

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2008

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

Members Present:

Councillor Shafiqul Haque (Chair)

Councillor Shahed Ali
Councillor M. Shahid Ali
Councillor Stephanie Eaton
Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Marc Francis (deputising for Councillor Alibor Choudhury)

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Lutfur Rahman

Officers Present:

Megan Crowe – (Legal Services Team Leader, Planning)
Stephen Irvine – (Development Control Manager, Planning)
Michael Kiely – (Service Head, Development Decisions)
Devon Rollo – Planning Officer

Alan Ingram – (Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alibor Choudhury (for whom Councillor Marc Francis deputised), Councillor Joshua Peck and Councillor Dulal Uddin.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor	Item	Type of Interest	Reason
Ahmed Adam Omer	Item 7.1 – Site at North Dock Isle of Dogs Crossrail	Personal	He had been lobbied in respect of both the items of business.

	Station, Upper Bank Street, London Item 7.2 – Site at Caspian Works and Lewis House, Violet Road		
Marc Francis	Item 7.1 – Site at North Dock Isle of Dogs Crossrail Station, Upper Bank Street, London	Personal	He had received representations opposing the application.
Mohammed Shahid Ali	Item 7.1 – Site at North Dock Isle of Dogs Crossrail Station, Upper Bank Street, London Item 7.2 – Site at Caspian Works and Lewis House, Violet Road	Personal	He was a resident of the Ward within which the application lay. He had received representations relating to the application.
Shafiqul Haque	Item 7.1 – Site at North Dock Isle of Dogs Crossrail Station, Upper Bank Street, London Item 7.2 – Site at Caspian Works and Lewis House, Violet Road	Personal	He had received representations in connection with both items.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2008 were agreed and approved 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.

6. DEFERRED ITEMS

Mr Michael Kiely, Service Head, Development Control and Building Control, indicated that a further report regarding the site at 2 Trafalgar Way, London, (PA/08/01321) would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

7.1 Site at North Dock Isle of Dogs Crossrail Station, Upper Bank Street, London

While presenting the report, Mr S. Irvine, Development Control Manager Planning, made the point that Members should take due account of the objection raised by English Heritage concerning the Grade 1 listed quay walls and buttresses of West India Dock, although these were mainly obscured from sight by false dock walls that had been erected over the years.

After consideration of the Officer's report and extensive questions from Members, the Committee RESOLVED on a vote of 5 for, with 1 abstention, that planning permission for the erection of a building sitting over Isle of Dogs Crossrail Station comprising of retail floorspace, community use floorspace and a publicly accessible park, as well as elements of the Isle of Dogs Crossrail Station which fall outside the vertical limits of deviation as defined by The Crossrail Act 2008, be GRANTED for the reasons set out in the Committee report, subject to the inclusion of the additional informative recommended by the Environment Agency pertaining to minimum floor levels, as set out in the Addendum report.

NOTE: At 8.35 p.m. Councillor Stephanie Eaton left the meeting.

7.2 Site At Caspian Works and Lewis House, Violet Road

After consideration of the Officer's report the Committee RESOLVED on a unanimous vote that planning permission for the redevelopment of the site to provide buildings for mixed use purposes, including residential units, uses with associated basement and ground level car parking, cycle parking, roof terraces, children's play area, landscaping, access and servicing, be GRANTED for the reasons set out in the Committee report, subject to the proviso that the Service Head, Development Decisions look into the possibility of providing temporary parking permits for residents of the affordable housing units during the short period that off-street parking will not be available and, if not possible to secure, the decision is cleared with the Chair before being issued.

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Shafiqul Haque
Strategic Development Committee