

## Attendance Note

### Meeting on the Counters Creek Scheme

9<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Hammersmith Town Hall

In attendance for LBHF were Councillor Cowan, Councillor Fennimore, Ellen Whitchurch (Planning) Katherine Wood (Planning), Michael Gwyther-Jones (Housing), LeVerne Parker (Legal Services)

In attendance for Thames Water were Gareth Bennett (Technical Director – Adam Hendry), Mark Matthews (TW Development Planning Manager), Richard Aylard (TW External Affairs Director), Hilary Murgatroyd (TW Counters Creek Communications and Stakeholder Manager), Martin Bennett (Project Director)

The agenda for the meeting was agreed as:

1. An update following the meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2015
2. Next steps

Councillor Cowan explained that a note of this meeting would be put on the Council's website.

#### **Updates**

Ellen Whitchurch explained that Council officers had looked at alternative sites, as requested by the leader. Some of the sites were further from the ideal route identified by TW but nonetheless officers asked for them to be investigated. Thirteen potential sites have therefore been given to TW. These sites are on commercial or private land not housing land.

Gareth Bennett outlined the process for looking at the sites and the methodology that needed to be followed to assess suitability. A high level assessment will be carried out first. If no concerns are raised sites will be shortlisted. This will lead to a reduced number of sites which TW will consider as meriting further testing. There is a meeting next week between Council officers and TW to look further at the long list of sites. The purpose is for officers to challenge or provide more information. At this stage it is thought to believe that three or four of the sites will not go forward because of size and access constraints. The majority however will go forward for further testing.

Councillor Cowan reminded TW that the Council had clear instructions from the residents that sites should not be in residential areas and reminded TW that the council will take all possible action to ensure that this is the case. The Council is not prepared to release its land on housing estates but will help TW find more suitable sites. The Council will work with TW to negotiate with other agencies where necessary.

#### **Next Steps**

Councillor Cowan asked TW to talk to officers so that the communications can be properly managed. There needs to be clear and open communication with local residents to explain clearly what is proposed.