

Agenda Item number:	7.3
Reference number:	PA/10/1481
Location:	Jobcentre Plus, 60 Commercial Road, London E1 1LP
Proposal:	Demolition of existing building and erection of a 19 storey building plus basement to provide plant room; 200 sqm retail/commercial /community unit (class A1/A2/A3/A4/B1/D1) at ground floor and student accommodation on upper floors (comprising 383 units) and ancillary uses; associated servicing and landscaping.

1.0 ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

1.1 Since the publication of the committee report, 15 letters of support were received. The following comments were made in the representations received:

- The current building is unattractive, of poor design quality and not in keeping with the surrounding area
- The proposed development is well designed and will contribute positively to the area.
- The height of the building is in keeping with the prevailing character of the immediate area.
- The proposal will provide suitable regeneration of the site which would benefit of the community
- The site is suitable located for student accommodation and would address the under supply of student accommodation in London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- The proposed commercial floorspace on the ground floor is a positive enhancement to the site.
- The proposal makes provision for commercial facilities on the ground floor which be of benefit to the local community.

2.0 RE PROVISION OF JOB CENTRE

2.1 Following the publication of the committee report, the applicant has written to the Council stating that they have offered the new floorspace at 122 Back Church Road (PA/09/1199) as relocation for the job centre to the agent acting on behalf of the Job Centre.

3.0 HARRY GOSLING PRIMARY SCHOOL

3.1 Since the publication of the committee report, Harry Gosling Primary School has not provided comments to the Council regarding the application. However, the applicant has recently met with the Headteacher of Harry Gosling Primary School to present the application proposals and discuss ways in which the pupils at the school could be involved with the application proposals. The applicant has suggested the potential to silkscreen children's paintings onto the hoardings around the site once redevelopment commences, should members consider this to be appropriate.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The recommendation remains unchanged.

