

Building Tall Neighbourhoods

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Alpha Square is a mixed use scheme offering residents access to a primary school and community centre

1. **London is getting taller quickly, and requires careful planning.** With 510 tall buildings (62% between 20-29 storeys) in the pipeline, tall buildings have the potential to contribute to the housing need, but have to be done with careful consideration of our existing neighbourhood character.
2. **3D modelling is a helpful way to visualise proposals in context.** Digital tools can help local authorities determine the impacts of tall buildings, leading to better and quicker decision making in pre-application phases.
3. **Tall buildings must be designed from the city-scale right down to window detailing.** Whilst accommodating the needs and comforts of future residents, also consider how tall buildings impact the surrounding pathways, parks and public transport networks.
4. **Evidence based research on living in tall buildings will help us identify what works and what doesn't.** LB Tower Hamlets is undergoing post-occupancy research which will direct their new developments once it is completed in 2019.
5. **House building and placemaking go hand in hand.** London is moving towards higher density living, making it increasingly important to design affordable and well-designed places that add to the happiness and wellbeing of all residents and positively benefit the local area and existing community.

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