

Subject: Report of the meetings of the Planning Decisions Committee held on 11th December 2012 and 15th January 2013

Agenda item: Public item 5

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Report to: Board

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FOR INFORMATION

This report will be considered in public

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This paper provides an update to the Board on the meetings of the Planning Decisions Committee held on 11th December 2012 and 15th January 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Board is invited to **NOTE** this report.

3. ISSUES DISCUSSED

- 3.1. The December meeting considered an application to use a vacant commercial unit at Omega Works for a potential range of uses including retail, cafe, drinking establishment or office. The committee heard representations from local residents objecting to various aspects of the proposals and from the applicant's agent in support of the scheme. After a lengthy debate the committee resolved to grant consent with some modification to the conditions recommended by officers.
- 3.2. The committee also considered a report enclosing a draft Enforcement Plan (the Plan) for the LLDC. The committee discussed and proposed a number of amendments to the Plan and subject to those amendments approved the Plan for publication.
- 3.3. The January meeting resolved to grant consent for a new shaft and short connecting tunnel to a shaft under construction at the Abbey Mills Pumping Station/Mill Meads site forming part of the Lee Tunnel development and Thames Tideway project to reduce/prevent sewage discharge to the River Lea and Thames at times of storm.
- 3.4. The committee further considered and agreed, subject to clarification from the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) that the LLDC is a "relevant authority" for the purposes of charging for discretionary services, as set out in Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003, for the introduction of a

charging system for pre-application planning advice, together with a schedule of charges. The scale of charges is to be published and thereafter reviewed annually.

- 3.5. The committee noted a report which listed all the applications which had been decided by officers under delegated authority between 1st October 2012 and 31st December 2012. Subsequent meetings will receive a monthly report of decisions.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Further clarification that the LLDC is a “relevant authority” for the purposes of charging for discretionary services, as set out in Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003 is being sought.

5. LIST OF APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT

- 5.1. None

List of Background Papers

- Papers for the meeting of the Planning Decisions Committee on 11th December 2012 and 15th January 2013.

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