

Living & Working Select Committee

Response to Growth Commission - Selection of Priorities

Transport Infrastructure

- *Improvements to A13 / Tunnelling the A13 (Recommendation 66)*

No.66 refers to **A13 Corridor** and recommends: “The removal of the barrier of the A13 corridor by burying the roadway. The development of lands freed up by that initiative should be an important medium to long-term priority”.

Jobs / Education

- *Borough should be a pilot area for a high speed digital hub (Recommendation 105)*

No.105 refers to **Strategic Projects for Business** and recommends that: “Given the amount of residential and business development likely to take place in the Borough in the next few years, and in the light of the commitment by the Government in the Spending Review for improved high-speed digital access, there is a case for the Borough to make more strongly than most for being a pilot area for a high speed digital hub.”

- *Better use of CEME (The Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence) etc. to help job creation (Recommendation 108)*

No.108 refers to **Anchor Institution** and recommends that “One anchor institution in the Borough does have on its boundary is CEME. It is a very well-deserved institution which could be further developed to serve the needs of the Borough and indeed the wider East London area. The Commission is aware that a review process of developments is under way there. The Council should work with this process, along with other partners, to establish how CEME could develop further to meet the needs of local, national and international businesses.”

Quality Housing and Living Conditions

- *Stronger regulation of private landlords through Council’s licensing scheme (Recommendation 52)*

No. 52 refers to **The Borough’s Areas: Becontree, including Dagenham Heathway** and recommends that: “Management regulations should be developed for the estate to constrain and to enforce the stronger regulation of private landlords, through the Council’s licensing scheme. This will contribute towards making the area desirable, a ‘suburban’ area that will attract and retain families”.

- *Focus on different housing tenures – need for more social rent (Recommendation 20)*

No.20 refers to **The Borough And its Urban Form** and recommends that “housing should be of all tenure forms”.

Protection and redevelopment of all shopping areas and cleanliness

- The selective redevelopment of existing retail areas would help improve the attractiveness of the area to current and new residents (Recommendation 56)

No. 56 refers to **The Borough's Areas: Becontree, including Dagenham Heathway** and is as stated above.

- Needs to be a strategy for Dagenham Heathway.
- Focus on shopping.

Protection of heritage

Wildlife and open spaces

- *Mud flats to the east of the Wharf could become a wetlands area / creating of a wetlands centre (Recommendation 49)*

No.49 refers to **The Borough's Areas: Barking Riverside, including the Lower Roding River** and recommends that "The mud flats to the east of the wharf could become a wetlands area and the Council could examine if there is a role for the Wetlands Wildlife Trust to undertake a similar venture to that at the Barnes reservoirs."

Community Facilities

- *Iconic community facilities should be improved, with the community encouraged to manage them (Recommendation 55)*

No. 55 refers to **The Borough's Areas: Becontree, including Heathway** and is as stated above.

Barking Riverside

- *Burying of existing power lines to enhance the Barking Riverside area and other affected areas (Recommendation 45).*

No.45 refers to **The Borough's Areas: Barking Riverside, including the Lower Roding River** recommends that "strong consideration should be given to the removal or burying of the existing power lines and other non-desirable industrial assets without which Barking Riverside is unlikely to fulfil its potential."