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ODA PLANNING COMMITTEE

8 April 2008

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF 21ST COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on 25 March 2008 at 18.00

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

Present: Lorraine Baldry Chairman
David Taylor

Local Authority Members:

Cllr Rofique Ahmed LB Tower Hamlets
Cllr Conor McAuley LB Newham
Cllr Geoff Taylor LB Hackney
Cllr Terry Wheeler LB Waltham Forest

Independent Members:

Celia Carrington
William Hodgson
Janice Morphet
Dru Vesty

Officers in attendance:

Vivienne Ramsey ODA, Head of Development Control
Anthony Hollingsworth ODA, Chief Planner Development Control
Alex Savine ODA, Chief Planner Policy & Relationships
John Gardner ODA, Planning Decisions Team
Allan Ledden ODA, Legal adviser, Planning Decisions Team, (Pinsent Masons)
Vanessa Brand ODA, Committee Secretary

1. APOLOGIES
   (AGENDA ITEM 1)

   Apologies were received from Mike Appleton who was unable to attend the meeting

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

   2.1. The Chairman drew attention to the update in respect of Item 7
Item 7
  • comments on additional information and responses from consultees
  • additional informative

2.2. The order of business was unchanged.

2.3. There were no requests to speak.

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 Items 6 and 7

   '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 read out were correct and Conor McAuley declared an interest as newly appointed Chairman of the LTGDC Planning Committee. None of these personal interests were considered prejudicial.

   In relation to item 6 David Taylor stated that he had a personal interest in sites adjoining Silvertown Quays which might be affected by the Newham Core Strategy and that when the detailed proposals for Newham were considered later in the year, he would decide whether or not that interest was prejudicial and he should leave the room.

4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING
   (AGENDA ITEM 4)

4.1. The Committee

AGREED the Minutes of the 20th Planning Committee Meeting
4.2. There were no matters arising.

5. INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR VALID PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN THE ODA LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AREA – GUIDANCE FOR ADOPTION (AGENDA ITEM 5)

5.1. Anthony Hollingsworth introduced the item reminding the Committee that they had approved a draft for consultation in January subject to certain comments. Their comments had been incorporated in the draft which had then been sent out for a period of 6 weeks consultation which had expired on Friday 21 March. The comments received were recorded in the report and the text attached at Appendix B indicated where consequential changes had been made.

5.2. The Committee

a) NOTED the comments received in response to the consultation on the draft List of Planning Application Requirements as summarised at Appendix A of the report; and

b) AGREED to adopt the final version of the ODA LPA Local Planning Application Requirements as set out in Appendix B in time for the April commencement date for the use of the 1APP standard application form.

6. LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM CORE STRATEGY ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION (AGENDA ITEM 6)

6.1. Alex Savine gave a presentation to the Committee about the London Borough of Newham’s proposals for preparing a Core Strategy. He drew attention to the Newham-wide themes including the proposal for a Development Plan Document on Stratford and Lower Lea Valley Area Action Plan, and the 3 spatial options outlined in the Issues and Options paper attached to the report. Officers suggested that it would be more appropriate for the Planning Committee to comment on the preferred spatial option later in the process when the likely impact on ODA’s planning area was clearer. However, he drew attention to a number of points which it would be appropriate to make at this stage, as set out in the report.

6.2. Members noted that the published consultation paper was very brief and that they had not yet seen the evidence on which it was based. After discussion they agreed that it was difficult to comment on the approach adopted but it was important to ensure that the strategy complemented the approach to development in the ODA planning area. They agreed that the proposed comments should be sent and also wished to emphasise: the importance of the connections to, and relationships with, adjacent Boroughs; that high quality of design of buildings and spaces should be required for all new development; and the importance of sustainability. They also noted that there was no reference to the importance of protecting heritage buildings to preserve the character of the area and considered that an additional theme be requested that addressed ‘valuing heritage’
6.3. The Committee

a) AUTHORISED the Head of Development Control to provide final written comments to the London Borough of Newham recognising the importance of:

i. The role the Olympic Games and Legacy would have in achieving the objectives of the Core Strategy

ii. Ensuring development around the Olympic Park was complementary to it

iii. The need for the Olympic Park and Legacy development to be connected with and integrated with the surrounding communities

iv. Ensuring that connections are made across the Olympic Park and Legacy development

v. The need to develop robust mechanisms for ensuring community and social infrastructure provision for the Olympic Park and Legacy development is fully integrated with the surrounding area

vi. The need to ensure that policy complements the proposals of the adjoining Boroughs and an emphasis is placed on co-ordination of policy approaches with the adjoining Boroughs

vii. Recognising the contribution of heritage to the identity and character of place

viii. High quality design (Newham-wide theme ‘Quality of design’) and Sustainability (Newham-wide theme ‘Taking care of our environment’).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7. PLANNING APPLICATION 07/90010/OUMODA
(AGENDA ITEM 7)
Reserved Matters Application for the construction of highway bridge H01 providing partial discharge of details required by condition OD.0.19 (submission of details for bridges) and discharge of condition OD.0.59 (foundation details) of the Olympic and Legacy Facilities

7.1. A planning officer gave a presentation to the Committee who considered the report and the Update which had been circulated. The application for bridge H01 was for reserved matters pursuant to conditions OD.0.19 (submission of details for bridges) and OD.0.59 (foundation details). The design was based on the information about generic details included in the UDLF. Additional information had been submitted including elevations and details which helped to show the bridge in its context and provided assurance that detailed work was continuing on features such as the balustrade and parapet. CABE
continued to have serious concerns but in the light of the additional information it was proposed that condition OD.0.19 should be only partially discharged.

7.2. Additional information had also been submitted about the degree of shading of the waterway. This demonstrated that vegetation could be successfully planted and the Environment Agency had withdrawn their objection to the proposals.

7.3. Members noted that the width of the bridge was within the parameters approved in the outline planning permission and that the additional informative proposed related to future provision for cyclists. This issue would have to be resolved in discussion with the Borough Councils and Transport for London. Members were also concerned that pedestrian access should be provided and agreed that informative 2 should be strengthened by deleting the words 'the desirability of' and replacing them with 'demonstrate the provision of'.

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

The Committee

a) APPROVED the Reserved Matters application for bridge H01 as a Partial Discharge in respect of condition OD.0.19 of Planning Permission reference 07/90010/OUROMDA and

b) APPROVED the Details for Bridge H01 in respect of condition OD.0.59 of Planning Permission reference 07/90010/OUROMDA subject to the following informatives:

Informative 1
You are reminded that the details hereby approved represent a partial discharge of condition OD.0.19 in respect of bridge H01. Further detail is required to be submitted to fully show the design, external appearance and materials of all elements of the bridge as required by OD.0.19. These details should be specific to bridge H01 and include:

- Details, including sample panels, of the proposed concrete finishes to all exposed areas of concrete and the colour of painted steelwork;
- Details, including sample panels, of the proposed stone faced basket finish;
- Detailed elevations at 1:50 scale or larger showing proposed parapet details including transition to safety fence and to include proposed colour, material and detail showing the parapet in relation to the top of the stone filled basket slope and the surface of the bridge deck.
- Details of above and below deck bridge lighting.

Informative 2
In bringing forward details of adjoining areas of public realm including footpaths and landscaping you are requested to demonstrate the provision of pedestrian access between Bridge H01 and adjoining footpaths and the riverside footpath passing below the bridge.

Informative 3
You are advised to contact EDF Energy Networks with regard to protection of the EDF Substation number 53020 located to the east of the site during construction works. You should contact Kirsty McLaughlin at: EDF Energy PLUG Site Office, 39 Marshgate Lane, London E15 2NQ; tel 07766 778086; email kirsty.mclaughlin@edfenergy.com

Informative 4
You are advised that the layout of the bridge and detail of how provision for cyclists is made should be reviewed after the Games in conjunction with relevant stakeholders including the London Boroughs of Hackney and Newham and Transport for London. Any alterations should be brought forward under condition LTD.18.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
(AGENDA ITEM 7)

8.1. There would be a briefing meeting on Tuesday 8 April 2008. There might also be a Committee meeting. The details would be confirmed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.50 pm

Signed: M. Oldham
Chairman

Date: 10/6/2008