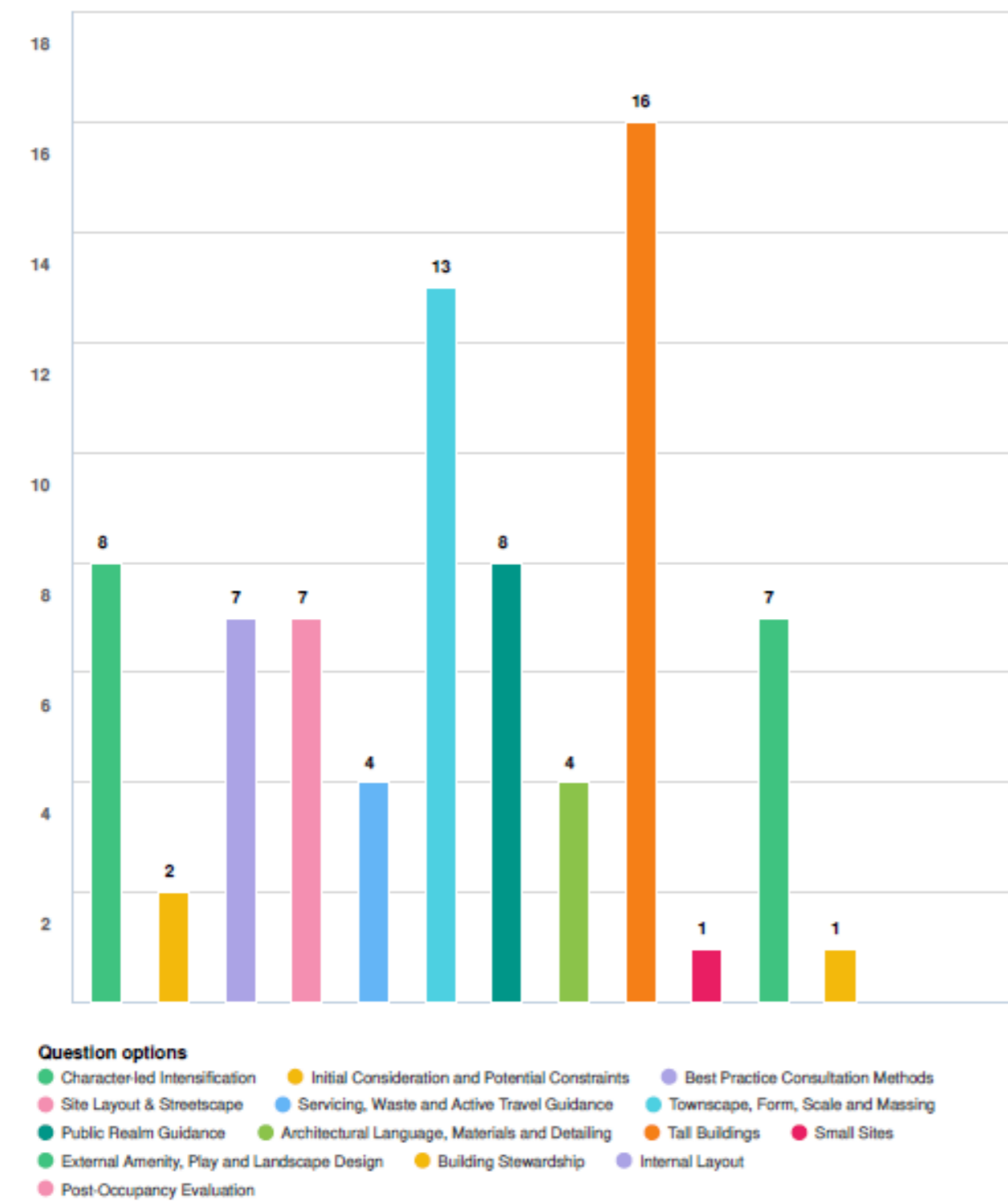
“Glad to see LBWF are thinking about an SPD related to this area”

“A nice and good idea. I’m waiting to see the results as well. I hope nothing will stop your project”

Response to the comments

- Support for a Green and Blue Spaces SPD is welcomed, and suggestions for inclusion are noted.
- The SPD will aim to reflect the importance of these spaces for the environment as well as for resident use, considering accessibility and connectivity.
- The SPD will feature a section on implementation and will specifically address some of the challenges around maintenance and management of green spaces in new development.

Exemplar Design SPD



Exemplar Design SPD survey respondents interest in key themes

Summary of comments

The overall theme of the feedback was that whilst the concept of the SPD is welcomed in principle, while also highlighting the need for more detailed guidance. Key themes from the responses include:

- Recognition of the SPD as a step forward in enhancing living conditions and design quality, though more detail is desired to fully understand its impact.
- Concerns about potential ‘overdevelopment’ and the preference for preserving the character of areas, with a call for less focus on high-rise buildings.
- Critiques on the quality and character of previous development projects, underlining the need for improvements in future development.
- Calls for a more thoughtful approach to landscape design and a general preference for low-rise housing with gardens.
- The importance of considering the needs of disabled and elderly residents, ensuring accessible parking and living arrangements.
- The Woodland Trust’s emphasis on preserving existing trees and incorporating green spaces, alongside suggestions to include water efficiency measures for better energy and environmental outcomes.

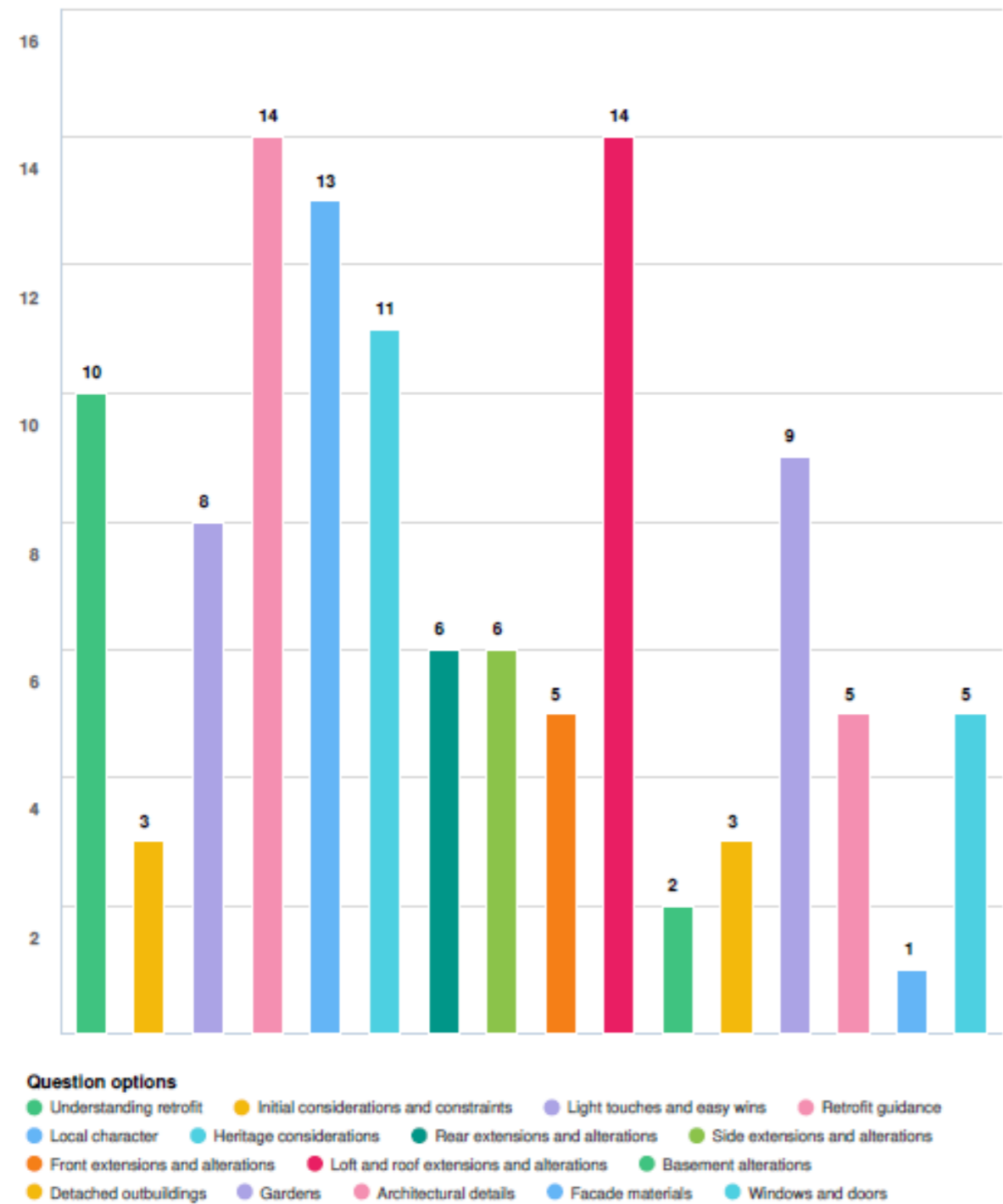
“We want development across the Borough to respond appropriately to local character, to be generous and joyful and to consider people and the planet”

“This is a positive introduction, I hope it will reset the expectations around design in the Borough”

Response to the comments

- Residents were approached early to give them the opportunity to shape the document from the outset. Greater detail will be provided when we go out to statutory consultation.
- The Exemplar Design SPD will provide design guidance specifically related to tall buildings, in order to ensure proposals are of exemplar design quality. This will help to mitigate concerns regarding the quality of tall buildings previously delivered within the borough.
- Guidance will also feature best-practice consultation methods, to help promote high quality engagement during the design and planning process.
- Guidance related to improving energy efficiency, as well as incorporating high quality greening will also be included.

Retrofit & Residential Extensions SPD



Retrofit & Residential Extensions SPD survey respondents interest in key themes

Summary of comments

The proposed residential extensions SPD, focusing on retrofitting, has been generally positive and key takeaways from the responses are as follows:

- The importance of ongoing maintenance as a method of both monitoring energy performance of existing buildings and ensuring its effectiveness.
- Adopting an approach that as a starting point is iterative and looks for lower cost and minimally invasive interventions.
- Beneficial to provide guidance about redesigning existing spaces and incorporating insulation and climate mitigating features.
- Several respondents were keen to see front gardens protected and the importance of biodiversity to be considered within the document.
- The document should reflect what is allowed under Permitted Development and what can be done for flats.

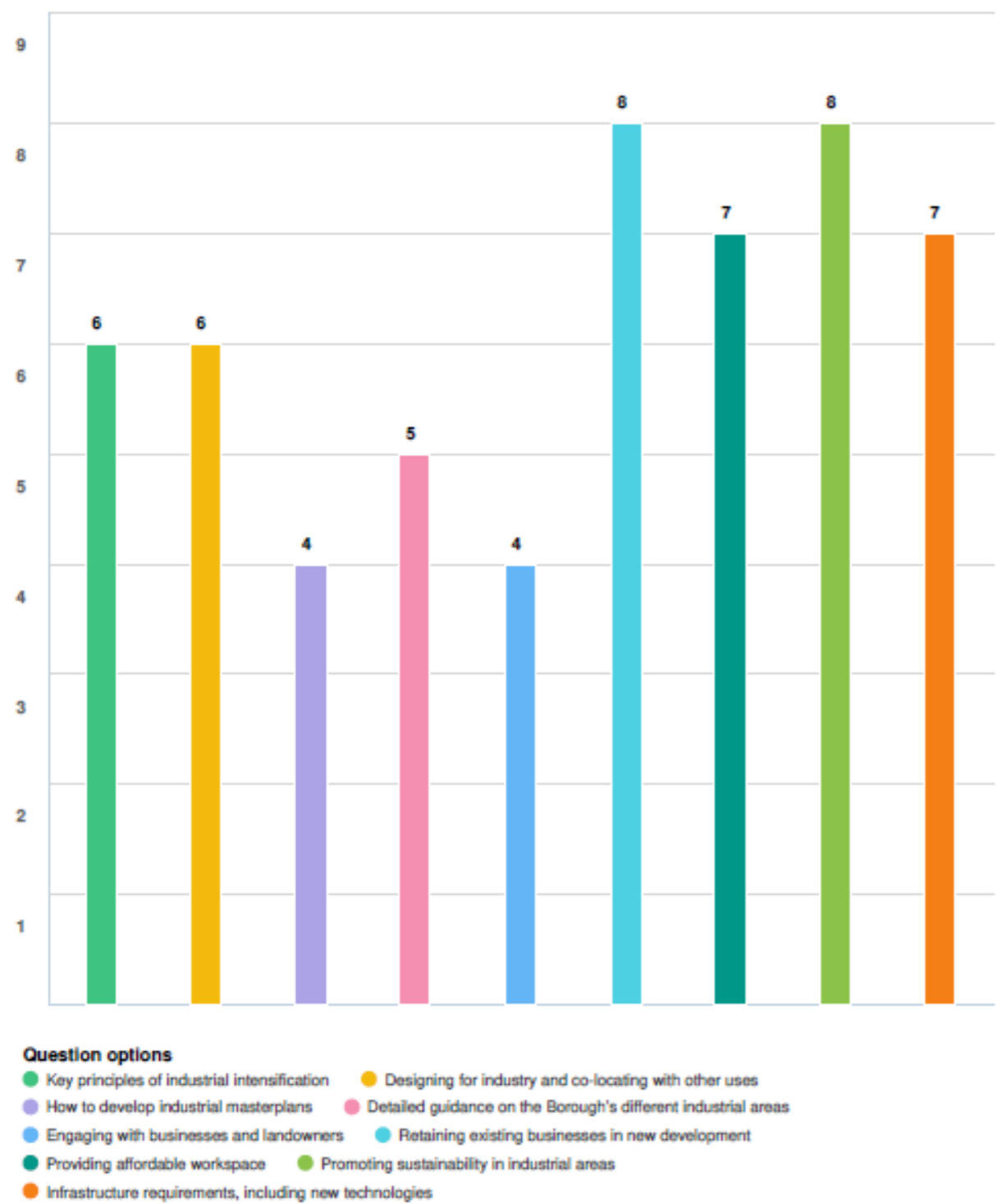
“Very good idea. Need to heavily promote it and find ways to mandate/ encourage its use though”

“Seems like a great idea to make Waltham Forest less energy intensive”

Response to the comments

- Essential climate mitigating measures will be incorporated into the SPD to promote environmental sustainability in housing developments.
- Maintenance guidance will be included to help improve the energy efficiency and performance of buildings over time.
- Protection of front gardens goes beyond the remit of this SPD but the importance of retaining them for flood mitigation and biodiversity will be highlighted. Detail will also be provided for rear gardens. The Green and Blue SPD will also give further detail.
- Following consultation feedback, clear guidance on Permitted Development rights will be set out.

Industrial Intensification SPD



Industrial Intensification SPD survey respondents interest in key themes

Summary of comments

The feedback highlighted a broad support for the industrial intensification SPD, alongside a desire for ongoing community engagement. Key points of consensus and concern include:

- Acknowledgement of the need for a balanced approach to industrial and residential co-location, with emphasis on mitigating potential adverse impacts on residential areas.
- The importance of designing flexible industrial spaces that accommodate a variety of uses to support economic diversity.
- Sustainability and environmental considerations are crucial, particularly the effects of industrial activities on water and wastewater infrastructure.
- A focus on creating job opportunities for locals, promoting mixed-use developments that blend commercial and residential uses, thereby enriching the community’s social and economic fabric.

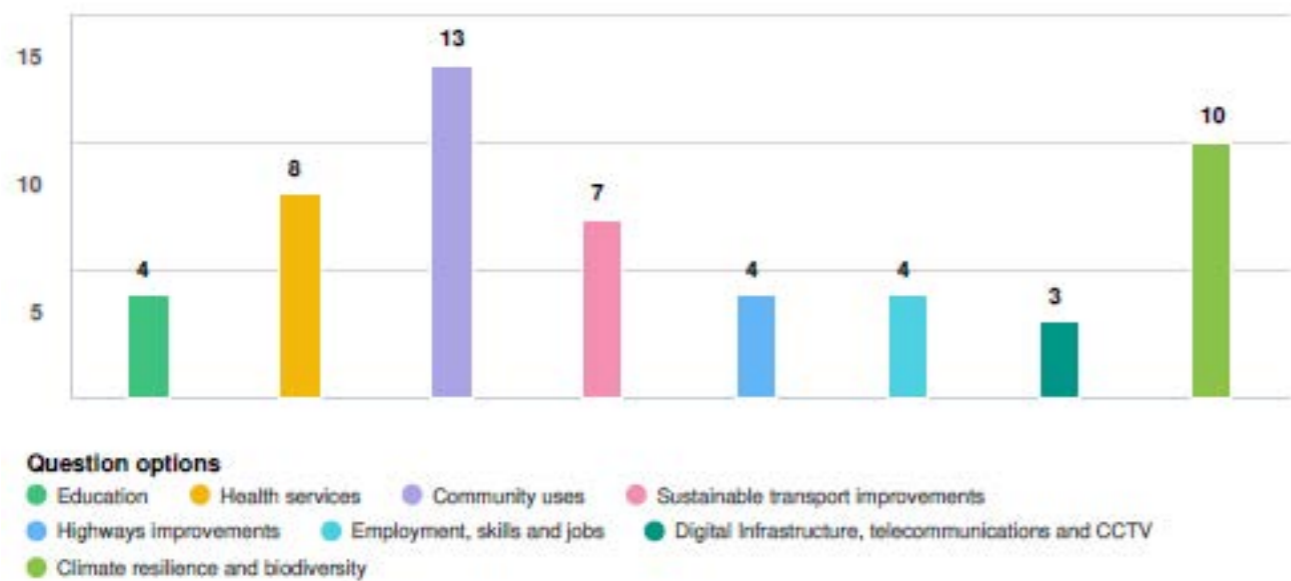
“Having a plan for future is important but only if local community have the final say in what the council proposes”

“I am all for it. Waltham Forest has been home to some innovative businesses and there is scope for more yet, with good links to the A406 and M11, as well as serving London’s needs”

Response to the comments

- The majority of the topics raised are already intended to be included within the SPD.
- In response to the consultation, the SPD will also incorporate specific guidance on the impacts of intensification on water and wastewater infrastructure.
- The viability and deliverability of typologies promoted in the SPD will be reviewed by leading industrial space experts as part of the next stages of drafting.

Developer Contributions SPD



Developer Contributions SPD survey respondents interest in key themes

Summary of comments

Feedback on the Developer Contributions SPD was generally positive, though some respondents queried lack of detail in the SPD’s contents. Key points of consensus and concern include:

- Respondents underscored the necessity of including clear obligations for social infrastructure, affordable housing, and employment generation within the SPD.
- The community expressed a strong desire for ensuring the provision of social and community infrastructure proximal to new developments.
- There was a notable call for expanding after-school educational opportunities in libraries and bolstering support services for young people.
- Feedback also indicated a desire to see a plan for vacant shop units.

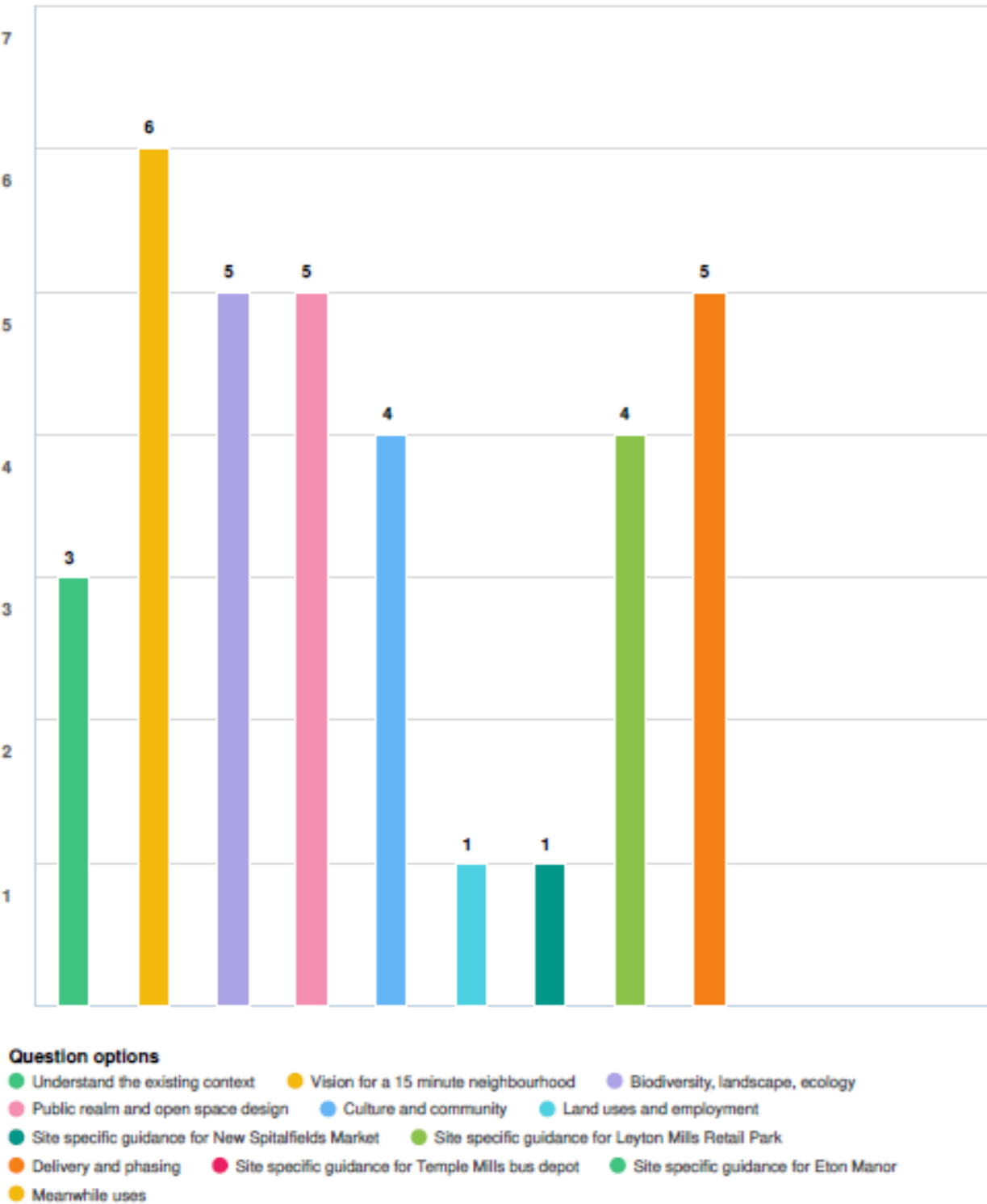
“Ensure you make developers contribute to local infrastructure. It seems a lot of money is now spent miles away from the developers”

“All SPDs are welcome however, more social housing is desperately needed and should be included in all developments to prevent stigmatisation”

Response to the comments

- The updated SPD will detail the intricacies of development contributions, clarifying the distinctions between S106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), and the processes for their collection and allocation.
- Infrastructure improvements to enhance community safety will be a key focus within the SPD, outlining specific contributions and their impacts.
- The issue of retail vacancy will be addressed through the emerging Town Centres Strategy, with the SPD incorporating strategies for revitalizing vacant shop units.
- Support for social and community infrastructure, including educational and youth services, will be explicitly included to ensure developments contribute positively to local needs.

Leyton Mills SPD



Leyton Mills SPD survey respondents interest in key themes

Summary of comments

The overall feedback on Leyton Mills SPD was generally positive some of the key areas of interest and concern include:

- Concerns about the potential future loss of the B&Q store, indicating the importance of retaining key retail amenities within the community.
- To the introduction of tall buildings, with a request for more detailed information on proposed heights to assess the impact on the local skyline and heritage sites.
- While there was some support for tall buildings, a majority of feedback expressed apprehension regarding their compatibility with the area's character and potential overshadowing effects.
- A desire for diverse uses in local amenities, with calls for more cafés, restaurants, and a market similar to Old Spitalfields, to enhance the area's social and economic vibrancy.

“Looks great but I would like to see more reference to cafés & restaurants. They will bring people in from surrounding area that currently go elsewhere”

“I think this SPD will lead to really positive change for the area. In particular the new bridge “

Response to the comments

- The updated SPD will set out a policy objective to retain or re-provide existing retail uses as part of re-development.
- Further detail will be provided in the SPD along with key design outcomes that will be required, particularly for tall buildings.
- A range of uses are proposed in the SPD and a further reference will be added about potential restaurants and cafes close to the proposed station.

2.11 Summary of responses from young people

As part of the Borough's SPD consultation, we delivered three interactive workshops with young people in the Borough. These were with our panel of young advisors, a group of young people from Leyton Sixth Form College and a group of young people as part of eco-action week. These workshops were intended to up-skill and inspire the young people to get involved in the development of planning policy and guidance in the future, as well as to enable us to take on board their views in the future development of the documents.

Young Advisors' workshops: one specifically on Leyton Mills and another on the other 5 SPDs

Leyton Sixth Form College workshop - specifically on Green and Blue Spaces to co-ordinate with student curriculum

'Eco-action week' workshop - Green and Blue Spaces and Exemplar Design SPD

Young people showed great enthusiasm for the forthcoming SPDs, offering valuable feedback on key priorities:

Multi-Functional Spaces: The desire for spaces that serve both people and nature suggests a commitment to creating sustainable and environmentally friendly environments that cater to both recreational and ecological needs.

Resident Involvement in Design: The emphasis on involving residents in the design process underscores the importance of community engagement and ensuring that spaces align with the actual needs and desires of the people who will use them.

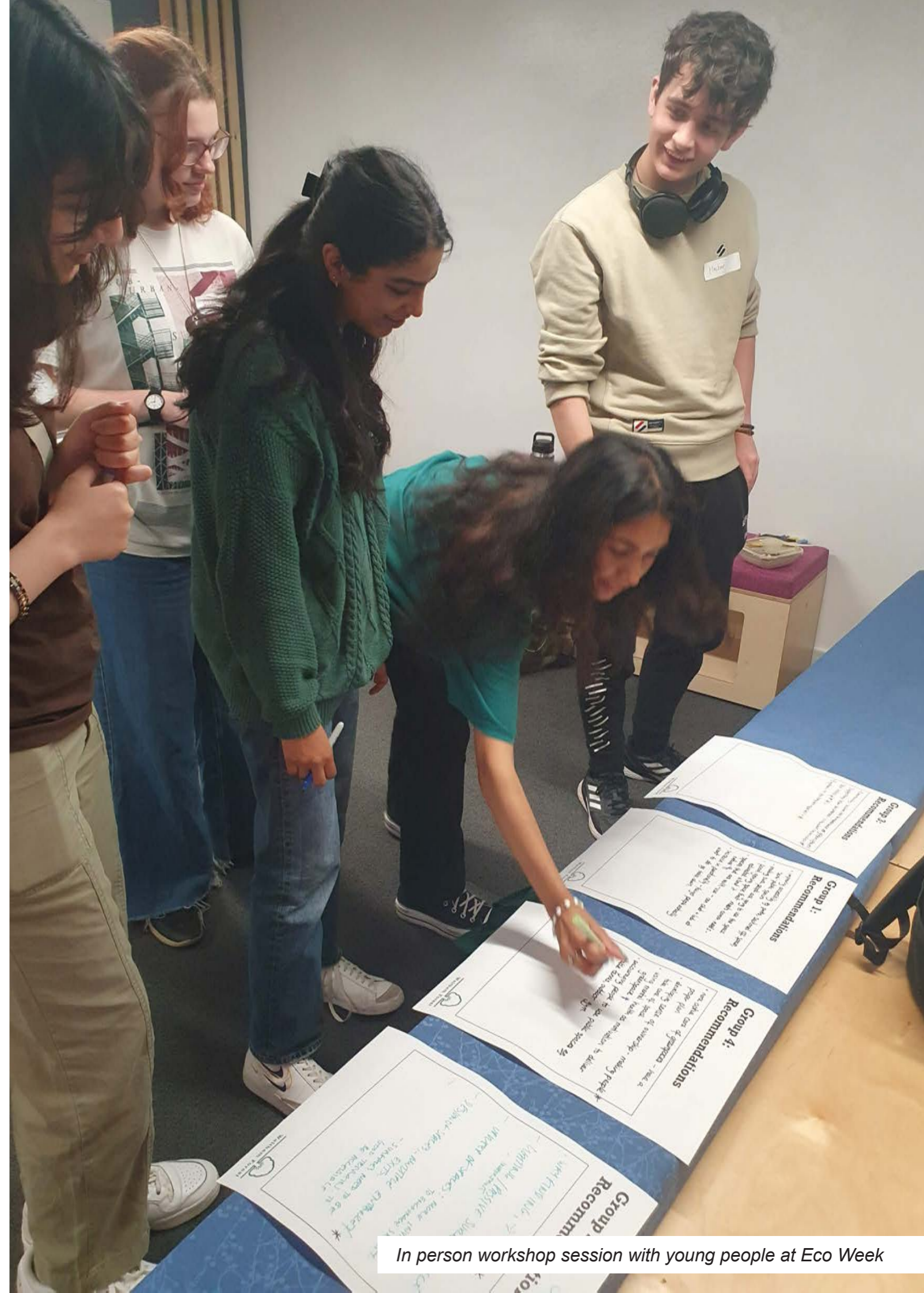
Safe and Quality Facilities for Youth: The need for high-quality and safe facilities for young people reflects a dedication



to providing recreational and social opportunities for the younger generation, fostering a sense of belonging and well-being.

Interest in Community Food Initiatives: The interest in community food growing sites demonstrates a commitment to promoting sustainability, local food production, and potentially addressing food security issues within the community.

Enhanced Connectivity: Improving connections between spaces highlights the desire to create an accessible and well-connected urban environment that encourages movement and interaction between different areas, promoting community cohesion.



In person workshop session with young people at Eco Week

2.12 Summary of responses from statutory consultees

The council contacted to all its statutory consultees and received seven responses.

City of London Corporation

CoLC is supportive of the aims and scope of the Leyton Mills SPD. In particular, the CoLC is supportive of the ambitions for the delivery of a new distinctive neighbourhood in Leyton, which the Site will significantly help to deliver should New Spitalfields Market be relocated. CoLC is also supportive of the scope of the Industrial Intensification SPD and looks forward to working with the LBWF as it develops the details of the SPD.

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

LVRPA suggested the review of the boundaries around the Lee Valley Tennis and Hockey Centre. They also commented on the funding and delivery of new habitats along the park boundaries to ensure that habitats and planting will form an integral part of the redevelopment of the New Spitalfields Market site particularly along its boundaries with Hackney Marshes and the River Lee and that this will be established within the site. They extended support for connectivity improvements with the new station at Ruckholt Road, and the bridge connection between Leyton Retail Park and Eton Manor.

SPD guidance will also need to take on board the Local Plan policy and designations that underpin and support the LVH&TC/Eton Manor site and the QEOP beyond as national leisure and sporting venues and their role in hosting local, national and international events. They also supported the provision of a gateway entrance to the area subject to consideration of operational requirements.

Other issues raised surrounding the connectivity of the site with other areas of the park and operation when large national / international sporting events are being held. They stated that a balance needs to be struck between protecting the northern edge of the Olympic park and opening up more planned and cohesive routes for walking, cycling, running through the sites.

LVRPA are keen to see that SPD includes guidance that enables aspirations for the sporting provision on site to be diversified, and the site to be enhanced, including an increase in green space activation. Further Green Buffering required on the Temple Mills Bus Depot site opposite the LVRPA, Sites proposed for high rise (18 storey+) development require a green buffer and a reduction in height down to the park boundary

Greater London Authority GLA

Re-iteration that industrial masterplans should align with London Plan Policy E7 and the GLA's Practice Note. The SPD should be clear that co-location may only be acceptable in LSIS through a masterplan approach, but not in SIL and the document must set out how use class EGiii can be maintained in industrial use, where this use class is proposed.

The London Borough of Hackney

Supportive of the preparation of the SPD and their key concepts although aware of ongoing concerns regarding impact and lack of assessment and require further and ongoing engagement in the development of this document.

Transport for London

TfL welcome proposals to develop an SPD for the Leyton Mills area and support the delivery of a 15 minute neighbourhood.

Connectivity and Transport: Supportive of all proposals that improve walking and cycling connections, noting that the suggestion to provide parking and charging for electric vehicles, available for residents would conflict with the car free objective unless it was limited to disabled persons' parking and operational parking. TfL would like to see a commitment in the SPD to protect and enhance existing bus infrastructure in the area including stops, stands and drivers' facilities to take account of any increased demand generated by proposed development.

Thames Water

Thames Water provided water and wastewater infrastructure to the area. Incorporating guidance on water efficiency within the SPD could assist with making existing development more water efficient resulting in reductions in demands for potable water supplies and helping to make existing properties more water and energy efficient in the process. Sustainability particularly in relation to water efficiency. Retrofitting and undertaking alterations to residential properties provides an opportunity to make them more water efficient reducing water usage and energy demands.

Historic England

There is robust support for measures addressing climate change; however, caution is urged against retrofit interventions on historic buildings that may compromise heritage significance or inadvertently increase carbon emissions. Advocacy for regular maintenance as a means to monitor and enhance the energy efficiency of existing buildings is highlighted, with an emphasis on modest yet impactful changes such as secondary glazing or the repair of windows and doors. The forthcoming Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are anticipated to reinforce this stance, advising on the integration of townscape character and heritage considerations within intensified urban uses. They are expected to not only draw from the borough's character study but also direct to additional resources, ensuring heritage assets are respectfully and effectively managed within the framework of urban development and environmental sustainability.

3 Conclusion

The decision to undertake a combined consultation for the six priority SPDs using high quality materials produced in-house by the Place & Design team and managed and organised by the team was ambitious and ultimately successful. As part of undertaking the consultation the team established key objectives as set out below.

The consultation for the priority SPDs had five main objectives:

- Introduce residents and communities to the themes, topics and key principles of the six priority SPDs at an early stage to establish interest in the documents and enable meaningful contribution to their formulation.
- Produce clear, engaging consultation materials to facilitate interest, understanding and participation.
- Reach as broad a range of residents and stakeholders as possible across the Borough through diverse engagement methods.
- Encourage comprehensive comments and feedback, ensuring that all voices are heard and recorded.
- Identify which aspects of the consultation were successful and where lessons can be learned in order to keep refining and improving how we engage productively with our residents and communities.

These objectives were met in the following ways:

- The consultation took place at an early stage of each SPD production. Specific consultation material was produced for each of the six priority SPDs, including separate engagement boards and a dedicated online page for each. At the same time the material all shared a graphic language and visual identity to illustrate the interlinked nature of the themes.
- The consultation materials were designed to be clear and attractive across formats to engage residents. All material was produced in-house (which was an opportunity to upskill) to reflect the graphic and visual quality of the SPD documents themselves.
- The consultation included a range of in person and online events across the Borough and at different times to attract as many people as possible. It was advertised online, via resident newsletters, postcards, posters and social media. The team succeeded in engaging a broad range of residents and stakeholders, notably attracting significant interest from young people. Over 3,000 residents were engaged including more than 1,000 people during drop-in events.



Consultation drop in event Summer 2023 at Leyton Mills Asda

3.1 Learning for the priority SPDs

- On the Let's Talk website, each priority SPD featured its own online survey asking for comments. Residents were directed to the Let's Talk with QR codes placed on postcards and posters. At the in person events, officers helped residents to fill out the online survey as well as recording any comments received in conversations.
- The consultation was successful in its aim to reach a diverse audience, engage broadly and gain feedback to help develop the SPDs. The consultation materials produced in-house proved to be inviting and contributed to team up-skilling. The team faced some challenges in engaging certain groups, such as private tenants and individuals with disabilities and will continue to establish connections with different and less well-represented groups across the borough to ensure that future consultations continue to reach ever wider demographics. More learnings for future consultations can be found below.



Consultation drop in event Summer 2023 at Host of Leyton

A key learning from this experience is the effectiveness of clear, visually engaging consultation materials and graphics. This approach significantly broadened audience reach and prompted increased interest in the SPDs, establishing a model for future consultations to ensure comprehensive and impactful communication.

Each SPD brought invited specific feedback, with the Green and Blue Spaces SPD attracting the majority of responses. This was closely followed by interest in the Exemplar Design SPD, and the Retrofit and Residential Extensions SPD also garnered considerable attention.

Key learnings emerged from the feedback across all SPDs. It is clear from the consultation that our residents:

- Are interested in the themes and topics covered by the SPDs and value being engaged at an early stage.
- Are especially interested in high quality green and blue spaces, a high quality built environment and well designed and sustainable homes that optimise energy use.
- Support the need for clear guidance on green space provision and management within new development.
- Want to understand how new development works with existing local character
- Would like to see clear design guidance for tall buildings, in particular how they support high-quality living.
- Believe homeowners would benefit from clear, actionable advice on retrofit.
- Understand that flexibility and diversity in the use of industrial spaces is important for future economic and community development.
- Want to understand better how future development supports local organisations and in particular enhances the experience of young people.
- Feedback on the potential loss of local amenities and changes to Leyton Mills' character, alongside a preference for diverse uses including leisure and retail.

In response, these topics will be fully considered, and further guidance will be provided in the forthcoming SPD draft. In the coming months, the comprehensive SPDs will be presented in a second round of consultation to provide another opportunity for community engagement.

'Lessons learned' on this engagement process were collated and discussed within the Place and Design team on a weekly basis during the consultation period. These lessons learned and best practice notes have led to iterative enhancements of our internal Engagement Tool-kit to aid future consultation and engagement.

3.2 Learning for future consultations

The Place & Design team are clear that engagement is an ongoing process, not a one off event. Given that, we are of the view that we can always continue to learn and refine how we engage with our residents and communities. We are also clear that the work of making connections is iterative.

This ambitious consultation has provided us with key learning to take forward:

- While there was feedback noting the lack of detail about the documents (since drafts were not shared as part of the consultation), residents valued the opportunity to give comments at an early stage.
- Clear, engaging materials attract more interest which makes feedback more likely. While this requires more work up front it leads to better engagement outcomes.
- A broad audience, including young people, was engaged but there were challenges in reaching certain less heard from groups such as private tenants, individuals with learning disabilities, and social tenants. Targeted engagement strategies will be essential in future consultations to ensure these groups are heard.
- Time is needed to establish connections with less heard from community groups. This is an ongoing process and there are no short-cuts to this trust building. This work needs to happen not just immediately ahead of a consultation but should be happening all the time to ensure groups feel relaxed about engaging with the Council.
- Our residents and communities have insights that are valuable to the development of guidance.
- The Community Engagement Tool-kit was helpful in designing this specific consultation, to be most effective it should be treated as a live document that is periodically updated to incorporate learnings and best practice. It has been updated following this consultation.

4 Appendices

Appendix 1 - Schedule of responses for Green and Blue Spaces SPD

Appendix 2 - Schedule of responses for Exemplar Design

Appendix 3 - Schedule of responses for Retrofit & Residential Extensions

Appendix 4 - Schedule of responses for Industrial Intensification SPD

Appendix 5 - Schedule of responses for Developer Contributions SPD

Appendix 6 - Schedule of responses for Leyton Mills SPD

Appendix 1 Schedule of responses for Green and Blue Spaces SPD

Name of the SPD	(What are your thoughts on the forthcoming Green and Blue Spaces SPD?)
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I am pleased that the council is looking into this but any changes should be approved by local people and not be dictated by the LBWF
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	A nice and good idea. I'm waiting to see the results as well. I hope nothing will stop your project.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	The consultation should also deal with building new parks and expanding use of existing green areas that are currently underused
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	The SPD should cover the creation of new green parks and of the improvement of existing green spaces - for instance improving the Wetlands with proper seating areas and longer opening hours, and changing the Douglas Eyre sports ground into a multi purpose green space including a park for local residents.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Good but not radical enough. More SUDS, planters, trees and greenspaces are needed to mitigate climate change impact.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Given the challenge to biodiversity due to Climate change and environmental pressures I believe conservation of green & blue spaces should be at the heart of SPD policies.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I think that it is a very good idea to make more green and blue spaces. I think another thing like the wetlands would be a good thing to think of. I think that a green and blue space is a place welcome to all creatures and shouldn't constantly be disturbed by cars trucks or machines. There should be places in it where humans are and aren't allowed to go. I believe that fishing shouldn't be allowed as it disturbs the aquatic creatures and would bother them. I believe that in the green and blues space there should be a lot of trees all around as they are great for us and are also great habitats for different species.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Good to see connectivity given prominence and agree with inclusion of all suggested topics. Consideration of private residential green spaces important and often missed. Education and incentivisation will be critical - interested to see ideas on this. However, I think the scope could be expanded to avoid missing opportunities (see later responses).
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I consider it broadly a positive move, without having too much detail around it to date. The four principles seem to be sensible.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I'm awaiting to see more details
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	No mention of working with contractors like Urbaser. Training is needed for their staff to understand the importance of managing green spaces ie grass cutting and how their job impacts the wider environment and wildlife.
	No mention of 'nature recovery' and how the council will help this happen.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Positive to read that the council is finally looking at this but it looks like a paper ticking exercise - will this guidance actually filter down to council officers to implement and to council contractors. It doesn't address the communication breakdown that regularly happens between officers and contractors like with Urbaser and Gristwood and Tom.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	It all sounds good, but it depends on how it is done in practice. In a climate emergency the preservation of green and blue spaces are of utmost importance, as is sustainable design, and avoiding overdevelopment. It's also important to implement resident parking, so people stop converting their front gardens into drives. There should be provisions for wild swimming. There needs to be done more to provide space within the green and blue spaces for teenager, who currently have very little space. There should be a better BMX track for example somewhere. More provisions for mountain biking. More opportunities for schools and nurseries to spend time in green and blue spaces. I'm worried about green and blue spaces sold off to private developers (as in what happened in the town square)
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	What is a 'Blue Space' - somewhere with a lake or pond? It would be good to make this clear. All open spaces need to be looked after, NOT left to go wild. Stinging plants or thorned plants etc should not be permitted to grow uncontrolled. Children need to be protected from painful plants. Playing fields should be kept as playing fields. Large holes to prevent flooding that doesn't happen are not required. Blocks of flats nearby are NOT needed, required, wanted or acceptable in areas close to green/blue areas. Semi rural, or sub urban as LBWF seem to like to use should be left as semirural/suburban - NO BLOCKS OF FLATS
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	It's just words. If this really means those planters dotted here and there, so called pocket parks, it's nonsense. These areas just become rubbish tips that never get any maintenance.

Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Glad to see LBWF are thinking about an SPD related to this area.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	very positive, fully behind this, walking 2 kid around leyton we need more green spaces for kids to engage with that also as a safe 1min zone when needing to stop with your child...
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	It looks good, we must preserve playing fields such as Douglas Eyre and Low Hall; equally can we improve the grotty bridge over the River Lea run off between St James Park and Low Hall?
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	It's forthcoming so not much to comment on now apart from that it's hugely important
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I am somewhat relieved because it's the first evidence I've seen that you were incorporating environmental factors into the big amount building that's going on I'm thinking about the wider populous
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Something i would like to see and get involved with
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	online docs give me no idea of what you are talking about
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	It has no content ! The Exemplar Principles are covered in the Design SPD and the rest of the exhibition board simply lists a number of (obvious) areas to be covered in any green and blue SPD. Why on earth are you consulting on this ? It's at a hugely general stage, when statements are uncontroversial to the point of being meaningless. This feels like a huge waste of my money. What matters is the detail of how these things are worked out. Consultation is good but it needs to have real value and meaning.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I am in favour of protecting green & blue spaces but do not trust the council will honour this in view of teh reduction in the green spaces where land has been sold off - such as Selborne park in central Walthamstow
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	<p>There seems to be very little detail in your guidance.</p> <p>What do you mean by accessible? If it includes access for disabled folk, it needs to be spelt out. I have been sorely disappointed with lack of planning for wheelchair accessibility in recent developments. For example, for the Lea Bridge Road improvement works it took a national campaign for you to acknowledge there was a need to find a solution that kept both cyclists and disabled/elderly folk safe and I am glad you are trying to solve this problem going forward with the Forest Road improvement works.</p> <p>So, getting back to my original point. To create accessible spaces for disabled folk you need to consult with us in advance in order to co-produce developments that welcome and include us. To do that the council needs to develop a consultation forum for a range of disabled folk to contribute to initiatives council wide. Many councils are undertaking this essential work. But remember consultation needs to include disabled people and the organisations they run not disability charities lead by able bodied folk.</p> <p>So green and blue spaces is a good idea but if you don't include people like me at the early planning stages then we will be excluded. Planning guidance needs to include the requirement to consult with disabled people on the detail of plans not broad-brush meaningless consultation exercises that can be used to evidence support for an initiative.</p>
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Difficult to comment as apart from the very high level flyer there is no information that I can find? I would really like to see more thought go into design and forward maintenance. We've had money spent on some initiatives that are really hard to understand. Weird stones and unattractive metal barrels in jarring primary colours in which the plants just end of withering and dying because no-one seems to have responsibility for maintaining them - they end up making the area look derelict rather than cared for. Also co-ordination between departments. We had the ends of our roads dug up to lay down better kerb lowering for wheelchairs only to be dug up again for the installation of SUDS rain gardens 2 weeks later. That planting was done by one team, the community were encouraged to plant bulbs and two weeks later all those bulbs and the original planting were dug up again to put trees into the spaces by a separate team It just seems like there is a lot of inefficiencies going on and money wasted, which loses community engagement with what should be popular initiatives.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Potentially it is very welcoming - if it leads to more and better green and blue spaces benefitting people and wildlife
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	it is lovely to hear about this but please can we also focus on roads that are busy with traffic? Creating an area that is green, with defined pavements and cycle lanes, trees, and grass, so that people do not hear or feel the traffic outside there homes.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	The focus appears to be on what nature can do for us. There needs to be more on what we can do for nature. The needs of nature must be surfaced and the impact of all the Council's actions (and the actions of individuals and other organisations the Council facilitates) on nature should be assessed: if there is a negative impact on nature, a new plan should be formulated. Business as usual is unsustainable, and I cannot see anything on the information board that suggests the Council is planning to move beyond business as usual.

Green and Blue Spaces SPD	<p>Great to see this being considered and across a nice spread of sites.</p> <p>V glad to see the suggestions below, though didn't see them mentioned in the SPD, eg food growing and trees/front gardens in the streets will make streets cooler and more biodiverse. I hope the approach and changes will be informed by social prescribing and other health/ societal needs</p> <p>(as a note, the doc is not easy to find on the main page https://talk.walthamforest.gov.uk/green-and-blue-spaces-spd, it shd be linked in the text not hidden as it is, I thought this was asking only about the one pager at first)</p>
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	<p>It is meaningless.</p> <p>Green and blue spaces need to be protected from development. Waltham Forest does exactly the opposite. A few minor green and blue initiatives will achieve nothing of any importance when set again against the scale of harmful development, apart from offer a fig leaf of justification.</p> <p>In Lea Bridge Waltham Forest has cut down a pocket park in the name of biodiversity net gain. This entailed a loss of green space, important for recreation and relaxation, and important tree cover which was invaluable for combatting air pollution and city heat in that neighbourhood. All this was sacrificed for development. At the same time this site included towers which will dominate the marshes, thereby reducing the enjoyment and value of that open space in providing health benefits. The increase in population from this and other developments in this already overcrowded and deprived part of the Borough will put yet greater pressure on the existing green and blue spaces reducing their value for relaxation and recuperation. This has already been done and more is to come. The Borough will pay no attention to what I am saying!</p> <p>Another instance where the Borough will contradict its own claimed green and blue spaces policies is at New Spitalfields. This enormous development will put immense pressure on the existing green and blue spaces of the marshes and the River Lea. The River Lea is already heavily polluted and the SINC at Hackney Marshes is severely damaged by the swimmers and party-goers. The project will include tall towers which will harm the visual amenity and enjoyment of those using the marshes and thus their value in providing health benefits. The enormous population pressures created by the development will overwhelm the neighbouring green spaces. The requirement for greater access will also involve the destruction of a copse to allow a pedestrian/cycle path to run north out of the site which will add to the existing pressure on the River Lea and its environment and a bridge is planned to cross the River Lea which will add yet more pressure to the Hackney Marshes SINC.</p> <p>The New Spitalfields site will no doubt claim bng as there is no green space on the present industrial site! This will obscure the immense damage this development will do to the green and blue spaces in the area.</p> <p>This is not just a case of a lack of joined up thinking, it is a deliberate prioritising of development over green and blue spaces thus invalidating the whole blue and green project. The south of the Borough already lacks small parks meaning the marshes are the only substantial green and blue site in the south of the Borough. Wanstead Flats are not in the Borough. So by pursuing these development policies Waltham Forest will do immense harm not only to its own green spaces, it will also harm neighbouring boroughs' green spaces.</p> <p>In addition, both New Spitalfields and Lea Bridge Station are on flood plain. Flood plain is needed to absorb flood water and combat climate change, air pollution and city heat. These sites will be vulnerable to the kind of flash flooding we can expect to experience as the climate emergency gathers pace. We have seen the impact of such flooding in other parts of the world. This is not only harmful but dangerous.</p> <p>In the case of Lea Bridge Station the site was not indicated for tall buildings. The site is now to have even taller towers. This in turn will justify taller towers on other neighbouring sites. It also failed to provide any genuinely affordable housing so made no impact on the housing list. Waltham Forest has openly stated it is building to raise council tax revenue so these building programmes are designed to raised money at the expense of neighbouring green and blue spaces. in the publicity for these sites the views over the marshes are presented as advantages for the development (and developers and future flat owners) while the marshes are described as 'not natural but man made' thus downgrading their quality.</p> <p>The above cases show how meaningless this project is, particularly in the south of the Borough.</p>

Green and Blue Spaces SPD	<p>There is a lot of new buildings of height being planned in the south of the borough i.e densification where there is an existing lack of greenspaces for the population.</p> <p>The only way to help with provision of green open space and reduce over use of especially SAC and SPA areas is to ensure that adequate outdoor green space is provided to the additional populations on their developments sites. This should be over and above any balcony space. .</p> <p>The current SANG policy only looks at enhancing existing green spaces. and in the case of the Green Man underpass is at risk of sweeping away an existing good wildlife site(It was seeded with wild seeds and has developed its own biodiversity including bee orchids.</p> <p>Key factor1. should be considered in this SPG is the Physical and mental health of the population(unequal across the borough especially in the south)</p> <p>Key factor2. The protection and recording of the current biodiversty in existing wild greens paces. and the provision of NEW sites on development sites to help with Key 1 and mitigate climate change issues like i Heat and trapping pollutes air in the open spaces near massed buildings.</p>
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Insufficient protection from development of current green & blue spaces.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Positive.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I am responding to the consultation on behalf of Historic England. While there are no designated parks and gardens within the borough, there are a number of conservation areas that either contain green space or are adjacent to it – some of these also contain listed buildings. The SPD should ensure that adequate consideration of the effects of development on the significance of these heritage assets is enabled.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Really positive. Please that WF is strengthening its commitments to the biodiversity crisis.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Good idea
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Will this mean more temporary lights everywhere? I hope less fossil fuel vehicles and more pedestrian areas too?!
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I think this is an extremely important part of any future planning framework. Existing green and blue spaces need to be protected and sterile 'grey' open spaces reduced and eradicated.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	<p>There is talk in the SPD of protecting or enhancing Green Spaces. I refer to that part of Epping Forest that is near to Clivedon Road Highams Park. The development of Highams Park Garages, designated in the Lcal Plan as a site of opportunity can only harm the forest in terms of recreation (i cannot speak yet about pollution). There can be no meaningful Site of Alternative Natural Green Space as this site is tens of yards from the forest.</p> <p>It is difficult for residents local to the Clivedon Garages site to know what is envisaged as the capacity of this site for new housing has not been detailed. It is not known if a tall development is planned. It is not known whether any development will comply with the plan for housing in Highams Park.</p> <p>We residents near living to the Clivedon Road Garages site need this site removed from the list of sites that can be developed as any developement will harm our green space. We need to know what level of development is envisaged for the site as our concern is that LBWF in order to reach its targets for the borough which exceed those set out in the London Plan will see our site as one where it can fulfil any shortfall in housing delivery and in doing so ignore the needs of the Forest and the plan for housing in Highams Park.</p> <p>In conclusion the SPD should set out the exclusion of our site for the LBWF Housing Plan</p>

	<p>Background</p> <p>Prologis is a leading expert in the design, delivery and management of industrial logistics buildings within London and across the UK. The company has built, delivered, and managed over 50 million sqft of industrial floorspace across 22 'Prologis Parks' and continues to invest in strategic employment locations, creating high quality business environments for a range of occupiers. Prologis has land ownership within the borough which will be, where appropriate, redeveloped to deliver world-class warehousing and logistics facilities to meet the growing needs of its customers.</p> <p>In particular, Prologis is considering opportunities to help address the acute need for new distribution warehouse floorspace to serve London and is exploring how innovative development can make the best use of the limited space available, including through the delivery of innovative building design such as multi-storey developments.</p> <p>It is within this context that Prologis provides initial comments on the proposed Green & Blue Spaces SPD. Once adopted, the SPD will be relevant to the proposed redevelopment of existing industrial sites as well as the acquisition of new ones; the contents of the SPD and associated implications to the design of industrial developments will therefore be key.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Opportunities to include green and blue infrastructure – and the role this plays in increasing urban greening and achieving biodiversity gains – is more challenging for certain developments, in particular within Strategic Industrial Land (SIL) where land availability is more constrained. This is reflected by London Plan policy G5, which requires predominantly commercial uses (excluding B2 or B8 uses) to meet an Urban Greening Factor (UGF) of 0.3 as opposed to 0.4 for predominantly residential uses. The draft SPD should also reflect this approach, ensuring that it does not introduce specific requirements that are potentially onerous to the delivery of industrial developments within the LBWF area.</p> <p>In addition, the draft SPD should ensure it does not conflict with other strategic and local policy objectives with respect to energy performance and renewable, low carbon and zero emission targets. For example, given the nature of SIL land which is often space limited, the provision of green roofs on industrial buildings and avoiding the location of plant facilities on roof space is not always practical. Prologis is a leader in sustainable building design and currently has c.22 million square feet (c. 80 buildings) of industrial space which has achieved a Post Construction stage Certified BREEAM Excellent or Outstanding rating. This equates to approximately two thirds of Prologis' UK portfolio. Prologis has demonstrated that the provision of rooftop photovoltaic (PV) panels is regarded as the most efficient approach to ensure that buildings are as sustainable in operation as possible and to maximise the provision of renewable energy. Indeed, the delivery of rooftop PV panels should be acknowledged as a priority for large-scale industrial development due to the physical suitability of such buildings. The draft SPD should therefore provide flexibility and recognise that there will sometimes be a need to locate plant facilities and/or PV panels on rooftops.</p> <p>Further, any requirements with respect to the provision of a specific amount or type of green infrastructure – such as tree provision – should similarly recognise the challenges associated with achieving such requirements within certain developments, including industrial uses and SIL which are typically subject to greater land availability constraints.</p>
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Overall, flexibility in approach should be incorporated within the draft SPD, and it is recommended that this is applied to different types of major development such as warehouses and industrial units.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	<p>I am commenting on behalf of the Woodland Trust. We see green & blue infrastructure as essential, and that a coordinated approach is best to maximise the benefits for nature and people.</p> <p>Hedgerows and trees outside woods provide vital connectivity between habitats, contribute shelter and shade, and assist with water management, among other green infrastructure benefits.</p> <p>Design guidance should incorporate the protection and extension of green infrastructure including support for soft landscaping and SuDS in all new developments, and encouragement of green links, such as tree lines and hedgerows, to frame residential areas and connect existing habitats.</p> <p>Urban trees offer natural solutions to environmental challenges, such as noise and air pollution, urban heat islands and flood risk. Access to natural greenspace is also important for mental health and wellbeing.</p>
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Very inadequate particularly in respect of North Chingford/Station Road area

Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I am generally extremely sceptical about LBWF maintaining or augmenting existing green spaces in light of new development. This demonstrated most recently by reduction in green space at town centre square as well as extremely drawn out and tediously boring process in convincing LBWF that row of existing trees [remember, green spaces] needed to be saved on principle. And I'm not even a part of the SOS radical brigade.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	All very positive - it would be hard to criticise an investment of 25.5M in our green spaces, and the proposals seem well thought-through. Looking at the next question, I really don't want to see Council interference in residents' front and rear gardens.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Good idea
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Important. Especially blue
	(Are there any topics you think are missing and would like to see included?)
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Yes, behaviour related. I will like to see signs at every corner "do not split on the ground". This people who do that may have a bag with them and they can use it to split in it. And then are dog poop at every corner. The streets are very dirty and the trash is everywhere. Parks must be more clean and family friendly.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Changing some underused sports fields (e.g. Douglas Eyre playing fields) into public parks that everyone can use
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Underuse / improvement of existing green spaces for the benefit of local residents
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Sgregated cycling lanes and greenery
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	No fishing in green and blue spaces as it just bothers the aquatic creatures.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More explicit links to transport infrastructure - rail corridors, road verges, etc. - Features for species - focus on protecting existing or focus on what could be achieved + novel aspects? - Delivery - who? key stakeholders/partners - Wider ecosystem services beyond flood risk reduction - water quality, carbon storage/sequestration, air pollution, etc. - Stepping stones as well as corridors - Management of "grey" spaces - affects viability of goals for green/blue spaces, should be nature-friendly too e.g. herbicide/pesticide use
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Depends if the trees section includes the preservation, maintenance and replacement of lost street trees, improving their circumstances generally and increasing their number where possible.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Grass Management for verges in the borough and for bigger public grass spaces (quite a few in North Chingford and Friday Hill area). Working with housing associations like Friday Hill TMO and Housing21.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	More opportunity for wild swimming - this is an amazing way to connect us with nature of all ages. It should be encouraged throughout the borough
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Would like to see more specific details of what these areas would include.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Biodiversity. Net zero
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	The difficulties around public seating. Crucial for older people and people with kids but such a magnet for antisocial behaviour. In conjunction with new buildings I'd like to see guidelines for proper green/leisure spaces to be included rather than just corridorizing people onto Wanstead Flats/Hollow Ponds.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	we need to focus on the busy areas of the borough, not the already quiet green streets.

	I am interested in all of the above. Limiting me to three limits my ability to express my concern about all aspects of the environment.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	'Features for species' is strange wording. It illustrates the point I have made in response to Question 5. Nature cannot be an add-on, a 'feature'; supporting nature must be central to every decision made from now on.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I am interested in all the above!
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Wildlife habitat
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Trees in urban streets
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Historic environment
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Struggled to choose 3 from previous list.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Swift bricks
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	There's not enough plant based food etc in the borough, it's frustrating for me!
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	managing damage by recreation to green spaces
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Please refer to our covering letter
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Something on protecting irreplaceable habitats and on planning for nature recovery.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	No
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Swift bricks
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Wild swimming
	(Is there anything we did well, or anything you think we could do better next time?)
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	More ability to provide comments
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	More information in advance would have been helpful
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Flag up the process at an earlier stage in Council newsletters
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I'm think that when you asked for our opinion on the green and blue spaces I found it a very vague topic where I could just express my ideas. I feel like you could have explained some of the technical vocabulary so that some people could understand what it meant.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I think it is an early stage of the consultation, but it seems to have been publicised adequately to date.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Put a Link to the SPD at the beginning of the survey.

Green and Blue Spaces SPD	This questionnaire doesn't seem in-depth enough. The document is so top-level that it is difficult to gage how much priority it will be given, and what will actually be implemented and how. It does all sound good, but it's difficult to know
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	There is only one way to make sure folk know about what is going on and that is by writing to them, in an envelope so it gets opened, on line is NOT enough and will reach a few.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Would like to see the specific details of the SPD. I work as flood risk and SuDs planning consultant!
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	All I could see was a one-page pdf with not much info
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I could not open or read your information
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	specify aims by area of borough
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	what exactly are the plans?
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	See comments earlier. This is at a ridiculously broad brush, general level to the point of being meaningless.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Hard to respond when no draft of the SPD is published
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	More detail.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I'm only on my first SPD but unless I'm missing something there just doesn't look like there is any info to consult on
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I'm at q15...but still not clear what this is about. The title sounds of interest, but haven't seen anything of substance to tell me what it is and what impact it could potentially have
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	you asked what else can we do
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	There's almost nothing on the information boards. I appreciate this is only a first step and not the statutory consultation, but I think it's very hard for people to comment meaningfully on such broad concepts. I also think it's limiting asking us to fill in a survey: why can't we send you our thoughts free form so that we are free to say what we want to say?
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Document wasn't easily found on the main page. It used terminology that many will not be familiar with eg blue/ green corridors, or if they can guess they may not know what the significance is. The document should be written in an accessible format so the whole community can respond.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	No. You're not actually interested. This is just a game.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	More publicity Saw it in the EFHT newsletter
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	It's good that there's a consultation, I don't know if anything will actually get any better for the environment?!
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Would've liked more info but appreciate this is very early stages.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	LBWF has treated local residents badly when it designates sites in the borough as Sites of Opportunity without giving any idea of how many residences the site can provide. Local residents are aware that the Local Plan for housing exceeds the housing designated by the London Plan and and are that Clivedon Garages site will be used to meet any undersupply of housing form the rest of the borough. It seems the council seeks carte blanche to build whatever number of house ignoring the damage to the Forest and ignoring the plan for housing in Highams Park.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	N/A
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Having an early draft of the SPD for comment could help focus comments.

Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Use less jargon explain why the policies are necessary and how they will be implemented. ~In question 16 you have not included the event at Chingford Green which was advertised for the wrong date. When it did take place I was assured that there would be another organised at this venue but as usual for North Chingford nothing further took place
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	Well, you could actually take in and act on input rather than cave into developer requirements. But you will cave in. Again and again. This is what you could do better with consultations. But this question is probably loaded just to how a consultation is written and in acted and not actually what anyone does with it after. Hey ho.
Green and Blue Spaces SPD	I nearly missed the SPD - it has seemed that the "engagement board" was all there was to comment on. I suspect some potential or actual respondents may have missed the link entirely.

Appendix 2 Schedule of responses for Exemplar Design SPD

Name of the SPD	(What are your thoughts on the forthcoming Exemplar Design SPD?)
Exemplar Design SPD	If done with local input, that is actually taken into account, and the consent of local people, I'm in favour
Exemplar Design SPD	The idea is good in principle. The document currently on the website is light in detail.
Exemplar Design SPD	I feel this is too much for our area, it will be just like the top of Hoe St walthamstow, which has been over developed to the hilt. We do not want this in Chingford.
Exemplar Design SPD	I am pleased there is finally thought going into the living conditions of the people that are being crammed into these developments that are oversized and frankly slums of the future.
Exemplar Design SPD	I have always really liked the predominant Victorian character of the area which i feel is being eroded. Current projects are bland and could be anywhere in borough, some have been truly awful like the new developments on Hoe Street which were a wasted opportunity. I feel the LPA should encourage sympathetic mansard extensions of the Victorian housing stock as this is an easy win, can increase energy efficiency and provides usable larger family homes. There is too much emphasis on high-rise where gentle density of 6-8 storeys would have been preferable.
Exemplar Design SPD	Having experienced large development and the planning process proceeding it, I am anxious that future developments are handled better and better decisions are made
Exemplar Design SPD	Think before you destruct. Try to consider the landscape. Build in Walthamstow Village rather than on the little space left in the High Street area. Try to employ someone with foresight.
Exemplar Design SPD	Glad it's being created. Not clear what we are meant to be commenting on - could only see one simple consultation board with little detail.
Exemplar Design SPD	We need parking for any new housing. We don't want high-rise blocks of flats in Chingford as these prove to bring about anti social behaviour and misery and mental health issues to residents. In this area high rise is out of character. New builds need to be homes with gardens with parking provision. We do not want a massive housing estate we wish to retain our village and shops. We need the car park at the Mount otherwise shoppers will not come to the area. Also I can't take home a weekly shop from Sainsburys on a bike, in need a car to take my shopping home. So do disabled and elderly residents.
Exemplar Design SPD	It looks good, but it all depends how the priorities are weighted and how much of it is done in practice.
Exemplar Design SPD	Any developments in semi rural or suburban areas MUST not result in the removal of car parking or shops in the retail area. At Chingford Mount we want to keep our car parks, our retail outlets, our green/blue spaces (large and small). We DO NOT want any blocks of flats, any road closures, the closure of any of our car parks, to lose any shops, 'pods' on Albert Cres, to lose any of the bus services to Albert Cres or the loss of any of the green/blue spaces, including the views provided by such spaces. We DO want a public toilet block on Albert Cres. Use the rooms at the back of the Age Concern building as a youth centre which is open more than 2 hours a week!
Exemplar Design SPD	I note that it talks in terms of local character, which I fully support. My concern rests with the Council's seeming approach of planning mid to high rise buildings in urban areas that don't have them. Your approach has been pushed ahead regardless of residents views. I would expect that if the Council are reviewing their planning guidance to include such fine words as you have that you will take them seriously and listen to residents views and concerns. Its not good enough just to say we have an increasing population and we need to have 'character led' intensification development.
Exemplar Design SPD	It's a start - but will the actions match the words. And will the council actually listen to public representation? On past form, I'm not so sure.
Exemplar Design SPD	Looking at the photos of your exemplar designs it just looks like colourful high rise blocks of flats built closely together. This will further ruin the area and be a step backwards, and presumably little thought given to additional required resources after the build (e.g. schools, doctors, shops, parking, leisure areas, charging points, electricity/gas and water supplies, and waste disposal).
Exemplar Design SPD	It looks good on paper but I've seen little evidence recently of these principles being applied in practice. Is this just a tick box exercise ? Your priority continues to be unpopular and (mostly) ugly high rise development, whereas what people want is low rise, human-friendly scale housing with personal outdoor space. On small sites such as Eastfield Road you are achieving this, but around Blackhorse Road, Forest Road and Selborne Road you're creating overbearing spaces that are starting to resemble Vauxhall and in no way are designed with 'local character in mind'.
Exemplar Design SPD	Hard to say with such little detail. However the idea is great and very welcome. It is hard to understand concepts like 'character led intensification' without an explanation of what that is.
Exemplar Design SPD	I am concerned about it.

Exemplar Design SPD	I think that this is a really important document as it will be used to shape what gets built in the borough via the local plan. There is very little trust in the community for the borough's commitment to 'character led intensification' as the local plan seemed to lots of people to value number of units (and therefore in people's minds maximisation of council tax) over all else. The community in general does not appear to accept the need for high rise buildings in a low rise, highly residential community and associates them with anti social behaviour and the breakdown of community. Conversely a large part of the community understands the need for more housing, in particular social housing but mistrust what 'low cost' housing means and how much of it actually materialises at the end of development projects.
Exemplar Design SPD	Ironical, considering that all the tower blocks foisted upon us are ugly, out of character with the area, too high and higher to make more profit.
Exemplar Design SPD	It seems a bit complicated and long. Maybe too many topics. It won't attract comment from marginalised or learning disabled people.
Exemplar Design SPD	We want development across the Borough to respond appropriately to local character, to be generous and joyful and to consider people and the planet.'
Exemplar Design SPD	This statement sounds very positive but, unless the SPD heralds a new era and a significant step change, I fear we will experience more of the same: developments that are out of scale and terrible for the environment. I would love to be proved wrong, but the SPD is going to have to work very hard to ensure I am.
Exemplar Design SPD	It'll be good for the neighbourhood if it is actually adhered to
Exemplar Design SPD	Leytonstone High road has various buildings dating from the 1600 onwards. It has some noteworthy examples from different eras including a building that is the second oldest in the borough. The numbers of buildings of height are likely to overwhelm its diverse character. Geographically it sits higher up and so any build of height needs to be sensitive to the surrounding buildings ideally with a broken outline. The sites chosen should have a specified area for green spaces and safe play areas, grow spaces. Not just a bit of hard landscaping and one or two trees.
Exemplar Design SPD	Good idea but a lack of biodiversity & nature at present.
Exemplar Design SPD	I am responding to this consultation on behalf of Historic England. We welcome the production of the proposed SPD, and would encourage the council to ensure that it draws heavily on the character study of the borough to help ensure development proposals respond appropriately to their context. Existing conservation area appraisals will also help in this regard. Such an approach will also help reflect the requirements of London Plan D3 Optimising Site Capacity. We would also stress that archaeology as well as above ground heritage assets can play a role in this.
Exemplar Design SPD	Good idea
Exemplar Design SPD	This is a positive introduction. I hope it will reset the expectations around design in the Borough.
Exemplar Design SPD	I feel like this framework is too broad to have any substance and allows for too much interpretation. It speaks only vaguely about particular concepts and it's difficult for me to comment on it until I see the substantive policies, particularly around tall buildings full of flats no-one can actually afford which constantly get approved and are clearly a point of contention in this borough.
Exemplar Design SPD	To many flats built in area over crowded no parking traffic congestion home owners are being forced to sell

Exemplar Design SPD	<p>Background</p> <p>Prologis is a leading expert in the design, delivery and management of industrial logistics buildings within London and across the UK. The company has built, delivered, and managed over 50 million sqft of industrial floorspace across 22 'Prologis Parks' and continues to invest in strategic employment locations, creating high quality business environments for a range of occupiers. Prologis has land ownership within the borough which will be, where appropriate, redeveloped to deliver world-class warehousing and logistics facilities to meet the growing needs of its customers.</p> <p>In particular, Prologis is considering opportunities to help address the acute need for new distribution warehouse floorspace to serve London and is exploring how innovative development can make the best use of the limited space available, including through the delivery of innovative building design such as multi-storey developments.</p> <p>It is within this context that Prologis provides initial comments on the proposed Exemplar Design SPD. Once adopted, the SPD will be relevant to the proposed redevelopment of existing industrial sites as well as the acquisition of new ones; the contents of the SPD and associated implications to the design of industrial developments will therefore be key.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Foremost, it is suggested that any guidance within the draft Exemplar Design SPD ensures that industrial developments are recognised as being distinct from other uses (such as residential and commercial). Industrial development necessarily brings with it different functional requirements to other types of development.</p> <p>Industrial development ranges across Use Classes E (formerly B1), B2 and B8 and can include manufacturing (both heavy and light assembly) buildings, storage and distribution properties (including general warehouses), dark kitchens, trade counters and multi-purpose 'flex' buildings which typically contain office space, research and development space and/or data centres. Proposals for industrial development will inevitably comprise of a different function and form that is appropriate to that particular use, and each will also need to be designed to fulfil the occupiers' specific needs and bespoke requirements.</p> <p>Further, the most suitable built form to optimise sites – in line with wider London Plan ambitions to make the best use of land and intensify industrial land – will depend on a range of site specific and contextual factors and constraints. The delivery of industrial intensification in particular will require new and innovative approaches to design, including the development of complex multi-storey schemes.</p> <p>By virtue of their specialist and highly technical design and associated practicality issues, it is often more challenging to meet certain design requirements in such developments. For example, the ability to provide active frontages through building design is highly dependent on the type of use; the provision of ancillary uses to provide active frontages will be more appropriate for Class E (formerly B1) industrial uses such as office and research and development space, than for manufacturing and storage and distribution buildings (B2 and B8). In addition, specific details of building design may not always be possible due to the functional requirements of the building, and façade details such as window openings must be considered against practical internal arrangements of industrial uses.</p> <p>Fundamentally, the design of industrial buildings is highly dependent on the type of industrial use as well as the nature of surrounding uses, and must be appropriate from a functional and viability perspective on a site-by-site basis. It is therefore recommended that any requirements of the draft SPD recognise the differences between types of uses (including between different industrial uses) and their form and function. It should also allow for sufficient flexibility throughout, having regard to the technical design that is likely needed to intensify industrial uses, such as multi-storey development.</p>
Exemplar Design SPD	There does not seem to be enough information to comment on this, all I can find is the single "Engagement Board" which is hardly detailed.
Exemplar Design SPD	Please refer to our cover letter
Exemplar Design SPD	<p>I am commenting on behalf of the Woodland Trust. We support the integration of trees and other green infrastructure to good design from the start. Good practice would include: a presumption that existing trees will be retained; targets for increasing tree cover; achieving habitat connectivity with the location of new planting; promoting suitable species selection with native species from UK sourced & grown stock.</p> <p>The Woodland Trust favours the retention of healthy mature trees given the benefits that they deliver for people and the environment. We encourage developers to adopt a retention-first approach for any healthy mature trees and to work with the local planning authority, as well as the local community, to think carefully about designs that can retain and enhance existing trees. This will help meet requirements for Biodiversity Net Gain and the London Plan's Urban Greening Framework.</p> <p>Existing trees, green spaces, and hedges, should be integrated, protected and enhanced in new developments. Integrating trees and green spaces into developments early on in the design process minimises costs and maximises the environmental, social and economic benefits that they can provide. We recommend the guidance published by the Woodland Trust Residential developments and trees - the importance of trees and green spaces (January 2019).</p>

Exemplar Design SPD	I agree that the Sutherland Rd development featured on the consultation board is a great exemplar but it seems like all the other developments planned for my area of Blackhorse Lane do not follow this example - they are much taller and built of lower quality materials. I have become very cynical about local planning rules as a result. If there is to be residential development on the Blackhorse Lane industrial estate it should look more like the Sutherland Rd exemplar.
Exemplar Design SPD	In principle I support council input on best design practice but ultimately - and particularly on large site development - feel the gains made here are little or non existent give total power of developer over council to get project[s] completed. I actually think this SPD is a kind of PR stunt to show council willing in light of their actual impotence.
Exemplar Design SPD	I've looked very thoroughly, and I can't find any link to an SPD document, only an engagement board. I think you have a cheek inviting comments on a one-page document which says practically nothing. Yes, I'd like to see the SPD - has it even been published yet?
Exemplar Design SPD	Good idea
Exemplar Design SPD	The design SPD should incorporate focus on how development can be designed to maximise water efficiency. Improving water efficiency will also reduce energy demands and make development more energy efficient. As such it is a key issue in relation to the Environmental Value Design Principle.
	(Are there any topics you think are missing and would like to see included?)
Exemplar Design SPD	Consider the area, and what sort of development is needed. i.e. what existing housing stock could be released for families by looking at demographic of the area.
Exemplar Design SPD	Working with the existing neighbours, good cafes/ restaurants. We have so many empty units in Waltham forest, clearly not currently working. We also need to ban the exclusive amenities in blocks. All these new build to rent developments contain gyms for their residents which means no gyms are built for other residents in the area who cannot afford to live in these new developments
Exemplar Design SPD	Many boroughs are formulating Mansard extension guidance, the LPA should be in the foreground of this having eminently suitable stock which would provide a very easy win.
Exemplar Design SPD	Affect of the building process and resulting building on nearby residents
Exemplar Design SPD	As above. Pleased I'm not growing up here today. Walthamstow gets more crowded than ever.
Exemplar Design SPD	Maintenance and upkeep. Too often new developments are not maintained and their value and amenity quickly deteriorates. Eg. cladding broken and not repaired.
Exemplar Design SPD	No
Exemplar Design SPD	Sustainability and carbon footprint
Exemplar Design SPD	Agyms, swimming pools etc.LL AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT ARE IMPORTANT - THREE ARE NOT MORE IMPORTANT TO ANY OTHER! Chingford Mount and the surrounding area is semi rural/suburban and should be kept as such. It IS NOT an area to build tower blocks after removing the local shops, car park, age concern building, gyms, swimming pools etc. Leave it alone. If you build at all then use the part used plots and no others!
Exemplar Design SPD	local support infrastructure - e.g. schools, doctors surgeries, transport options
Exemplar Design SPD	I am unsure whether by the "tall buildings" option above you mean for or against. I am 100% against, so I'd add "no building higher than the present maximum in any location".
Exemplar Design SPD	
Exemplar Design SPD	Does 'External amenity, play and landscape design' include personal outdoor space i.e. balconies and gardens ? It should do. The contribute hugely to well being and good mental health.
Exemplar Design SPD	Routes to net zero through passive design and on site monitoring of construction strategies
Exemplar Design SPD	Real Social housing, not 'affordable', which is a market driven price
Exemplar Design SPD	Planning for families
Exemplar Design SPD	Ensuring small businesses and public services are considered to support larger populations (e.g. GPs, schools, child care, dentists, small shops). Commercial spaces should not be converted to residential as per newly announced Government planning. These spaces will be needed as the population grows and new residents are housed in larger developments.
Exemplar Design SPD	All the topics above are important.
Exemplar Design SPD	Amenities need to be considered, irregardless of the quality of the build design. As of now, no developments in Walthamstow seem to give consideration to our lack of GP surgeries, and instead just add residents without care

Exemplar Design SPD	Integrated biodiversity measures, e.g. swift bricks which should be included, numbers and location in accordance with best-practice guidance.
Exemplar Design SPD	Swift bricks
Exemplar Design SPD	Sustainability in all forms and scales
Exemplar Design SPD	It's tricky as I think the detail of many of the above aspects are important. However I would like to see a specific pointer about developing in line with the climate emergency as well as obligations around social and genuinely affordable housing, which are periodically overlooked by developers who just want to make as much of a profit on their shiny new flats as they can.
Exemplar Design SPD	Parks on wasteland for dogs infrastructure can not cope with more people moving to new flats
Exemplar Design SPD	Biodiversity Net Gain, urban greening
Exemplar Design SPD	No
Exemplar Design SPD	Swift bricks
Exemplar Design SPD	Sustainability including water efficiency and how development can be designed to comply with the London Plan policy on water efficiency as a minimum and look at maximising water efficiency. The document could reference Thames Waters environmental incentives which are offered to new developments that meet water efficiency standards which result in reductions in connection charges.
	(Is there anything we did well, or anything you think we could do better next time?)
Exemplar Design SPD	Provide more detail about the proposals - I don't know what I have commented on other than your intention to issue a future document...
Exemplar Design SPD	You need to listen to the people living in the Borough, and not pay lip service.
Exemplar Design SPD	More information
Exemplar Design SPD	Heard about meetings too late
Exemplar Design SPD	To have a "face to face" meeting which does not involve Council theatrical disguise.
Exemplar Design SPD	Be clear what exactly should be reviewed and commented on. is there a document or just the consultation board?
Exemplar Design SPD	This consultation should be posted to residents and not carried out online. Alternatively you should advise residents if meetings etc by using posters to advertise. This is very hard to navigate and 99% of residents won't have time to complete it. If it's posted out everyone will get a chance to comment.
Exemplar Design SPD	It's difficult to trust the documents. This is because that generally there is so much careful wording and spin as well as presenting issues in the most favourable way (for the council) while rewording obvious negatives into positives, that there has been so much disappointment that proposals that sounded great, but weren't that it is difficult to trust the documents. However, I can see that there is no easy solution to this.
Exemplar Design SPD	On line consultation is NOT the way to reach all people. The only way the council can say they have tried to consult with everyone is to write to everyone in an envelope - not a leaflet that gets mistaken for a circular to be binned without reading.
Exemplar Design SPD	More evidence you respond to public engagement
Exemplar Design SPD	The material is almost at the motherhood and apple pie level, so hard to disagree with. It's the next level of detail that really counts. So this consultation feels like an expensive effort which will yield very generalised results.
Exemplar Design SPD	Many of the terms used in this questionnaire are not meaningful to me. I'm sure that others will find this so too.
Exemplar Design SPD	Insufficient info
Exemplar Design SPD	Glad you're consulting but not sure given the lack of any sort of info what benefit will be gained from it.
Exemplar Design SPD	Not much advertising across the borough about the consultations or drop ins.

Exemplar Design SPD	Continue to engage using easily read websites such as this, and avoid Commonplace.
Exemplar Design SPD	Speak to local people suggest meetings dates given have already expired
Exemplar Design SPD	<p>As previously noted, the only information I can find on "exemplar design" is your single page engagement board. I presume more information was available at the workshop events. If there was it is disappointing that this information is not available on-line. So regardless of whether there is *no* extra information, or whether there is but I can't access it, either way "information provided" scores badly.</p> <p>So far as communication is concerned, I only noticed this consultation in a council email dated 3rd August, long after any events had been held. Checking back I see there was also a mention in a council email dated 29th June, but in both emails the consultation was mentioned very near the end of the email - perhaps further than many people will scroll to. It is a shame the consultation wasn't given more prominence.</p>
Exemplar Design SPD	N/A
Exemplar Design SPD	Include a link to the document you're supposedly consulting on?

Appendix 3 Schedule of responses for Retrofit & Residential Extensions SPD

Name of the SPD	(What are your thoughts on the forthcoming Retrofit and Residential Alterations SPD?)
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Exciting/about time...
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	The aims appear to be good but the devil is in the detail so I would like to see more information
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Good in principle. I am very concerned that there is a cumulative negative impact on the housing in the borough due to Permitted Development rights associated with loft extensions. They are generally in poor materials and poorly executed. An exception is No1 Chewton Road E17 which has been very well designed (but within PD). There should be much tighter controls on the materials used as over time these lofts are ruining the roofscape whereas they could make a beneficial contribution if they were executed well!
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Need clear guidance on good practice what, why and how. Should include biodiversity issues and climate adaptation. The need to avoid concreting over front gardens Avoiding plastic grass Pointers to good practice like LETI
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Lack of planning enforcement needs to be addressed more quickly for illegal developments
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	It is desperately needed as there are some low-quality additions occurring in the borough due to a lack of clear guidance which would enable poor schemes to be refused. In addition, the need for retrofit and extension are inexplicably linked and the borough will come under increasing pressure with regards to both and has a predominant housing stock which is Victorian which must be conserved and enhanced to meet current needs. The borough has historically been very against loft conversions in particular which needs to be addressed as simply, there are not enough larger homes and it is desirable to keep families and higher earners in the borough. A coherent strategy for sympathetic extension is required so that people may extend and improve their dwellings and add to the local character.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	yet to read it
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I have been unable to find sufficient detail on what it would entail for me to hold an opinion
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Very good idea. Need to heavily promote it and find ways to mandate / encourage its use though. Worst offenders are least likely to pay any notice.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	It is important to develop policies to back up the Climate Emergency the Council has declared.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Positive. It would be good to know how retrofit projects will be incentivised/ prioritised over demo and new build as it often makes more financial sense for a developer to knock down and start again
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	It is the way forward but no mention of the costs which are prohibitive for most residents. A well advertised and attractive financial package is needed before the majority of residents will be able to engage in upgrading their properties.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Seems like a great idea to make Waltham Forest less energy intensive
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Sounds promising if actions match words
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I would like the document to reflect what is allowed under Permitted Development. This is very relevant where a property that is converted into flats, and therefore does not have PD rights, is immediately adjacent to a single family dwelling of the same style and character. The house owner may extend their property quite significantly under PD whereas the the adjoining flat owner does not have the same freedom. This is very noticeable when it comes to loft conversions and roof extensions.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	just want know more about this
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Will be good to have clear guidance BEFORE even considering alterations to see if it's viable before spending money on architects or builders
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I think guidance on how to retrofit and alter residential buildings is essential. However, it's essential that the information is accurate and kept up to date. I visited the house in Greenleaf Road, saved up, and then tried to arrange to have underfloor insulation installed but the price was significantly higher and I was told by the supplier that the cost being given out in the Greenleaf Road literature was far too low; lower than they could have done the work for. So I'm still saving... I think the guidance needs to encourage people to talk to their neighbours before work begins, and for people in a street to work together to minimise the impact of work on the quality of life of their neighbours. It is also critical that people understand the planning implications of their decisions and seek planning permission where appropriate, and that all residents of a street are given notice of planning applications for significant alternations to front elevations.

Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	If we are to deal with the climate emergency, the impact of the manufacture, installation and disposal of old materials should be taken into consideration alongside any efficiency benefits that may be enjoyed by pursuing new "energy-efficient" solutions. My hope is that this SPD will consider this before encouraging wholesale and potentially unnecessary consumption that will create more harm than good to the environment.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	The SPD should focus on making green, family friendly alterations easier for residents. Embedded carbon needs to be taken into account.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	<p>I am concerned about the amount of wastage of materials especially wood when people are altering their homes.. It seems to be that in older properties either by aesthetic choice or fire safety reasons wood such as doors and architraves are removed and skipped. this is often excellent quality slow grown wood that should at the very least be reused or repurposed. householders should be required to have an outline of the amount of materials they removing and replacing with a carbon value appened so they are aware, of their choices.</p> <p>Often extensions and alterations are made with no consideration of light pollution to the area. This should be mitigated as it is very impactful not only to humans but to wildlife.</p> <p>It seems that extensuions are robbing garden space often not because of need but rather of want and in areas of affluence. Before considering expanding homes it would be good to guide people about redesigning existing spaces and incorporating insulation and climate mitigating features.</p> <p>Regarding materials and architectural design. I would like to see incorporation of bird bricks in new buildings.</p> <p>I have looking to improve the insulation in a terraced victorian house. It is very difficult to identify a consultant who is independent from various methods. A council list of such people would be helpful.</p>
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Seems a good start but how will it be implemented?
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	The categories are confusing and no other detail has been provided
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	<p>I am responding on behalf of Historic England. We welcome the production of the proposed SPD and we are pleased to note that heritage considerations will be covered within the document. We strongly support moves to address climate change issues but would stress that inappropriate while well-intentioned retrofit measures on historic (and other) buildings may not only adversely affect heritage significance but could also worsen rather than reduce carbon emissions. To help encourage users of the proposed document to bear in mind a number of guiding principles in developing retrofit ideas for existing buildings a suggested approach for historic buildings could be outlined as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The importance of ongoing maintenance as a method of both monitoring energy performance of existing buildings and ensuring its effectiveness •Adopting an approach that as a starting point is iterative and looks for lower cost and minimally invasive interventions •Emphasising that small scale changes, such as secondary glazing and window and door repair, can deliver significant benefits <p>We would also suggest that relevant Historic England guidance and advice is signposted at an appropriate point in the document – for further details please see Retrofit and Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings Historic England.</p>
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Positive.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Good idea
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Okay. I'm not sure if this would be the right document to provide it in, but it would be good to get some guidance or a framework for how people can access funding for green retrofitting and alterations. People who can apply for these kind of changes are, I would imagine, in a financially-privileged position. What can be done to level that out?
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I have not seen any information about the SPD yet
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I think for too long home owners in certain parts of Walthamstow have been able to add any sort of extension on their housing that is often not online with the 'look' of the area, built poorly or devalues other people's houses on their street- better regulation has been needed for a long time. The environmental aspect also needs to be better regulated as many people pave over garden areas which then stops biodiversity in the area and is also very problematic with the recent flash storms we have had over the past years - it's contributed to flooding/ poor drainage after a storm
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Please make it easier to put a bike shed in the front garden or on your driveway - we don't have a car and want to cycle for environmental reasons. We own our house and have a driveway - but current planning rules suggest that putting it under our front window (ie not perpendicular to the highway) would not be allowed. It's nonsense that people are allowed to pave their driveways, have three and four cars per household choking up the streets and our air, and it's so difficult to install a bike shed.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	<p>Difficult to comment when we can't see what's proposed! Having recently been through the planning process I'd like to see greater coherence between what's allowed under permitted development and the householder planning rules. Crazy that the householder rules are saying things like no L shaped loft extensions when everyone is doing that under PD.</p> <p>Also, I'd like to see the rules actively encourage green improvements. I'm in an end of terrace Victorian property with no side access, we'd like to add external wall insulation but can't see how this could practically be done without some complicated neighbour agreement. Also, having visited the Council retrofit demonstration property we were really put off getting a heat pump by the realisation that the external unit would need to be situated in the middle of the garden to avoid a theoretical nuisance to the neighbours. Many homes in Walthamstow have full width ground floor extensions making this approach quite impractical.</p>
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	The one-page engagement board (the only document offered) is merely a collection of vague generalities, and there's not much there worthy of comment. Why not wait until you had something of substance?
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Good idea

Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Thames Water provided water and wastewater infrastructure to the area. Incorporating guidance on water efficiency within the SPD could assist with making existing development more water efficient resulting in reductions in demands for potable water supplies and helping to make existing properties more water and energy efficient in the process.
	(Are there any topics you think are missing and would like to see included?)
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	These are pretty meaningless to me. Which cover energy efficiency? I want to know about erecting solar panels on flat roofs, heat pumps etc. Is that “retrofit guidance”?!
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Relaxing current restrictions for conservation areas so that more properties can adopt energy saving measures, and permitting use of new solutions (eg PV solar roof tiles)
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	PD Lofts - how to avoid detracting from the value of property
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Environmental sustainability and climate adaptation
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Planning enforcement when an illegal extension is built which has a major impact on neighbours and the local area .
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	heritage / conservation area guidance needs updating
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	not yet
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Heat pumps
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Insulation
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	As noted previously
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	How to finance the work needed on all Victorian/Edwardian homes.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Tackling most obvious eyesores first
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	impact on water useage/ runoff
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Retrofit guidance for energy efficiency - costs, recommended providers would be useful. Also what retrofits need to be done simultaneously (e.g wall insulation + ventilation)
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Green/energy efficiency and embedded carbon
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Sustainability
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Heat pumps; solar panels
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Include biodiversity enhancements e.g. swift bricks in extensions; also potential significant impact but also positive opportunity for retrofit and buildings-based biodiversity e.g. bats & red-listed birds such as swifts & sparrows - consider legal implications (Wildlife & Countryside Act), timing with regard to bird nesting season, surveys, mitigation measures such as leaving entrance points as they, integrated nest spaces in eaves. The Camden Council Home Improvements guide is quite good as a starting point, Waltham Forest Swifts Group (walthamforestswifts@gmail.com) can also provide advice.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Swift boxes
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Preserving the character of each street
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Relaxed rules and ideally no planning permission required for bike sheds at the front of a house
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	There's not much that is included so far!
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Swift bricks

Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Sustainability particularly in relation to water efficiency. Retrofitting and undertaking alterations to residential properties provides an opportunity to make them more water efficient reducing water usage and energy demands.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Creating outdoor space for homes currently without
	(Is there anything we did well, or anything you think we could do better next time?)
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Too vague
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Insufficient detail for this stage. No pointers to existing policy guidance or examples of good policy practice to help inform responses.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	yet to confirm my thoughts
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	The information available here was little more than a set of headlines. Providing more detail of how you are planning to achieve the aims would be better
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Publicity has been good
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	This consultation achieves nothing as it is just a tick box to show interest in the subject.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	There isn't much detail to comment on
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Larger scale PDF
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	no
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Letter in mailbox to know about this would be good. I saw this through a local e newspaper and missed the consultation period
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	Please allow more ridge rises for lofts. The embedded carbon requirements in lowering ceilings is so wasteful.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	No useful information provided and categories are confusing.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I was not aware of the drop-in events until after they happened
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I only found out about this 2 days before the deadline - should have been communicated more broadly
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	The material being consulted on is way too thin.
Retrofit & Resi Extensions SPD	I did feel I was consulted on any detail just broad brush headings. I've no idea how you know what I think

Appendix 4 Schedule of responses for Industrial Intensification SPD

Name of the SPD	(What are your thoughts on our forthcoming Industrial Intensification SPD?)
Industrial Intensification SPD	Having a plan for the future is important but only if the local community have the final say in what the council proposes
Industrial Intensification SPD	Concerned around the use of intensification. Most of the borough's industrial estates are now co-located with residential homes. For example the forest trading estate/ uplands industrial estate has 100s of new flats on its boundary. It is therefore no longer appropriate for heavy industries or industry that relies heavily on HGVs etc. It is therefore crucial the council considers the neighbours.
Industrial Intensification SPD	There is very little information available at this stage but any plans to intensify industry must be balanced against the interests and welfare of residents living in and / or next to industrial estates, particularly in relation to noise and air pollution. I do not think that intensifying industry in Waltham Forest is helpful. Given the increasing number of flats being built in the area, you should be focusing on increasing and improving social infrastructure and providing green spaces for residents' physical and mental health.
Industrial Intensification SPD	I'm awaiting to see more details
Industrial Intensification SPD	Sustainability & aesthetics, please
Industrial Intensification SPD	I'm all for it. Waltham Forest has been home to some innovative businesses in the past, and there's scope for more yet, with our good links to the A406 and M11, as well as serving London's needs.
Industrial Intensification SPD	Our wishes will be ignored, as has happened so far.
Industrial Intensification SPD	<p>I am principally concerned about the Leytonstone area. I The few current industrial sites are being squeezed by increasing the residential developments. For Younger residents this means that the local job opportunities are becoming limited to hospitality or delivery for food outlets and shop work , all lower paid or zero hours type work. For youngsters who maybe more technically minded it seems they will have to travel across the borough or out of borough to find work.</p> <p>I would like to see that the council supports the businesses that have been operating successfully out of sites like Joseph ray and The sidings in Hainault road to stay in the area. Unfortunately developments often displace businesses right out of area to cheaper sites well away from the borough.</p> <p>I would like to see planning for small tradesman to have affordable places to store their equipment. Tradespeople offering apprenticeships could have discounted rental options.</p> <p>I would like to see a positive plan to attract tech type businesses into the area. A concerted attempt to give a spectrum of work opportunities for the younger members of our population will be essential to reduce the disparity of health and wellbeing in the borough especially in the South. It isn't and shouldn't be just about homes for young professionals.</p>
Industrial Intensification SPD	I am responding on behalf of Historic England. We welcome the production of the proposed SPD, and would encourage the council to ensure that it contains appropriate advice of taking account of existing townscape character and context in relation to intensifying uses. It could make use of or refer to the borough's character study as part of this. It should also include signposting to other sources of advice in relation to dealing with the significance of heritage assets.
Industrial Intensification SPD	<p>In principle we are supportive of industrial intensification where possible but it can be hard to achieve, particularly on sites with operational businesses. The notion of co-location of industrial with other uses is a key point and we have direct experience of conflicts between industrial and residential occupiers elsewhere in London. The protection of existing business environments is a priority and we welcome the inclusion of this in the SPD.</p> <p>We have sent a more detailed response to the SPD in separate correspondence and would welcome further discussions on the matter once this has been considered.</p>
Industrial Intensification SPD	I have been unable to view as it does not download. I think at this point in time poor business that have used spaces are being the victim of money making scheme.
Industrial Intensification SPD	Principles on co-locating with other use - especially residential use when it comes to noise and pollution - are really important here.
Industrial Intensification SPD	It's lacking a specific section on the climate emergency and environmentally-sound development, building, refurbishment and use - feel each individual SPD should have this very clearly set out.
Industrial Intensification SPD	These businesses have been in Walthamstow all my life - I hope that any changes made are to benefit these existing businesses and not affordable that it pushes them out of the area

Industrial Intensification SPD	<p>On behalf of my client, A2Z Building Supplies, the preparation of an Industrial Intensification SPD is very much welcomed. As part of this consultation process, it is important for the Local Planning Authority to recognize existing businesses and commit to protecting those currently operating in the borough, especially within the context of the Meridian Water development and mass displacement of industrial uses from the borough. This resonates with the fourth exemplar Design Principles which 'seeks to protect existing businesses and creating good new jobs for local residents' as set out within the consultation document.</p> <p>As part of the council's commitment to "ensuring that the right types of industrial uses are delivered in the right places" it is important to identify appropriate sites. Therefore I submit 'Land off Harbet Road, Chingford, E4 8QB' on behalf of my client for consideration to be allocated for industrial use. The site comprises of a parcel of 'green belt' land located off the A406 and has been occupied by Pointbid Logistics Systems Limited since 2016. The site was subject to a recent enforcement appeal (ref. APP/U5930/C/21/3272492) for "the material change of use of the land from open scrub and grass land on undeveloped Green Belt Land, to use as a depot for parking motor vehicles including (HGVs) heavy goods vehicles (Use Class Sui Generis)" and was dismissed with the Inspectorate upholding the enforcement notice on the 7 February 2023. Pointbid Logistics has been an important business operating in Waltham Forest Council and has a long established relationship working with the Royal Mail. Pointbid Logistics have been given 6 months from the date of the decision to find an appropriate site to relocate their business, however it is proving difficult to identify alternative sites for use within the immediate area or borough. It is however considered that the site presents an opportunity for the intensification SPD to recognise existing important industrial businesses in the borough and provide support for their continued operations.</p> <p>The site is severed from the surrounding Green Belt by Harbet Road to the south and the A406 to the east, which has created an island. Costco, immediately north of the site forms part of the Council's Strategic Industrial Location (SIL) as set out within the Local Plan. The Waltham Forest Focused Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land Assessment (November 2019), prepared by LUC specifically identifies the Site as part of 'Area 1 – Land of Shadbolt Avenue and Harbet Road' and demonstrates it has 'minimal' contribution value to the adjacent Green Belt and is considered to have 'very low' harm should it be developed. The assessment states: "development of south eastern corner of the area would have a relatively limited impact on preventing sprawl, the merging of settlements and encroachment on the countryside due to its closer relationship with the settlement edge retained by Harbet Road to the east. Therefore, if this area were to be developed the impact on contribution to the Green Belt proposes would be relatively limited."</p> <p>For this reason, it is considered that the intensification SPD should allocate this site for industrial use subject to undertaking appropriate screening measures, soft landscaping and removal from the Green Belt. The softening of the boundary would enable legibility of the revised Green Belt boundary and bolster protection towards to the existing green belt area to the south.</p>
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Industrial Intensification SPD	<p>Background</p> <p>Prologis is a leading expert in the design, delivery and management of industrial logistics buildings within London and across the UK. The company has built, delivered, and managed over 50 million sqft of industrial floorspace across 22 ‘Prologis Parks’ and continues to invest in strategic employment locations, creating high quality business environments for a range of occupiers. Prologis has land ownership within the borough which will be, where appropriate, redeveloped to deliver world-class warehousing and logistics facilities to meet the growing needs of its customers and the London market. Across the world, Prologis is also a market leader in the delivery of multi-level buildings, including Japan where it has delivered over 100 successful schemes.</p> <p>In particular, Prologis is considering opportunities to help address the acute need for new distribution warehouse floorspace to serve London and is exploring how innovative development can make the best use of the limited space available, by optimising density on sites and facilitating urban intensification through the delivery of innovative building design, including multi-storey developments.</p> <p>It is within this context that Prologis provides initial comments on the proposed Industrial Intensification SPD. Once adopted, the SPD will be relevant to the proposed redevelopment of existing industrial sites as well as the acquisition of new ones; the contents of the SPD and associated implications to the industrial sector will therefore be key in terms of the deliverability of much needed new development.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>In drafting the SPD, Prologis would suggest that the document clearly recognises that a broad range of industrial uses exist, and development proposals for industrial development will each have their own varied operational and functional requirements, with buildings designed to suit a particular use and the needs of intended occupiers. Industrial development ranges across Use Classes E (formerly B1), B2 and B8 and can include manufacturing (both heavy and light assembly) buildings, storage and distribution properties (including general warehouses), dark kitchens, trade counters and multi-purpose ‘flex’ buildings which typically contain office space, research and development space and/or data centres.</p> <p>As such, proposals for industrial development will inevitably comprise different functions and forms that are appropriate to that particular use, and each will need to be designed to fulfil the occupiers’ specific needs. The draft SPD should therefore acknowledge that there is a distinction to be made between different industrial uses, allowing for flexibility to any proposed requirements which would be operationally challenging either for the use of buildings or subsequent leasing arrangements. Not adopting such an approach could threaten the viability and deliverability of these schemes, and industrial optimisation more generally. Further, in certain cases and reflecting the constraints of land availability within SIL, the delivery of industrial intensification will also require new and innovative approaches to design, including the development of multi-storey schemes. These bring with them different functional requirements to traditional industrial buildings and associated practicality issues, which may make it more challenging – by virtue of their specialist and highly technical design – to meet certain requirements. For example, there is an inherent tension between delivering industrial intensification and positively responding to the local character and heritage of the area, and the most suitable built form to intensify the site will depend on a range of site specific and contextual factors and constraints.</p> <p>In this context, it is recommended that the specific wording of the SPD allows for sufficient flexibility, having regard to the technical design that is likely needed to intensify industrial uses.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>In order to progress and inform the development of the draft SPD further, Prologis would welcome the opportunity to work with LBWF Officers. In particular, given the complexities of delivering multi-level schemes, it would be beneficial meeting with officers to share experiences and ensure the successful delivery and compliance of schemes against future guidance. In order to assist in this process, Prologis would be willing to be part of a working group and would be happy to discuss the comments set out above in person.</p>
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	<p>NEMA Strategic Land strongly support the principle of establishing a SPD that promotes the industrial intensification of existing industrial locations where residential can also be provided in accordance with the Mayor of London's co-location policy. A robust strategy for ensuring the most effective use of existing industrial land should be set out in policy and guidance to deliver and maintain a sufficient supply for industrial uses.</p> <p>The nature of industrial uses and demand for industrial space has encountered structural changes in recent years to encompass a range of uses, including makerspace, creative studios and tech startups, along with the more heavy industrial uses. We would strongly encourage a variety of industrial uses are clearly set out within the SPD as to ensure an appropriate policy context to support the provision of flexible and varied workspace typologies within designated industrial areas. Whilst it is recognised that demand for traditional B2/B8 floorspace remains steady, growth is expected for small, multi-let spaces. It will be imperative to ensure that industrial sites are able to accommodate a diverse range of users for continued success.</p> <p>Additionally, as noted in Policy E7 of the London Plan, industrial intensification can be used to facilitate the consolidation of an identified SIL or LSIS to support the delivery of residential and other uses. This process requires a plan-led process and a coordinated masterplan. Additional guidance on this process would be welcome; however, it will be imperative to maintain a degree of flexibility given the intrinsically varied character and nature of uses across different industrial locations. The approach to masterplanning will depend on the specific context and existing established uses within an industrial location and guidance should therefore reflect these variations rather than setting our prescriptive parameters that may not be applicable to the site context.</p> <p>The SPD should set out the approach to the co-location of residential uses within designated industrial locations and the key design parameters to support such uses. The SPD should further set out support for the mixed use redevelopment of sites within SIL locations that are designated as 'areas of change' in the Employment Land Audit (April 2021) or unsuitable to support intensified industrial use.</p> <p>We would specifically note that in reviewing Rigg Approach, the Employment Land Audit identifies that, with the exception of the sites fronting the Lea Bridge Road (which could be used for mixed use development including residential), the SIL has some potential for industrial intensification. It goes on to identify the sites with frontage to Lea Bridge Road as 'areas of change' and unsuitable for accommodating industrial intensification. Furthermore, it notes that most businesses in this SIL do not demand much yard space, access for HGVs is limited and the majority of stock is in poor condition and in need of modernisation. These conditions are not typical of most industrial estates, given the heavy reliance upon HGVs amongst traditional B2/B8 uses. However, noting the prospect of limited large vehicle movements and that the site conditions in themselves are challenging to accommodate traditional industrial uses, we would recommend that the SPD sets out support for mixed use redevelopment of this SIL that seeks to intensify industrial spaces (particularly creative/makerspace typologies) and residential uses, at all suitable sites, including those fronting Lea Bridge Road.</p> <p>In accordance with adopted and emerging policy, NEMA Strategic Land, as a landowner of sites in the Rigg Approach SIL, are exploring options of working and engaging with adjacent landowners and existing businesses to develop a masterplan, which could potentially include residential-led mixed use development and industrial intensification.</p> <p>Finally, there are a number of vacant and dilapidated sites within industrial locations. We would recommend that the SPD sets out a long-term approach to industrial intensification of these sites, including broad support for appropriate meanwhile uses, and longer-term support for the consideration of development viability in ascertaining the appropriate quantum/mix of industrial to other uses, particularly to bring sites back into use to support industrial capacity.</p>
Industrial Intensification SPD	It's hard to comment on a one-page "engagement board" - there seems to be no draft SPD.
Industrial Intensification SPD	I think the Council has concentrated on packing the Borough with the sort of flats most people will eventually want to move on from at the expense of employment.
Industrial Intensification SPD	Thames Water are the water and wastewater infrastructure provider for the area. It is considered that the impacts of industrial intensification on water and wastewater infrastructure should be incorporated into the SPD. Some industrial uses have significant water and/or wastewater infrastructure needs such as data centres. Data centres in particular can require large volumes of water. Under section 55 of the Water Industry Act 1991, Thames Water does not have a duty to provide non-domestic supplies of water. Further investigation will often be required to ensure that development proposals do not have a detrimental impact on our existing customers. If a provision of supply can be offered following this, we will need to discuss timescales, costs and any mitigation measures that can be introduced to minimise the impact. As a result, early engagement from developers is beneficial for all parties.
	(Are there any topics you think are missing and would like to see included?)
Industrial Intensification SPD	Noise and pollution for neighbours
Industrial Intensification SPD	Noise and air pollution for local residents
Industrial Intensification SPD	Aesthetics - no dark satanic mills (2020's equivalent)
Industrial Intensification SPD	Revision of underutilised industrial zoned land back to original residential zone.
Industrial Intensification SPD	Importance of local quality and variety of employment
Industrial Intensification SPD	Historic environment

Industrial Intensification SPD	I feel that this is lip services as I have only been made aware of this consultation
Industrial Intensification SPD	See above - specific section on climate emergency.
Industrial Intensification SPD	-Jobs for people who live in the local area -Jobs/ apprenticeships schemes for young people
Industrial Intensification SPD	Specific site identification for appropriate industrial uses.
Industrial Intensification SPD	Co-location of residential uses Industrial typologies Meanwhile uses and regeneration strategies for long-term vacant sites
	(Is there anything we did well, or anything you think we could do better next time?)
Industrial Intensification SPD	You should provide a summary of what you are considering at this stage.
Industrial Intensification SPD	Larger print on docs
Industrial Intensification SPD	There's nothing to consult about so far!
Industrial Intensification SPD	There was a distinct lack of communication.
Industrial Intensification SPD	There is not much opportunity to provide a detailed response to the SPD. Therefore I have issued a separate one to the Council.
Industrial Intensification SPD	You need to advertise better a
Industrial Intensification SPD	Not enough published to comment on meaningfully.

Appendix 5 Schedule of responses for Developer Contributions SPD

Name of the SPD	(What are your thoughts on our forthcoming Developer Contributions SPD?)
Developer Contributions SPD	The council needs to take local people with them and they must take into account exactly what the local community wants and not just pay lip service to their views as so often happens. I do not believe the 15 minute neighbourhood is required, wanted or is something the local communities are interested in, and it is a crazy lefty idea without merit
Developer Contributions SPD	Ensure you make developers contribute to local infrastructure. It seems a lot of money is now spent miles away from the developments
Developer Contributions SPD	<p>Need for a long term project and to build community.</p> <p>Youth centres</p> <p>Early learning</p> <p>Aimed at socialising young people away from knife crime</p> <p>Collaborative approach with local people, police, youth organisations, schools.</p> <p>Helping to build clubs around the Olympic legacy facilities - coordinating body and subsidies for under 16s, unemployed people, and elderly people. Walking and hiking clubs, making the most of existing infrastructure and promoting it better.</p>
Developer Contributions SPD	<p>GREAT...B U T first of all let 's be given correct information ! It is stated that the Lea Bridge Library project was funded by SPD..is this true? My understanding was most of the development was done with a grant from GLA procured by the then lead councilor Simon Miller.</p> <p>Future money should be spent in the areas where the money is raised, for example...In Lea Bridge/Leyton (where many of the new building projects are being carried out). In question 5 you only allow upto three answers...all areas are inter related and are needed for an holistic approach!</p>
Developer Contributions SPD	<p>In blackhorse road where there have been many new housing developments with promises from the developers of new shops and restaurants in buildings this has not been delivered to date. It would good to see a review published of what was promised by the developers to win the project build vs what they have delivered at the end and the council holding these companies to account to deliver their promises.</p> <p>Also, given the increase in the people living in the area now it is a concern that the number of GP surgeries have not increased. The only one is Sinnott Medical Centre where you have to wait 2 weeks to be able to book an appointment and then another 2 weeks for the actual appointment. This is a big worry about the insufficient health infrastructure in place.</p>
Developer Contributions SPD	I have no thoughts
Developer Contributions SPD	I'm awaiting more details
Developer Contributions SPD	There doesn't seem to be any money from section 106 funding being funnelled or directly to support vital independent for community support organisations and projects like us , by developer contributions. We don't know why this is ? We urgently as you know need vital office space and storage space to sustain our volunteer run projects as we are a non commercial business so we are not seen as a priority in any of the draft plans. Some of the money from developers should be going to fund this and this does not seem to be happening and my organization all of our volunteers and community partners really feel strongly about this urgent need also .can we have a conversation about this ? Thanks
Developer Contributions SPD	This is crucial. The perception is that developers get a free ride, and the new and existing residents suffer from lack of doctors, and especially utilities struggling to such as water and drainage.
Developer Contributions SPD	Maximise contributions
Developer Contributions SPD	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Waltham Forest Developer Contributions DPD Early Engagement consultation, June 2023. McCarthy Stone is the leading provider of specialist housing for older people in the UK.</p> <p>We would remind the Council when drafting the SPD that Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 61-008-20190315 of PPG on Plan Making is considered. This states that 'Supplementary planning documents (SPDs) should build upon and provide more detailed advice or guidance on policies in an adopted local plan. As they do not form part of the development plan, they cannot introduce new planning policies into the development plan.....They should not add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development'.</p> <p>Whilst paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 23b-004-20190901 of PPG on Planning Obligations states 'Policies for planning obligations should be set out in plans and examined in public. Policy requirements should be clear so that they can be accurately accounted for in the price paid for land.'</p> <p>The Council must therefore ensure that in drafting their Developing Contributions SPD that they do not introduce new planning policies that add unnecessary financial burden. If such policies are introduced the Council should be aware that these should be reserved for a Development Plan Document and examined in public. The Council should also give careful consideration as to whether contributions should be sought from older persons housing schemes, as given the nature of the residents, they will generally place negligible impact on facilities and services – an obvious example being education and recreation facilities but there are many others where no or a much lesser level of provision is warranted stances.</p> <p>Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment.</p>
Developer Contributions SPD	All SPD contributions are welcome however more social housing is desperately needed and should be included in all developments to prevent stigmatisation. It should be more difficult for developers to wiggle out of making full contribution.

Developer Contributions SPD	Looks good. However it's lacking a dedicated section on Council and social housing/affordable housing (And genuinely affordable, not the kind that's been in the news that those on £30k are being priced out of because they're deemed to not be earning enough!)
Developer Contributions SPD	<p>Background</p> <p>Prologis is a leading expert in the design, delivery and management of industrial logistics buildings within London and across the UK. The company has built, delivered, and managed over 50 million sqft of industrial floorspace across 22 'Prologis Parks' and continues to invest in strategic employment locations, creating high quality business environments for a range of occupiers. Prologis has land ownership within the borough which will be, where appropriate, redeveloped to deliver world-class warehousing and logistics facilities to meet the growing needs of its customers and the London market.</p> <p>Prologis is therefore considering opportunities to help address the acute need for new distribution warehouse floorspace to serve London and is exploring how innovative development can make the best use of the limited space available, by optimising density on sites and facilitating urban intensification through the delivery of innovative building design, including multi-storey developments.</p> <p>It is within this context that Prologis provides initial comments on the proposed Developer Contributions SPD. Once adopted, the SPD will be relevant to the proposed redevelopment of existing industrial sites as well as the acquisition of new ones; the contents of the SPD and associated implications to the industrial sector will therefore be key in terms of the deliverability of much needed development and hence the need for flexibility in certain areas.</p> <p>Comments</p> <p>Firstly, in developing the draft Developer Contributions SPD, we would highlight that the obligations (in particular the calculation of financial contributions) will need to be considered in conjunction with the adopted LBWF Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule (adopted March 2014) and the Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy (MCIL2, adopted February 2019). Fundamentally, the in-combination effects on the viability of new schemes needs to be fully assessed to ensure that the draft SPD and its requirements do not prevent developments from coming forward in the Borough, and that there is no 'double-counting' of obligations that are already covered by CIL. The draft SPD and CIL should therefore be considered holistically along with a comprehensive viability assessment of the overall impacts on schemes in the area.</p> <p>In addition, the draft SPD will need to ensure compliance with the relevant supporting policies to which the proposed obligations relate within the emerging Local Plan and/or the London Plan (2021). The role of SPDs is to provide additional information and detailed guidance on how the Council will implement policies; it should not introduce further requirements or add unnecessarily to the financial burdens of development (NPPG on Plan-making, Reference ID: 61-008-20190315).</p> <p>For instance, Prologis would highlight that supporting London Plan Policy E3 states that planning obligations may be used to secure affordable workspace (in the B Use Class) at rents maintained below the market rate for that space. The ability to provide affordable workspace on certain schemes (such as distribution warehouses) can be challenging from a locational, management and viability perspective and any obligations proposed within the draft Developer Contributions SPD – such as for a certain amount of onsite affordable workspace – should be reflective of the realities of these requirements and be flexible in its approach. The SPD should therefore allow for financial contributions towards the off-site provision of affordable workspace to be considered on a site-by-site basis, having regard to location, the building typology, management, physical characteristics and occupier requirements.</p> <p>Further, in relation to employment training and skills, any obligations in the draft SPD should allow for developers to demonstrate best endeavours to meet requirements to recruit local employees, but also recognise that this is often beyond their control and depends on the availability of employees (such as contractor arrangements or the requirement for highly skilled jobs). Prologis would also support obligations for the provision of skills training centres on sites of a sufficient scale – but would suggest that if this such a requirement is included within the SPD, the obligation makes clear that where training centres are provided as part of a development, additional financial contributions will not be required.</p>
Developer Contributions SPD	Please refer to our covering letter
Developer Contributions SPD	The "Infrastructure Delivery Schedule" is an interesting document, but in the absence of anything more than the "engagement board" I wonder why you're bothering to consult at this stage?
	(Are there any topics you think are missing and would like to see included?)
Developer Contributions SPD	Commercial units, maybe a rule about ensuring these don't stay vacant
Developer Contributions SPD	After-school education in libraries and targeted to specific subjects, and more events. Biodiversity park with a focus on education, for families.
Developer Contributions SPD	Safety - increase in violent crime in the area and also on the roads where speed limit is adhered to
Developer Contributions SPD	No not that I can think of
Developer Contributions SPD	There doesn't seem to be any money from section 106 funding being funnelled or directly to support vital independent for community support organisations and projects like us, by developer contributions. We don't know why this is? We urgently as you know need vital office space and storage space to sustain our volunteer run projects as we are a non commercial business so we are not seen as a priority in any of the draft plans. Some of the money from developers should be going to fund this and this does not seem to be happening and my organization all of our volunteers and community partners really feel strongly about this urgent need also .can we have a conversation about this? Thanks

Developer Contributions SPD	Children
Developer Contributions SPD	Where is water in this list?
Developer Contributions SPD	Support for young people
Developer Contributions SPD	Housing
Developer Contributions SPD	Everything is missing! (No substantive document)
	(Is there anything we did well, or anything you think we could do better next time?)
Developer Contributions SPD	Guarantee that when a consultation is undertaken the results will be binding on the council
Developer Contributions SPD	Listened well, welcoming, engaging, built a sense of confidence.
Developer Contributions SPD	See comments made elsewhere
Developer Contributions SPD	nothing further to add
Developer Contributions SPD	No
Developer Contributions SPD	Please improve on the following There doesn't seem to be any money from section 106 funding being funnelled or directly to support vital independent for community support organisations and projects like us , by developer contributions. We don't know why this is ? We urgently as you know need vital office space and storage space to sustain our volunteer run projects as we are a non commercial business so we are not seen as a priority in any of the draft plans. Some of the money from developers should be going to fund this and this does not seem to be happening and my organization all of our volunteers and community partners really feel strongly about this urgent need also .can we have a conversation about this ? Thanks
Developer Contributions SPD	N/A
Developer Contributions SPD	Publish something worth consulting on? The engagement board is so much hot air.

Appendix 6 Schedule of responses for Leyton Mills SPD

Name of the SPD	(What are your thoughts on our forthcoming Leyton Mills SPD?)
Leyton Mills SPD	I think this SPD could lead to really positive change for the area. In particular the new bridge is needed.
Leyton Mills SPD	I hope it is radical and Please bold. Please build mixed use retail residential greenspace on Leyton Mills. It is a awful symbol and inefficient waste of space to have a huge car park dominating Leyton.
Leyton Mills SPD	Looks very good and very ambitious. Not confident it will ever happen...
Leyton Mills SPD	Area needs some serious upgrades, to shopping, housing, transport. Leyton station not fit for purpose. Leyton high road to congested.
Leyton Mills SPD	<p>Generally I think the plans are good and i'm supportive of the developments on the whole so ill concentrate on the bits i'm less keen on or i feel could be improved.</p> <p>My main points of concern are around the Leyton Mills development. Im glad that the ASDA is now being kept within the plans as it is a very important service for the area. My first concern is about the size of the store. Looking at the plans it looks like it has been reduced by about 20% in sq footage unless some of the delivery etc is to be moved into a basement. It is already a busy supermarket and smaller supermarkets need to change their margin model resulting in higher prices. I would be concerned that cost of products would increase and especially in the current financial climate this will be to the detriment to the lower income families in the area. It is also disappointing that no space has been left for the B&Q. The good thing about the B&Q is that it is walking distance from the Leyton community and is one of the few affordable hardware stores in the area. It also has one of the only garden centres which is not comparable to buying online and impossible to shop further away without a car. The result of the movement of these services is an increase in online delivery and traveling outside of the area for goods. One of the main problems in the area is parking with no available loading bays. Living on a busy road and made worse by parking restrictions and the cycle lanes sometimes deliveries block the road or have to park a long way away. Also personally I walk/cycle everywhere but if the services locally available changed then it would result in us as a family having to start using a car. Which i'm morally and financially hesitant to do. I'm sure we wouldn't be the only ones in the area effected in the same way. In retail terms based on the size of the units it looks targeted to be great if you want to go grab a coffee and a pastry but not so much for anything else though i'm aware my perceptions of this may change when the plans go into more detail.</p> <p>My property and that of my neighbours are directly affected by the development on Leyton Mills. My main and the concern of many people I have personally spoken to as well as shown in the consultation, is the build height and distance from our boundary. This was listed as one of the areas of consideration during the development of the scheme. The plan currently states "Building heights to respond to sensitive edge" yet the minimum build height in the key is 5-9 Storeys. I am assuming that a 1-5 storey value is missing from the key and would be for the buildings labeled sensitive. This defiantly needs clarifying. Because the site overlooks directly quite a lot of properties and is on the south side of existing buildings. Any development that has an impact on existing light/noise/privacy will be challenged. After seeing what has happened to Dunedin Road and the impact it had on those houses with 3 stories I would be proactive in stopping anything similar happening to the residents of my area especially when the other proposed developments within the scheme have very little impact on existing residents properties.</p> <p>I don't think the "08 Quality of homes..." Map is very clear. Since high rise in the UK is anything over 18 meters or roughly 4-5 storeys and medium density developments also normally indicate a height of 4-5 stories all the construction on the sites shown on the map you could be argued as high rise / high density. So this feels a little disingenuous or misleading. Also in terms of presence and silhouette difference between a 5 and 9 story building is very different. So I feel is too large a bracket to give a good impression of the development. More detail please.</p> <p>One issue we have in the area is that we have lots of community areas already but not a lot happens with them. What is a "cultural hub" in practical terms? Is it just where pigeons hang out? Because that is what it is at the moment. The new community spaces need to perform a function to be decided at the planning stage not just a buzz word in planning approval. In the Spitalfield development It would be great if the area had a central place for a market that was actually big enough to make it a destination and attract enough people to make it financially viable having a event or temporary structures there. This could be great for start ups or small businesses. The original Spitalfields E1 could be a good template for what could be done. As the space is used with a mix of temporary events/market and more permanent shops and restaurants. the inside/outside feel is a great attraction and suitable for all weathers.</p> <p>Is the area by the river not being used for bars and restaurant's because it is north facing or poor access with vehicles? more attractive places to go eat, drink, spend time and socialise could really boost the area as currently we just have beer gardens or tables on the street outside restaurants.</p>
Leyton Mills SPD	Looks great but I would like to see more reference to cafes & restaurants. They will bring ppl in from the surrounding area that currently go elsewhere
Leyton Mills SPD	<p>Excited.</p> <p>Even for the higher rise building development but please can it be interesting architecture and not like the cheap and boring brown new stuff going up around Bow, etc. If ASDA is dramatically reduced in size that has to be a good thing. OR to replace it with a Waitrose even better. And the homogenous faceless retail units (Sports Direct, Pound Land, etc) being replaced with more interesting retail space would be great. Please support new small businesses, please support cycling, green the space up. And asap fix our very shabby / in-accessible Leyton Tube station asap. Pedestrianise Leyton hight road perhaps, would be good to achieve a Francis Road 'village feel' in the area, to help get a better community feel in the area.</p>

Leyton Mills SPD	<p>I am responding to this consultation on behalf of Historic England.</p> <p>While we welcome the production of the proposed SPD, we are concerned at the absence of any consideration of heritage issues and opportunities in the consultation documentation. This is a key omission and somewhat disappointing given successful recent liaison between Historic England/Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service and LB Waltham Forest on archaeology. Ruckholt Road and Temple Mills are both important multiperiod Leaside archaeological sites with prehistoric, Roman and mediaeval remains uncovered since the nineteenth century. Records include a Romano British coffin "vault" containing urns and coins, a proposed Roman crossing of the Lea and other evidence suggesting a high status Roman settlement, palaeolithic and neolithic flint tools and the extensive mediaeval complex of Ruckholt. This important archaeological resource and consideration of how it can be used to help inform development proposals (as per London Plan policies D3 and HC1) should play a role in the SPD.</p> <p>We note the aspiration to daylight the Dagenham Brook and consider this would create a positive heritage outcome.</p>
Leyton Mills SPD	<p>Generally speaking the design proposals look encouraging. The new train station is a great idea and I'm happy to see that Hackney Marshes will be protected. Leyton Mills is long overdue a refresh as well, and the benefits to the wider Leyton area could be fantastic.</p> <p>However, please PLEASE drop the idea of high-rise buildings from this proposal. The SPD document consultation extracts clearly indicate that residents don't want that and it is going against their wishes. All proposed housing should be 5-9 storeys.</p>
Leyton Mills SPD	Please refer to our covering letter
Leyton Mills SPD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The title of the consultation is misleading: I (and probably many others) thought it was only about the Leyton Mills Retail Park site, but in fact it covers four sites including the very sensitive Spitalfields Market site. If you have not received comments from Save Lea Marshes, it is likely to be because they were misled by the title of the consultation. 2. When the presentation speaks about "exemplar design" it defines it in terms of the four principles on the cover slide. None of these four principles speaks about the architectural design of buildings (what the Secretary of State calls "beauty" and so it seems that the SPD is going to leave this out. In particular, on slide 02 "designed to exemplary standards" may have nothing to do with the architectural design of buildings so as to be good to look at. Looking at the image at the top of slide 06, it looks pretty well the same as the images of the development at the Homebase site in Walthamstow. It seems all the Council's proposed developments will look the same. 3. The presentation speaks about protecting the biodiversity of Hackney Marshes but it says nothing specific about protecting particular species and in particular nothing about the bats which are a protected species and would suffer from light pollution from tall residential buildings. 4. slide 03 reports comments under "Biodiversity and Climate Resilience" about protecting the Marshes and River Lea, but the skyline from the Marshes would be adversely affected by any buildings exceeding six storeys on the Spitalfields Market site (four storeys on the side nearer the Marshes) and similarly for Temple Mills Bus Garage and Eton Manor, or exceeding about 8 storeys on the Leyton Mills Retail Park site. 5. Slide 03 also reports comments that "height and density of development is a key concern" but slide 04 only offers "take a considered approach to the location of tall buildings" and so takes it for granted that there should be tall buildings on these sites. We consider that an adequate contribution to housing need could be built without tall buildings, and any tall buildings on these sites will interfere with the enjoyment of the Marshes and also with the townscape of Leyton Town Centre including the settings of listed buildings and of a conservation area. 6. Slide 03 also reports comments in favour of B&Q as "really useful and well used" but there is nothing in the presentation about reserving a site for a DIY store/builder's and decorator's merchant. 7. Asda and B&Q (or whoever replaces them) will need car/van parking for customers to take away a week's groceries or buildings supplies but the presentation says nothing about providing decks of parking above the stores and below the housing and we suspect that the council is just wishing for people's actual transport needs to go away. 8. There is also a need to improve the exit for vehicles from the Leyton Mills Retail Park site, as the present jams at the roundabout where Marshall Way meets Orient Way are very bad for air quality. 9. Slide 03 reports comments in favour of family homes with gardens but the presentation says nothing about these or where they will go. 10. We support de-culverting the Dagenham Brook as far as possible and improving buffers between the A12 and the Leyton Mills Retail Park site and between the Spitalfields Market site and East Marsh. But these are not a substitute for keeping the developments low/medium rise as explained above. 11. We do not consider the proposed green spaces within the developments "large" or "generous". They are little patches of green. We wish to see the whole North half of the Spitalfields Market site "re-marshed" in accordance with Government guidance. 12. There should be a "green bridge" over Eastway between the Spitalfields Market site and Eton Manor. 13. It is a mistake to rely on a new station at Ruckholt Road to provide an adequate Public Transport Accessibility Level for developments, because of the lack of capacity at Stratford station. There is also a limit to capacity on the Central line, which will not be improved by improving Leyton tube station. 14. The Council's plans seem overall to disregard the desirability of using existing buildings (such as the Leyton Town Hall annexe, now the Legacy Business Centre) and such as existing churches and church halls for cultural and community uses and instead have new (smaller) buildings for such uses built as part of new developments. This is contrary to the desirability of reusing existing buildings and so reducing carbon outputs.

	<p>This is a much more interesting offering for consultation as there's much more detail in both the engagement board(s) and the Development Framework. Clearly, Leyton Mills is an opportunity to make a difference which will last generations. I applaud much of what is in these documents, including the desire to encourage sustainable travel, though I do not support the ongoing hostility towards those who may still need to use vehicles. Otherwise, Leyton Mills and environs are an exciting opportunity to create a significant area which will have its own character. I have to say, though, that I'm not confident at all in the outcome. The Council has a track record of promoting high-rise development regardless of whether local people feel it is appropriate to the existing character of the neighbourhoods we've chosen to live in. I shudder when I pass Marlow Road, and I shudder even more around Blackhorse Road. I boil with anger (as do most people I know) at the monstrosity now going up on Selborne Road - surely an exemplar of the very worst in planning and design. These high-rise blocks will not provide the sort of homes that people aspire to end up in, merely a mid-life home (for those who can afford it) until something better becomes possible. Those who purchase these homes are unlikely to be drawn in the main from this Borough, which makes me wonder quite who the Council is working for - because it doesn't seem to be us.</p> <p>Leyton Mills and environs are generally underdeveloped historically, so the opportunity is immense to create something to be admired and in which people would aspire to "end up". But the present fetish for huge blocks of anonymous flats will just make it a staging post, with the well-understood attendant lack of social and personal investment in the area. The tower blocks in Walthamstow are making more and more people talk about leaving, where once they had expected to be "permanent". Sadly, I think you'll end up creating a district which people will not love, for all the "features". There are many, many good ideas in these documents, but I have little doubt that pressure on dwelling numbers will mean this fantastic opportunity is wholly screwed-up.</p> <p>Ask yourself - would you want to end up in an identikit flat on the 17th floor?</p>
Leyton Mills SPD	It's not too late. It's all there to play for. Still. (for now)
Leyton Mills SPD	<p>I am dismayed that the council has not made real efforts to engage the local community so far. We've received nothing in the post about this and wouldn't have found out without being at Asda on the day that posters were up, by pure chance.</p> <p>I have concerns about the housing proposed for the Leyton mills site and the removal of crucial shops in the area such as the Asda and B&Q.</p> <p>The SPD also affects such a large area, I think it's misleading to name it simply 'Leyton Mills'.</p>
	(Are there any topics you think are missing and would like to see included?)
Leyton Mills SPD	I think it is important to specify that there should be no at grade car parking for the superstores.
Leyton Mills SPD	Active travel, more green spaces, more trees and planters in Town Centre and Grove Green area into Francis Rd
Leyton Mills SPD	Historic environment generally and specifically the existing archaeological resource
Leyton Mills SPD	Specific section on how the development will be planned and realised with the climate emergency in mind
Leyton Mills SPD	Please refer to our covering letter
Leyton Mills SPD	<p>No tall buildings intruding on the skyline</p> <p>Family homes with gardens</p> <p>Traffic flows for motor vehicles</p>
Leyton Mills SPD	An opportunity to ask the residents of Waltham Forest whether they want to live in a forest of tower blocks.
Leyton Mills SPD	Transport and local services should be their own categories.
	(Is there anything we did well, or anything you think we could do better next time?)
Leyton Mills SPD	Voices of community stakeholders should outweigh that of developers
Leyton Mills SPD	<p>I think the information is out there but many people are still not aware of it. I think for large developments that might affect people directly, more effort should be made to contact them in person or post.</p> <p>It also feels sometimes that it's "we hear what you are saying but it's going to happen anyway".</p>
Leyton Mills SPD	
Leyton Mills SPD	detailed context and research put forward. Looking forward to learning more detail on the type of solutions to be designed/executed.
Leyton Mills SPD	The document for this particular part of the consultation was great! I appreciate it has a slightly different purpose to other SPD documents and is maybe further along, but it feels like it has more substance to it.
Leyton Mills SPD	N/A
Leyton Mills SPD	There is vastly more detail here than in the other parallel consultations, and that makes it worth commenting on. The multi-page engagement board is very well-done (though the full Development Framework is dauntingly extensive). If the Council gets this opportunity right it could be an area celebrated across London and beyond. I just don't think that'll happen, sadly. It'll end up over-developed with far too much housing density, and it'll end up a cold and soulless place full of people yearning to move on.
Leyton Mills SPD	You should advertise more obviously to residents when members of the planning office are running public surgeries or meetings. All residents should receive something in the post to inform them of the SPD. Not everyone receives the council email, and we haven't had a WF newspaper for a long time. I've not seen any posters up in the library or local shops about drop in events.

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