

**OLYMPIC DELIVERY AUTHORITY**

**ODA PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF 66<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Held on 22 June 2010 at 18.00

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

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**Present:**

Lorraine Baldry	Chairman
David Taylor	Deputy Chairman

**Local Authority Members:**

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

**Independent Members:**

Mike Appleton  
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, Planning Decisions Team
Allan Ledden	ODA Legal Adviser, Planning Decisions Team (Pinsent Masons)
Saba Master	Committee Secretary

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

1.1. There were no apologies.

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

- 2.1. The order of business was unchanged.
- 2.2. John Hopkins (ODA PPR Project Sponsor), Neil Mattinson (LDA Hargreaves) and Kirsten Henson (CLM sustainability advisor) requested to speak on item 5.

## **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 other personal interests recorded were correct and that none were considered prejudicial.

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

- 4.1. The Committee

**AGREED** the Minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee Meeting.

## **5. 10/90270/AODODA- Timber Benches (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

Approval of details application for the benches and timber seats to be used within the Olympic Park, to be installed during Games phase, most of which are to be retained through Post Games Transformation. The application seeks to discharge the material elements of the following conditions in respect of timber seating material;

- PPR 14 on North Central Parklands (08/90310/FULODA)
- PPR14 on South Central Parklands (08/90311/FULODA)

- PPR13 on Basketball Landscape (08/90312/FULODA)
- PPR13 on PDZ4 (08/90314/FULODA)
- OD.0.20. on PDZ 1, 5 and 6 of the Olympic Legacy and Facilities permission (07/90010/OUMODA) for the areas of PPR where approval of details applications can be made.
- VOD.21 on Velopark 08/90276/FUMODA

- 5.1 A presentation was given by John Hopkins (ODA) Neil Mattinson (LDA Hargreaves) and Kirsten Henson (CLM). They reported that they had undertaken further work to address points raised by Members which included the assessment of the possible material types for the seating against the following criteria: Fit for purpose, sustainability, appearance/design, durability/maintenance, vandalism/resistance and cost. In addition a limited life cycle analysis of the seating material types had been undertaken which included carbon footprinting. The results of this supported the overall design and sustainability rationale for the preferred hardwood (Cumaru and Iroko) timber species selection. The life cycle analysis had been independently reviewed and verified. It was confirmed that a recycled timber, Basralocus, would be used for 24 seats in the south park and that an alternative hardwood, Robinia, sourced from eastern Europe, could be available for use instead of Iroko.
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- 5.3 A PDT Officer gave a presentation on the application and PDT's consideration of the Timber Selection report submitted by the applicant.
- 5.4 The key considerations for the application were the seating materials assessment and the weighting given to the criteria used in the selection of preferred material; timber selection and sustainability including the robustness of the submitted life cycle analysis, and the carbon footprint results for the materials assessed; and the design and appearance of the benches. It was confirmed that PDT's environmental advisors had reviewed the report and confirmed that its analysis and conclusion were robust.
- 5.5 PDT Officers concluded that whilst the preferred Cumaru and Iroko hardwoods are not the most sustainable of the materials assessed, nevertheless they are sustainable materials from a managed and certified source and therefore, the timber proposed is compliant with relevant planning policy. Overall, the proposed timber seats and the benches proposed are a well designed, sustainable choice of seating which is suitable for its context and satisfies relevant design and sustainability planning policies and had been verified by two independent organisations..
- 5.6 Members asked the applicant to clarify the proposal with respect to the use of Robinia as stated in the applicant's presentation. Neil Mattinson stated that the timber supplier had confirmed that supplies of Iroko were limited and that Robinia was available. The design team considered that Robinia would be suitable for the north park benches.
- 5.7 A Member of the Committee asked whether the reputation of the ODA in setting an example to other developments had been considered. PDT officers

confirmed that this had been considered as set out in paragraphs 7.41 and 7.42 of the officer report. Members also raised the issue of the ecotoxicity of disposal for plastic lumber. Kirsten Henson explained that the poor performance rating was based upon the chemicals released upon incineration.

- 5.8 A member of the Committee commented that there should be hierarchy of timber to be used, with the most sustainable to be used as the first choice.. The use of recycled Basralocus was welcomed and the preference for Robinia rather than Iroko made clear.
- 5.9 PDT Officers and PDT's legal advisor commented that the preference for Robinia could be made conditional to any approval granted, with Iroko only used where Robinia was not available or suitable. Members were agreeable to this approach with authority delegated to the Head of Development Control to determine whether and where Iroko might be used instead of Robinia.
- 5.10 There being no further questions the Chairman moved to a vote and the Planning Committee RESOLVED that:

the Committee:

- i) **APPROVED** the submitted Olympic Parklands and Public Realm Seating: Timber Selection report to allow discharge of the conditions listed:
- PPR 14 on North Central Parklands (08/90310/FULODA)
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Subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report; and

- ii) **DELEGATED** authority to the Head of Development Control to impose a condition on the approvals above which is to specify which benches and seats within the parklands and public realm are to use either Cumaru Robinia or the reclaimed Basralocus. Members also DELEGATED authority to the Head of Development Control to consider and agree where appropriate any requested change from Robinia to Iroko timber where this was clearly justified.

## 6 Any Other Business (AGENDA ITEM 6)

*There being no other business the meeting closed at 18.55*

Signed: 

Date 24/8/2010

Chair