

# APPENDIX 1



## STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

Between the London Borough of Waltham Forest and  
City of London (Conservators of Epping Forest)

Date 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## 1. LIST OF SIGNATORIES AND ROLES

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Name: Joe Addo-Yobo

Role: Head of Planning Policy

City of London Corporation (as The Conservators of Epping Forest)

Name: Paul Thomson

Role: Superintendent of Epping Forest

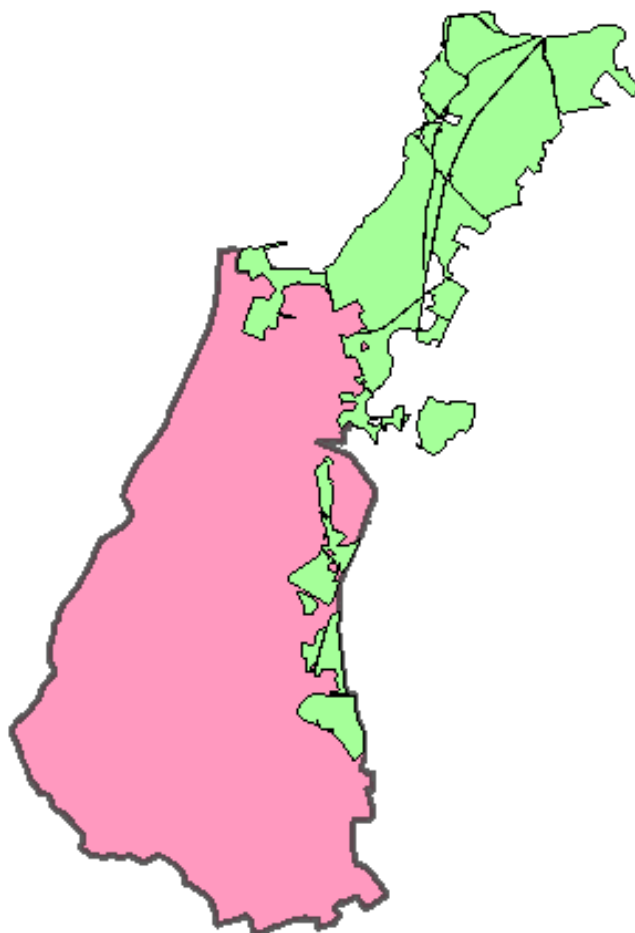
## 2. KEY STRATEGIC MATTERS

- a. Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Mitigation Strategy

## 3. DESCRIPTION AND MAPS

The SoCG covers the Local Planning Authority areas of the London Borough of Waltham Forest and the Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation with Boundaries shown in the map below.

 Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation



#### **4. AGREED MATTERS**

- a. There is common ground in relation to ongoing work to ensure preservation and enhancement of SAC land and wider forest through various mitigation measures to be secured through the planning application process. These will be scoped and codified. Both parties will be sharing data and information to assist the measures and the framework for monitoring of progress.
- b. Both parties are committed to work through the SAC Mitigation Oversight Group of local authorities and are also committed to working together in the development of a Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD will contain the appropriate assessment from the HRA, an agreed air pollution mitigation strategy approach to SANGS and a comprehensive SAMM Strategy.
- c. The Council is committed to delivering the over-arching strategy contained in the Mitigation SPD and ensuring implementation of the individual strategies through development contributions to provide agreed maintenance uplift and ensuring future use of the land is provided as an alternative to the leisure use of EFSAC.

#### **5. OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

The HRA remains to be finalised to ensure it is compliant with the Habitat Regulations, with the Air Pollution Mitigation Strategy requiring effective measures to be agreed.

As part of this HRA also, the pattern of site allocations and the density of housing close to the SAC boundaries remain significant matters to be resolved between the parties.

There will be continued work on negotiations around the SAMMS, particularly on agreeing the methods of monitoring the effectiveness of its implementation.

In addition, there will be continued development of a SANGS through the SAC Mitigation Oversight Group. These matters remain outstanding because negotiations continue on tariffs, location-specific measures and alternative sites and involve third parties that are not signatories to this SoCG.

#### **6. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

This SoCG will be kept up-to-date and will form a key part of implementation of Local Plan policies and any future Local Plan reviews. Meetings to discuss cross-boundary issues will be held with the City of London Corporation (as Conservators of Epping Forest) regularly and discussions and other factors including Local Plan reviews may inform a revised SoCG.

## 7. TIMETABLE FOR REVIEWS AND UPDATES

Meetings to manage strategic issues will be held on an ongoing basis.

## 8. SIGNATURE

The London Borough of Waltham Forest and City of London (As Conservators of Epping Forest) confirms that this Statement of Common Ground reflects the joint working by both organisations to address identified strategic matters.

Signed on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest by:

Name: **Joe Addo-Yobo**

Position: **Head of Planning Policy & Strategy**

Signature



Date: 27/07/2021

Signed on Behalf of City of London (As Conservators of Epping Forest)

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