

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2008

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

Members Present:

Councillor Shafiqul Haque (Chair)

Councillor Lutfu Begum
Councillor Alexander Heslop
Councillor Denise Jones (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer

Officers Present:

Suki Binjal	– (Interim Head of Legal Services - Community, Chief Executive's)
Megan Crowe	– (Legal Services Team Leader, Planning)
Stephen Irvine	– (Development Control Manager, Planning)
Michael Kiely	– (Service Head, Development Control and Building Control, Development & Renewal)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fazlul Haque, Harun Miah and Tim O'Flaherty.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Lutfu Begum, Alexander Heslop, Denise Jones and Harun Miah declared personal interests in item 7.1 having been lobbied by residents.

Councillor Denise Jones declared a personal interest in item 7.1 as a non-executive member of the PCT.

Councillor Marc Francis declared a prejudicial interest in item 7.1 as he was on the Board of the Old Ford Housing Association. Councillor Francis left the meeting during the discussion and voting on this item.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th August 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee 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 Development and Renewal 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 Development and Renewal is delegated authority to do so, provided always that the Corporate Director does not exceed the substantive nature of the Committee's decision.

5. PROCEDURE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS

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

6. DEFERRED ITEMS

There were no deferred items

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

7.1 Gun Wharf, 241 Old Ford Road, London, E3

On a vote of 4 against and 1 abstention, the Committee indicated that it did not support the Officer's recommendation to grant planning permission.

The Service Head, Development Decisions, advised the Committee that the application be deferred until a future meeting when potential grounds for refusal would be addressed.

Members indicated they were concerned that the development was out of character with the conservation area because of the following elements: -

- a. the height of the development
- b. the materials used; and
- c. the density of the development

(Councillor Marc Francis declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the room during the consideration by Members)

7.2 1-131 Carmine Wharf, 30 Copenhagen Place, London

On a unanimous vote the Committee RESOLVED that planning permission for the erection of a seven storey building to provide 883 square metres of floor space for B1 use on ground and lower floors, with 35 residential units on upper floors with parking and landscaping be GRANTED for the reasons set out in the committee report subject to:

The prior completion of a **legal agreement** to secure the following planning objections:

i) A variation of the original Section 106 legal agreement entered into pursuant to PA/03/00154 signed on 8th September 2006 to provide a further 2 affordable units within Block B of the approved development in addition to the original 28.

Conditions

1. Time limit
2. Insulation measures
3. Car Free Scheme
4. 5 additional cycle racks

The meeting ended at Time Not Specified

Chair, Councillor Shafiqul Haque
Development Committee