

**OLYMPIC DELIVERY AUTHORITY**

**ODA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF 50th COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held on 11 August 2009 at 18.00

Old Town Hall, Stratford, 29 Broadway, London E15 4BQ

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**Present:**

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| Lorraine Baldry | Chairman        |
| David Taylor    | Deputy Chairman |

**Local Authority Members:**

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| Cllr Rofique Ahmed | LB Tower Hamlets  |
| Cllr Terry Wheeler | LB Waltham Forest |
| Cllr Conor McAuley | LB Newham         |

**Independent Members:**

Mike Appleton  
Celia Carrington  
William Hodgson  
Janice Morphet  
Dru Vesty

**Officers in attendance:**

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| Vivienne Ramsey | ODA, Head of Development Control                            |
| David Horkan    | ODA Planning Decisions Team                                 |
| Liz Fisher      | ODA Planning Decisions Team                                 |
| Matthew Foy     | ODA Legal adviser, Planning Decisions Team (Pinsent Masons) |
| Kate Dance      | ODA Planning Decisions Team (Pinsent Masons)                |
| Richard Smith   | ODA Planning Decisions Team (Halcrow)                       |

**1. APOLOGIES  
(AGENDA ITEM 1)**

1.1. Apologies were received from Geoff Taylor who was not able to attend the meeting.

## **2. UPDATES, ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND REQUESTS TO SPEAK (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

2.1. There were Updates for:

Item 5 – Streetscape for Zones 3-6

- Correction to paragraphs 2.13; 6.35 and 6.6.7; and
- Consultation response from London Cycling Campaign.

2.2. The order of business was unchanged.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

3.1. The Secretary read the following statement:

'Members of this Planning Committee need to declare personal interests relevant to the agenda at the beginning of each meeting of the Planning Committee.

'Members will see that the paper for Item 3 which has been circulated lists interests which they have declared which appear to be personal interests relating to Item 5..

'Would Members please confirm that the declarations of personal interests listed in the paper for Item 3 are correct; and state if there are any other interests you wish to declare?'

'Personal interests are prejudicial if a reasonable member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would conclude that the nature of your personal interest is such that your judgement of the public interest is likely to be affected. If, by virtue of your personal interest you have been involved in decisions about these proposals, you may have a prejudicial interest. In that circumstance you would need to leave the meeting during the consideration of that item. In light of the agenda before you this evening, please state whether or not any of the interests declared are prejudicial interests?'

Members confirmed that the personal interests recorded were correct. None of the personal interests were considered prejudicial.

## **4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

4.1. Subject to the following amendments in paragraphs 5.7 and 5.8 the Committee

AGREED the Minutes of the 49th Planning Committee Meeting

4.2. Paragraph 5.7 should read "... Janice further noted that there was a need to show the joined-up way in which infrastructure is being planned, delivered and funded. This would be tested through the Development Plan Document

examination process. Janice also explained that a new system was emerging where it is likely that unless schemes were included in the LDF delivery plan, there would be a reduced likelihood of them being funded."

Paragraph 5.8 should read "...Following submission and examination by an independent person it is proposed to undertake further in depth work regarding current infrastructure capacities and proposals, but this work cannot be completed in full for the examination by an independent person, and it is felt that the approach in 1 & 2 will provide adequate evidence to demonstrate alignment of the core Strategy and infrastructure plans."

## *PLANNING APPLICATIONS*

### **5. APPLICATION NUMBER 08/90364/REMODA - Streetscape for Zones 3 - 6 Athletes Village (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

**Application for the approval of reserved matters associated with the;**

**1. Layout, alignment and widths of carriageways and footways including cycleways, on street parking zones, loading bays, refuse collection zones, bus priority measures, signal controlled junctions and pedestrian crossings including siting of traffic and pedestrian crossing signals; 2. Layout of International Station Bus Interchange to include bus manoeuvring and layover areas and taxi waiting areas; 3. Creation of finished levels for primary, secondary and tertiary roads, including any associated earthworks; 4. Location of soft landscaping and planting zones; 5. Installation of lighting including siting and height of lighting columns; and 6. Siting of bus stops and street furniture associated with all primary, secondary and tertiary roads within Zones 3-6. pursuant to Conditions B1 and B8 of outline planning permission 07/90023/VARODA being details of layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping. Zones 3-6, Stratford City Development, Stratford, London E15**

- 5.1. The Agent and the Landscape Designers gave a presentation on behalf of the applicant illustrating the planning issues and approach and principles of design including the proposal drawings and details.
- 5.2. A Planning Officer gave a presentation to the Committee who considered the report and took into account the Update which had been circulated. The proposals were for the approval of reserved matters associated with the layout, alignment and widths of carriageways and footways including cycleways, on street parking zones, loading bays, refuse collection zones, bus priority measures, signal controlled junctions and pedestrian crossings including siting of traffic and pedestrian crossing signals, and the layout of International Station Bus Interchange to include bus manoeuvring and layover areas and taxi waiting areas. As well as the creation of finished levels for primary, secondary and tertiary roads, including any associated earthworks and the location of soft landscaping and planting zones. It also includes the installation of lighting including siting and height of lighting columns; and the siting of bus stops and street furniture associated with all primary, secondary and tertiary roads within Zones 3-6 pursuant to Conditions B1 and B8 of outline planning permission 07/90023/VARODA being details of layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping.

- 5.3. Members welcomed the report but expressed concern about the speed limits on Secondary and Tertiary Roads. The officer confirmed they will be 20mph.
- 5.4. Members were concerned about the security of car parking spaces in light of the adjacent planting. It was noted that the type of planting would be secured by condition.
- 5.5. Members asked for clarification that both the size and species of trees would be controlled. Planning officers confirmed that both size and species were secured by condition.
- 5.6. Members questioned the reason for a bus park to be located in such a prime position in the commercial heart of Stratford City. They also expressed concern about the lack of landscaping in this large bus parking area. The officer explained that the s106 agreement specifies that this area must include 5 lay-over spaces. In addition, the officer mentioned the bus parking area allows the buses to end their routes at the international station. It was confirmed by the officer that the landscaping will be secured by condition. Head of Development Control explained that PDT have been exploring this issue and that space for landscaping is constrained by the extent of infrastructure in the area..
- 5.7. Members questioned the provision of the off-street cycleways in areas that have a speed limit of 20 miles per hour. They were also concerned that off street cycle ways complicate an area and increase the cost disproportionately. Members also questioned the logic and practicality of the cycleway crossings, cross-overs, connections and junctions being proposed. In particular, members requested confirmation that off-street cycleways are effective and sustainable as well as consistent with what is being provided elsewhere in London. In particular, one member drew the committee's attention to the comments of Sustrans questioning the logic of providing off-street cycle lanes on the secondary roads and on-street lanes on the busier primary roads.
- 5.8. The Applicant noted that the off-street cycleways shown on Frigoscandia Way were outside the application boundary. The applicant added that they were considered to be justifiable as (i) they are a north/south link on the road adjacent to the park and (ii) they permit the transformation of the Loop Road after the Games. The ODA PDT transport representative also noted (i) that these cycleways provide strategic north/south and east/west routes; and (ii) protect nervous cyclists from the buses travelling on these roads. Members noted that these items were outside the red line boundary but pointed out that the connections to these routes did form part of the application. Members expressed concern that there did not seem to be a consistent rationale for the provision of the various types of cycle routes but it was noted that off-street cycle lanes would be of benefit to less experienced cyclists.
- 5.9. Members were concerned about the controlled parking zones (CPZ) and how they are going to work in relation to long term parking and pick-up and drop-off (Car club) spaces. The chairman and officers explained that the CPZ notices will be clear and numerous and this was a requirement of the s106 agreement. In relation to the car club, the applicant noted that spaces had been provisionally allocated for a car club.

5.10. Members asked for clarification as to why there was different height lighting columns within the scheme. The Applicant explained that some of the column heights were not consistent with the normal standards as a result of primary roads running into secondary roads, therefore, the column heights are not altered to ensure urban consistency and integration.

5.11. Members reminded the Applicant that red tactile paving would not be acceptable.

5.12. Members asked for clarification on the cluttering issues of whether there would be railings/barriers at the road crossings and if the recycle bins would be blue. The Applicant confirmed there would be bollards at crossings but no barriers and that the recycle bins would be as attractive as possible with details coming forward at a later date.

5.13. There being no further questions the Chairman moved to a vote and the Planning Committee **RESOLVED** unanimously that:

the Committee

- a) **DEFERRED** consideration of the application to allow officers and the applicant to address the concerns expressed during the discussion as minuted above;
- b) **REQUESTED** planning officers prepare an addendum report focusing on the cycle issues raised at paragraphs 5.7 and 5.8 above; and
- c) **REQUESTED** larger scale plans giving fuller details of the off-street cycle lanes, junctions and routes when the application comes back to Planning Committee.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

6.1. Head of Development Control confirmed that the next Planning Committee would include applications for Bridges E13 and U05 and Stratford Box Pumping Station. She also confirmed that there is no Planning Committee on Tuesday 22 September and the Planning Committee site visit on that day will commence at 3.30pm and be followed by a dinner. The Members can bring a partner or guest to the site visit and the dinner. Head of Development Control will send out invitations. The site visit should include a visit to the Aquatics centre.

*There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.25 pm*

Signature



Date

10/11/2009

Chair

