

APPENDIX 1

EXCERPT FROM THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS CONSTITUTION

3.3.4 Development Committee Terms of Reference

<p>Membership: Seven Members of the Council. Up to three substitutes may be appointed for each Member</p>	
Functions	Delegation of Function
<p>1. Planning Applications</p> <p>a) To consider and determine recommendations from the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal to grant planning permission for applications made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to grant listed building consent or conservation area consent for applications made under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and to grant hazardous substances consent for applications made under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990, including similar applications delegated to the Council to determine by other bodies (such as the Olympic Delivery Authority under the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006) that meet any one of the following criteria:</p> <p>i) Proposals involving the erection, alteration or change of use of buildings, structures or land with more than 35 residential or live-work units.</p> <p>ii) Proposals involving the erection, alteration or change of use of buildings, structures or land with a gross floor space exceeding 10,000 square metres.</p> <p>iii) Retail development with a gross floor space exceeding 5,000 square metres.</p> <p>iv) If in response to the publicity of an application the Council receives (in writing or by email) either more than 20 individual representations or a petition (received from residents of the borough whose names appear in the Register of Electors or by a Councillor and containing signatures from at least 20 persons with residential or business addresses in the borough) raising material planning objections to the development, and the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal considers that these objections cannot be addressed by amending the development, by imposing conditions and/or by</p>	<p>The Corporate Director, Development and Renewal (or any officer authorised by her/him) has the authority to make decisions on planning matters with the exception of those specifically reserved to the Development Committee, unless:-</p> <p>(i) these are expressly delegated to her/him or</p> <p>(ii) where it is referred to the Committee in accordance with Development Procedure Rule No 15</p>

completing a legal agreement.

b) To consider and determine recommendations from the Corporate Director to refuse planning permission for applications made under the Acts referred to in (a) above, where in response to the publicity of an application the Council has received (in writing or by email) more than 20 individual representations supporting the development or a petition in the form detailed in (a) (iv) supporting the development.

c) To consider and determine recommendations from the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal for listed building or conservation area consent applications made by or on sites/buildings owned by the Council.

(Representations either individual letters or petitions received after the close of the consultation period will be counted at the discretion of the Corporate Director, Development and Renewal)

2. Observations

d) To respond to requests for observations on planning applications referred to the Council by other local authorities Government departments statutory undertakers and similar organisations where the response would be contrary to policies in the adopted development plan or raise especially significant borough-wide issues

3. General

e) To consider any application or other planning matter referred to the Committee by the Corporate Director Development and Renewal where she/he considers it appropriate to do so (for example, if especially significant borough-wide issues are raised).

It shall be for the Corporate Director Development & Renewal to determine whether a matter meets any of the above criteria.

Quorum

Three Members of the Committee