

## DRAFT NEW LONDON PLAN – EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

### Statement on Matter M37

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#### *Accessible Housing and Visitor Accommodation*

**M37. Would Policy D5 provide a justified and effective strategic framework for delivering accessible housing? In particular:**

**a) Would Policy D5 provide an effective and justified strategic framework for the preparation of local plans and neighbourhood plans in relation to this matter?**

**b) Would it provide an effective framework for development management? In this regard, would the requirements set out in Policy D5A, in relation to meeting Building Regulations requirement M4(3) and M4(2) be justified? Would this be an effective approach?**

Policy D5 is generally supported and is justified by the needs of less physically able people and should be effective for informing Development Plans and decision making on development applications. However, Policy D5 is deficient on one aspect of access and that is between the new buildings and services and facilities that people require.

#### **PROPOSAL:**

Policy D5 should have an additional section B, as follows:

'Boroughs should consider the access into and out of housing developments and the quality of the route from them to bus stops, stations and to local infrastructure facilities and shops to ensure that people who are disabled have equal chances as others to lead a satisfactory life in the community without unnecessary help.'