

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.05 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2015

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

Members Present:

Councillor Marc Francis (Chair)

Councillor Shiria Khatun

(Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for
Community Safety)

Councillor Sabina Akhtar

Councillor Rajib Ahmed

Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury

Councillor Chris Chapman

Other Councillors Present:

None.

Apologies:

Councillor Suluk Ahmed

Officers Present:

Tim Ross

– (Deputy Team Leader - Pre-
application Team, Development and
Renewal)

Christopher Hunt

– (Senior Planning Lawyer, Directorate
Law, Probity and Governance)

Beth Eite

– (Deputy Team Leader, Development
and Renewal)

Brett McAllister

– (Planning Officer, Development and
Renewal)

Jane Jin

– (Deputy Team Leader, Development
and Renewal)

Zoe Folley

– (Committee Officer, Directorate Law,
Probity and Governance)

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors Rajib Ahmed and Shiria Khatun declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.3 Lansbury Lawrence Junior Mixed School, Cordelia Street, London, E14 6DZ (PA/15/02216) as the application site was in their ward.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The Committee **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3th September 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

In respect of the items 6.1 and 6.2 (47 and 55 Brierly Gardens, London E2 0TF (PA/15/01337), the Chair reported that a complaint had been made by objectors regarding the appropriateness of himself and Councillor Sabina Akhtar participating and voting on these item since they were Directors of Tower Hamlets Homes, and Tower Hamlets Homes were the applicants for both applications. The Chair stated that he had sought advice from the relevant Council Officers prior to the meeting and was informed that his interest in the application was not a Disclosable Personal Interest. Therefore he may chair the item and participate and vote on this item.

He advised that the Council's advice on this matter will be communicated to Members.

3. 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

4. PROCEDURE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS AND MEETING GUIDANCE

The Committee noted the procedure for hearing objections and meeting guidance.

5. DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

6.1 42-44 Aberfeldy Street, E14 0NU (PA/15/01444 and PA/15/01445)

Application withdrawn by officers from the agenda due to discrepancies in the application.

6.2 The Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BB (PA/15/000108)

Tim Ross (Deputy Team Leader, Development and Renewal) introduced the item for the removal and re-siting of Royal London Hospital war memorial plaque commemorating staff and students of the hospital.

Beth Eite (Deputy Team Leader, Development and Renewal) gave a presentation on the application explaining the purpose and appearance of the war memorial plaque located within the old hospital front building.

It was proposed that the statue be moved to one of the main entrances at the rear of the new hospital building where it could be seen by staff and public as originally intended.

Whilst there would be some minor harm to the setting of the grade 11 listed building, it was considered that this would be outweighed by the public benefits associated with siting the statue in a public area. The Council's Conservation Officer agreed with this.

Listed building consent was required for the changes. However, due to recent changes in the planning regulations, the Council could now determine applications for listed building consent where no objections have been received and the application was to approve. This was the case in this instance.

Subject to conditions, Officers were recommending that listed building consent should be approved.

In response to Members, Officers clarified the conditions to ensure the safe and careful transportation of the statue and the merits of moving the statue to this more prominent position from a disused area. They also clarified the distance between the ambulance bay and the proposed site for the statue and that it was required by condition that the war memorial be retained in a public location in the new building in perpetuity.

On a unanimous vote the Committee **RESOLVED**:

1. That listed building consent at London Hospital, Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BB be **GRANTED** for the removal and re-siting of Royal London Hospital war memorial plaque from within the former ground floor foyer of the old Royal London Hospital Front Block Building to the wall of the Stepney Way public atrium in the new hospital building (PA/15/000108) subject to:

2. The completion of a legal agreement to secure the matters set out in the report.
3. That the Corporate Director Development & Renewal is delegated power to negotiate the legal agreement indicated above acting within normal delegated authority.
4. That the Corporate Director Development & Renewal is delegated power to impose conditions and informatives on the listed building to secure the matters set out in the Committee report.
5. Any other conditions(s) considered necessary by the Corporate Director Development & Renewal
6. That, if within 3 months of the date of this committee the legal agreement has not been completed, the Corporate Director Development & Renewal is delegated power to refuse listed building consent.

6.3 Lansbury Lawrence Junior Mixed School, Cordelia Street, London, E14 6DZ (PA/15/02216)

Tim Ross (Deputy Team Leader, Development and Renewal) introduced the item for listed building consent for minor alterations to the Lansbury Lawrence Junior Mixed School.

Brett McAllister, (Planning Officer, Development and Renewal) gave a presentation on the application describing the nature of the school, the site location, the layout of the building including the access arrangements.

He advised of the need for the new fire escape required by building regulations to enable the school hall to operate at full capacity (increasing it from 80 to 400).

He described the appearance of the new glass windows. He also explained that the new stairwell had been carefully designed to correspond well with the building and that there would be limited views of the proposal at street level. The Council's Conservation Officer agreed that the plans would preserve the character of the building.

Listed building consent was required for the changes. However, due to recent changes in regulations, the Council could now determine applications for such consent where no objections have been received and the application was to approve. This was the case in this instance.

In view of the merits of the scheme, Officers were recommending that it be granted permission.

In response to questions, Officers clarified that the plans would enable the hall to operate at full capacity by providing the number of means of escape required under building regulation for such an increase. The size of the hall would remain as existing. They also clarified the proposed new fire escape route.

On a unanimous vote the Committee **RESOLVED**:

That Listed Building Consent be **GRANTED** at Lansbury Lawrence Junior Mixed School, Cordelia Street, London, E14 6DZ (PA/15/02216) for

1. Installation of external fire escape stair to south elevation of hall.
2. Replacement of windows on west elevation of hall.
3. Demolition of existing timber storage shed.
4. Minor resurfacing works around new stair.

Subject to conditions and any other conditions(s) considered necessary by the Corporate Director Development & Renewal

7. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

None.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Marc Francis
Development Committee