

**Executive Decision  
Individual Decision Notice**



**Decision Maker:** Cabinet, 28 Jul 2021

**Classification:**  
Unrestricted

**Adoption of the Queen Mary University London SPD**

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 – notice is required to be given of the intention to take Executive Key Decisions.

Notice is given either through an Individual Decision Notice or through the Forward Plan. Notice must normally be given 28 Days' before the decision can be taken.

<b>Key Decision?</b> Yes	<b>Ward(s)</b> Bethnal Green; Bow West
<b>Summary of Decision</b>	<p>The QMUL Mile End Campus Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is a masterplan document which provides guidance to inform the future growth and development of the Queen Mary University London (QMUL) Mile End Campus.</p> <p>It is the aim of the SPD to ensure that future development on this campus is considered in the context of a site-wide masterplan in order to enhance the quality of the estate while strengthening the public realm; providing appropriate building mass and height; improving pedestrian and cycle connectivity; enhancing the setting of heritage assets; integrating the campus more successfully with its surroundings; and creating a more welcoming campus environment. The SPD also considers how the growth of the campus can maximise community benefits, biodiversity opportunities and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Taking into account the above, the SPD includes a series of site-specific development principles for five key development areas. Each development area is supported by illustrative massing sketches, or 'case studies' to give an indication of how development might look.</p> <p>The SPD supports the vision, objective and policies of the Tower Hamlets Local Plan 2031. This includes the vision for the Local Plan's 'Central Area', and the objective to 'support the expansion of Queen Mary University of London and associated uses, while ensuring good integration with surrounding areas'.</p> <p>The document will provide material weight in planning decisions; and will therefore help the council to evaluate individual planning</p>

	<p>applications on the campus to assess whether they are in line with the coherent growth strategy set out within the SPD. The SPD will therefore provide more certainty within the development management process as individual sites come forward.</p> <p>In total, the SPD masterplan creates the total addition of c. 60,000 sqm of non-residential floorspace and the net reduction of c. 175 student bedrooms.</p> <p>The QMUL Mile End Campus SPD has been through an extensive preparation process. This includes evidence-base gathering and early masterplanning carried out during July-September 2020, such as mapping; site visits; initial consultation with stakeholders; public realm analysis; and transport evidence.</p> <p>Preparation of a draft document was carried out between September 2020 and February 2021. Public consultation was then carried out during February-March 2021. A wide range of community groups, residents, landowners, university staff and other stakeholders engaged with the SPD and made formal responses as part of the consultation process.</p> <p>It is now necessary to adopt the QMUL Mile End Campus SPD to further enable clear and robust guidance to inform and be implemented in development proposals a comprehensive campus-wide masterplan and vision, which will ensure that existing character is respected and enhanced; and the new developments are of the highest quality in accordance with corporate and Council objectives and the Development Plan (Local Plan and London Plan).</p>
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<b>Community Plan Theme</b>	<b>A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Planning (Councillor Eve McQuillan), Cabinet Member for Planning and Social Inclusion (Job Share) - Lead on Social Inclusion (Councillor Mufeedah Bustin)
Who will be consulted before decision is made and how will this consultation take place	<p>Please find detailed list of consultees in Appendix 2 – Consultation Statement</p> <p>The QMUL Mile End Campus SPD ran a public consultation between 3 February to 17 March 2021. This extended beyond the required four-week consultation period. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, no in-person events could be held during the consultation period, but a series of online meetings with internal and statutory consultees were held, as well as an online community meeting. A map and ‘ideas board’ were set up on the consultation page, as well as letter drops to local residents announcing the consultation, and the statutory consultees were contacted.</p>

	A copy of the SPD was made available on the council's Let's Talk Tower Hamlets website. Details of the consultation activities (including activities undertaken at earlier stages of the SPD development process) can be found in Appendix 2 – Consultation Statement.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out and if so the result of this Assessment?	Screening Tool at the end of this form, no further assessment needed
Contact details for comments or additional information	Jennifer Peters (Divisional Director, Planning and Building Control, Place) Jennifer.Peters@towerhamlets.gov.uk
What supporting documents or other information will be available?	Appendix 1 – QMUL Mile End Campus SPD Appendix 2 – Consultation and Engagement Report Appendix 3 – SEA/HRA Screening Appendix 4 – Equalities Impact Assessment Screening
Is there an intention to consider this report in private session and if so why (Paragraph number – see notes section)?	No, Unrestricted

## NOTES

### Advance notice of Key Decisions

Key decisions are all those decisions which involve major spending, or savings, or which have a significant impact on the local community. The precise definition of a key decision adopted by Tower Hamlets is contained in Article 13.03 of the [Constitution](#). Key Decisions are taken by the Mayor, or the Mayor in Cabinet.

Individual notices of new Key Decisions will be published on the website as they are known, whilst a Forward Plan collating these decisions will be published 28 days before each Cabinet meeting. The Forward Plan will be published on the Council's website and will also be available to view at the Town Hall and Libraries, Ideas Centres and One Stop Shops if required. [The Committee pages](#) on the Council website include copies of the Forward Plan, Cabinet and other meeting dates and the publication dates of the Forward Plan.

If, due to reasons of urgency, a Key Decision has to be taken where 28 days' notice have not been given. Notice will be published (including on the website) as early as possible and Urgency Procedures as set out in the Constitution will have to be followed.

The most effective way for the public to make their views known about the issues listed in the Forward Plan is to examine the consultation column of the Forward

Plan, and/or contact the report author or Cabinet Lead Member as soon as possible, and no later than 10 working days before the decision is expected to be taken.

Reports, appendices and background papers will be available on the Council's website 5 clear working days before the Cabinet meeting. For all other information or to submit documents in relation to any issue, please contact the relevant officer.

### **Notice of Intention to Conduct Business in Private**

**The Council is also required to give at least 28 days' notice if it wishes to consider any of the reports on the agenda of an Executive meeting (such as Cabinet) in private session. The last row of each item below will indicate any proposal to consider that item in private session. Should you wish to make any representations in relation to an item being considered in private please contact Democratic Services on the contact details listed below. Note that this applies to Cabinet but not to Individual Mayoral Decisions outside of Cabinet.**

The notice may reference a paragraph of Section 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act. In summary those paragraphs refer to the following types of exempt information (more information is available in the Constitution):

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority handling the information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:-
  - a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - a) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

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