

## UPDATE REPORT, DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Agenda item no	Reference no	Location	Proposal / Title
5.1	PA/19/02040	North and South Passage, Ironmongers Place, London, E14	Variation of condition 4 of planning permission PA/13/01547 dated 10/10/2013, for the installation of new gates and barriers to a private footpath in a private housing development.  Variation to allow the gates to remain permanently locked.

### 1.0 NEW CONSULTATION RESPONSE

1.1 One additional external consultee response has been received from the Metropolitan Police. The response was received on 05/03/2020 and objects to the application. The points raised can be summarised as:

- Access to the passage would still be possible via Ironmongers Place, however the locking of the gates would result in natural surveillance being significantly or completely removed.
- Reduced natural surveillance may allow the passage to become a more attractive location for drug dealing, robbery, fly tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour.
- The passage being out of sight of local residents or being more difficult to access by police patrols would make it easier to store or discard stolen mopeds/cycles and aid burglary of surrounding properties.
- If the gates were locked, the design and location of the existing gating would allow the gates to be easily climbed and would not deter illegitimate users of the site.
- The following options have been recommended in lieu of the proposal to permanently lock the gates:
  - Enhancement and upgrade to the passage to improve local usage and natural surveillance; OR
  - Complete block off of the passage with access only provided for maintenance with minimum 2.4 metre robust barriers. Subject to an acceptable fire escape strategy in consultation with the London Fire Brigade and Building Control).

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Officer recommendation remains that planning permission should be REFUSED for the reasons set out in the main report.