

Go Vocal summary feedback Blackwall Depot E14

This summary captures feedback from residents and stakeholders from early community conversations convened in January 2026 and forms the starting point for shaping future housing development proposals. Your feedback is invaluable, and there will be additional opportunities to share views.

Overview

The Blackwall Depot site received limited attendance, with most attendees not living locally. Despite this, feedback was generally positive, with support for the principle of development, including taller buildings, alongside constructive suggestions for improving future engagement.

Feedback highlighted the importance of affordability, social housing, community facilities, and the depot's future, while also providing practical insights on accessibility and infrastructure.

What Was Welcomed

- Support for development on the site and acceptance of higher buildings.
- Opportunity for future consultations closer to the site to capture local voices.
- Consideration of community benefits such as play areas, recycling, and proximity to amenities.
- Recognition of resident needs, including families and those on low income or insecure contracts.

Key Questions & Concerns Raised

1. Affordability & Social Housing

- Need for genuinely affordable homes.
- Emphasis on council-led social housing and protecting low-income residents.
- Quote: "Please remember that many people here are on low income and zero hour contracts."

2. Depot Relocation

- Concern over losing the depot as a valued borough asset.
- Quote: "Concerned for the depot relocation, which is an important asset for the borough."

3. Accessibility & Infrastructure

- Requirements for disabled parking, general parking, recycling facilities, and access to amenities.
- Quote: "Parking for disabled...Must be close to amenities...Recycling!"

4. Family & Community Facilities

- Desire for play areas for children and community-focused design.