



Note of Duty to Cooperate activity between the London Boroughs of Islington and Hackney — September 2019

1. Islington is due to undertake consultation on a proposed submission draft of the Islington Local Plan (Regulation 19) in autumn 2019, with submission to the Planning Inspectorate expected by the end of 2019.
2. Hackney submitted their Local Plan for examination in January 2019, under the transitional arrangements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Examination hearings were held in June 2019.
3. The Council are in discussions with the London Borough of Hackney regarding a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). In the absence of an agreed SoCG, this note has been prepared to outline Duty to Cooperate activity undertaken to date.
4. The Boroughs have had ongoing dialogue on cross-boundary planning issues for many years, discussing a broad range of planning issues including strategic matters. Specific meetings have been held on 15 December 2016, 18 January 2018, 17 October 2018 and 3 April 2019.
5. Islington considers that the key strategic matters with regard to ongoing plan-making and cross-boundary impacts in Hackney and Islington are:
 - Housing, including specialist housing
 - Retail, culture and Night-time economy
 - Tall Buildings
 - Waste
6. These key strategic matters may be refined during ongoing discussions on a SoCG.
7. Islington are committed to further dialogue moving forward, and not just limited to those periods of plan preparation.
8. Many of the strategic matters and key issues to be addressed through compliance with the duty to co-operate are, in London, a matter for the London Plan or are otherwise addressed through the preparation of the London Plan. The London Plan is part of the development plan for planning authorities in London and borough Local Plans are required to be in general conformity with the London Plan. Officers from Islington have an ongoing and close relationship with Greater London Authority officers and attend regular meetings to discuss strategic matters affecting our areas and London.

Other Statements of Common Ground

9. As part of the ongoing plan preparation, statements of common ground with other adjacent boroughs have been prepared (or are being prepared) by Islington, as follows:

Borough/organisation	Proposed key strategic matters identified
London Borough of Camden	Housing; Tall buildings; Waste, Knowledge Quarter
London Borough of Haringey	Housing; Retail, culture and Night-time economy; Tall buildings; Waste
City of London Corporation	Housing; Retail, culture and Night-time economy; Tall buildings/protected views
Greater London Authority	Housing