

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Rofique U Ahmed (Chair)

Councillor David Edgar (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Martin Rew

Councillor Julian Sharpe

(none)

Other Councillors Present:

(none)

Officers Present:

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Brian Bell – (Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Asad and Ludlow.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Edgar declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a board member of Leaside Regeneration who were to carry out the study referred to in para 6.22 of the report.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2006, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. DEPUTATIONS

None had been requested.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

5.1 Proposed Langdon Park Docklands Light Railway station, Carmen Street, London E14 (Report number SDC010/056)

Mr Richard Humphreys (Development Control) introduced the report which assessed an application to build a new station on an existing DLR line. Improving access to public transport in this area had been a longstanding objective of the council and local community. It would entail the demolition of the existing footbridge at the site which was in poor condition, and its replacement with one incorporating lifts, which would also provide access to the station.

Part of Langdon Park would be required during construction but be re-instated afterwards. Other schemes had recently been approved adjacent to this site, and it was hoped that by a combination of planning gain and highways powers, a piazza-style entrance could be constructed from Carmen Street. Although the scheme was referable to the GLA, they had indicated support in principle.

In response to members' queries, it was confirmed that –

- The children's' play equipment within Langdon Park would be resited elsewhere in the park during construction, and re-instated with the whole affected area landscaped, after completion
- The applicants would be required to commission and submit the complementary works strategy which would seek to identify possible sources of funding for associated improvements. However DLR themselves would not necessarily be able to contribute directly to these
- The design of the station, footbridge and lift towers were in a contemporary style, but were considered an overall improvement to a run-down area

It was unanimously **AGREED** that planning permission be **GRANTED** subject to -

A Section 106 legal agreement to secure:

1. Local Labour in Construction;
2. Funding of provision of replacement play facilities within Langdon Park;
3. Reinstatement of the temporary works site for open space purposes on completion of the development;
4. The submission of a Complementary Works Strategy for the locality as a consequence of the new station and for Docklands Light Railway Limited to co-operate on the implementation of such works.

The conditions outlined below:

1. 3 years
2. Materials

3. Demolition/construction hours
4. Details of PA system
5. Landscaping
6. Safeguarding measures to prevent site contamination
7. Surface water drainage
8. No soakaways
9. Foundation design
10. Details of provision for cycle parking
11. Safeguarding measures to prevent loss of potential archaeological remains
12. Construction management plan

Referral to the Mayor of London pursuant to the Town & Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2000 under Category 2C(d) "Development to provide a railway station."

The meeting ended at 7.53 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Rofique U Ahmed
Strategic Development Committee