

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2022**

**DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Kamrul Hussain and Shubo Hussain declared they had received direct representations from interested parties on Item 5.2, Royal Mint Court.

Councillor Kamrul Hussain asked the Committee to note that Item 5.2 Royal Mint Court was in his ward (Whitechapel).

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Development Committee held on 19 October 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS AND MEETING GUIDANCE**

**RESOLVED that:**

1. In the event of changes being made to recommendations by the Committee, the task of formalising the wording of those changes is delegated to the Corporate Director Place along the broad lines indicated at the meeting; and
2. In the event of any changes being needed to the wording of the Committee's decision (such as to delete, vary or add conditions/informatives/planning obligations or reasons for approval/refusal) prior to the decision being issued, the Corporate Director Place is delegated authority to do so, provided always that the Corporate Director does not exceed the substantive nature of the Committee's decision.
3. To NOTE the procedure for hearing objections at meetings of the Strategic Development Committee.

**4. DEFERRED ITEMS**

There were no deferred items.

## 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 South Dock Bridge, London (PA/21/00885)

Update report was noted.

On a unanimous vote the Officers' recommendation as set out in the main report and as amended in the update report to **GRANT** planning permission was agreed, subject to an additional condition requiring details of the cycling strategy and associated review mechanism.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the planning application be **GRANTED** at South Dock Bridge (Land on the north and south side of South Dock, including dock area and Upper Bank Street) for the following development:

- Construction of a new pedestrian footbridge to connect South Quay and Canary Wharf in Isle of Dogs, to align with Upper Bank Street on the north bank of the London South Dock, and the Berkeley Homes 'South Quay Plaza' scheme on the south bank, including landscaping on Upper Bank Street and other associated works.

Subject to:

1. The conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report and update report; and
2. an additional condition requiring details of the cycling strategy and associated review mechanism.

### 5.2 Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4QN (PA/21/01327 & PA/21/01349)

Update report was noted.

PA/21/01327

On a unanimous vote the Officers recommendation to **GRANT** planning permission was **not agreed**.

Councillor Gulam Kibria Chowdhury moved and Councillor Kamrul Hussain seconded to **REFUSE** the application. On a vote of 7 in favour, 0 against with 1 abstention, it was **RESOLVED** that the planning application be **REFUSED** at Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4QN for the following development:

- Redevelopment of the site to provide an embassy (Sui Generis use class), involving the refurbishment and restoration of the Johnson Smirke Building (Grade II listed), partial demolition, remodelling and refurbishment of Seaman's Registry (Grade II listed), with alterations to the west elevation of the building, the retention, part demolition, alterations and extensions to Murray House and Dexter House, the erection of a standalone entrance pavilion building, alterations to the existing boundary wall and demolition of substation, associated public realm and landscaping, highway works, car and cycle parking and all ancillary and associated works.

The reasons for the resolution to refuse are as follows:

- Impact on residents safety and security
- Impact on heritage assets both within the application site and beyond.
- Potential threat on borough tourist visitor area
- Impact on police resources.
- More congestion in the area and safety impacts that follow from that.

PA/21/01349

On a vote of 3 in favour, 5 against the Officers recommendation to **GRANT** permission for listed building consent was **not agreed**.

Councillor Suluk Ahmed moved and Councillor Abdul Wahid seconded to **REFUSE** the application for listed building consent. On a vote of 5 in favour, 2 against with 1 abstention, it was **RESOLVED** that the listed building consent be **REFUSED** at Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4QN for the following development:

- Redevelopment of the site to provide an embassy (Sui Generis use class), involving the refurbishment and restoration of the Johnson Smirke Building (Grade II listed), partial demolition, remodelling and refurbishment of Seaman's Registry (Grade II listed), with alterations to the west elevation of the building, the retention, part demolition, alterations and extensions to Murray House and Dexter House, the erection of a standalone entrance pavilion building, alterations to the existing boundary wall and demolition of substation, associated public realm and landscaping, highway works, car and cycle parking and all ancillary and associated works.

The reasons for the resolution to refuse are that this application is intrinsically linked to the planning application PA/21/01327 to create an embassy on the site.

**WILL TUCKLEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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