

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2007

DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Tim O'Flaherty. Councillor Stephanie Eaton deputised for him.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Helal Abbas declared a personal interest in item 7.1 as the Ward Member for Spitalfields and Banglatown.

Councillor Lutfur Rahman declared a personal interest in item 7.1 as the Ward Member for Spitalfields and Banglatown.

Councillor Ahmed Omer declared a personal interest in item 7.1 and 7.2 as he had been lobbied.

Councillor Shamim Chowdhury declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda as he had received correspondence from objectors and applicants relating to the applications.

Councillor Rofique Ahmed declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda as he had received correspondence from objectors and applicants relating to the applications.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2007 were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee RESOLVED that, in the event of amendments to recommendations being made, the task of formalising the wording of any amendments be delegated to the Corporate Director of Development and Renewal along the broad lines indicated at the meeting.

5. PROCEDURE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS

The Committee noted the procedure and those who had registered to speak.

6. DEFERRED ITEMS

6.1 30 Alie Street and 6a North Tenter Street, London E1 8DA

On a vote of 1 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions, the Chair used his casting vote and the Committee RESOLVED that the application for a change of use of ground floor and basement from a restaurant to a 'nightclub'/striptease establishment with bar (Sui Generis) at 30 Alie Street and 6a North Tenter Street, London E1 8DA be GRANTED subject to conditions and informatives on the planning permission to secure the following:

Conditions:

1. Time limit
2. Hours of Operation
3. Refuse Storage and Collection
4. Noise and Vibration
5. Noise limiter
6. Recorded Music Only

Informatives

1. The applicant is advised to contact the Council's Environmental Health Department with regards to conditions 4 and 5.
2. The applicant is advised to appoint a designated mini-cab company to ensure the quiet and orderly disposal of patrons leaving the establishment in the early morning hours.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

7.1 17-19 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1DU

On a vote of 1 for and 6 against, the Committee indicated that it did not support the officer's recommendation to grant a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of the ground floor of 17-19 Whitechapel Road as a Stripping Bar (Sui Generis) on the grounds that the evidence presented did not demonstrate to a satisfactory level, on the balance of probability, that the use of the premises as a stripping bar commenced more than 10 years ago.

(Councillor Rupert Eckhardt voted for the officer's recommendation; and Councillors Helal Abbas, Alibor Choudhury, Shamim Chowdhury, Stephanie Eaton and Lutfur Rahman voted against.)

7.2 18-22 Damien Street, London E1

On a vote of 2 for, 4 against and 1 abstention, the Committee indicated that it did not support the officers recommendation to refuse planning permission for the change of use of second floor from music studios (Use Class B1) to educational institute (Use Class D1) including internal alterations at 18-22 Damien Street, London E1 2HX and RESOLVED that the application be GRANTED for the following reasons:

The Council recognises the desirability of protecting the existing use. However, it also recognises that there are significant community and employment benefits from the proposal. An additional consideration was that the floorspace requirements of the mosque/madrassa are significantly greater than those of the recording studio and this would make finding alternative premises more difficult for the mosque/madrassa. On balance, it was considered that the combination of the community benefits and the relocation factors for both uses tipped the balance in favour of the application.

(Councillors Stephanie Eaton and Rupert Eckhardt voted in favour of the officer's recommendation; Councillors Helal Abbas, Alibor Choudhury, Shamim Chowdhury and Lutfur Rahman voted against; and Councillor Ahmed Omer abstained.)

7.3 Billingsgate Market, Trafalgar Way, London E14 5ST

The Committee unanimously RESOLVED that the Head of Development Decisions be delegated power to GRANT the application for the temporary use for 1 year as a general retail market on Sundays at Billingsgate Market, Trafalgar Way, London E14 5ST, following the expiry of the 21 day consultation period, and subject to the following:

Conditions

1. Time limit for Full Planning Permission
2. Scheme of Traffic Monitoring
3. Scheme of noise monitoring
4. No music before 9.00 am
5. Details of cycle storage provision on site
6. Hours of Operation (5.00 am to 3.00 pm)
7. Any other conditions considered necessary by the Head of Development Decisions.

Informatives

1. Any renewal of permission would seek a reduction of car parking and a green travel plan.
2. Works to Highway.

Martin Smith
CHIEF EXECUTIVE