

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.37 P.M. ON MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL

Members Present:

Councillor Kamrul Hussain (Chair)

Councillor Amin Rahman
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury
Councillor Abdul Mannan
Councillor Faroque Ahmed
Councillor Sabina Akhtar
Councillor Asma Islam

Officers Present:

Jerry Bell	(Area Planning Manager)
Astrid Patil	(Senior Planning Lawyer)
Sally Frasier	(Team Leader East)
Thomas French	(Democratic Services Officer (Committees))

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests. Councillor Abdul Mannan informed the committee that item 5.1 may be within his own ward.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

The Committee **RESOLVED**

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS AND MEETING GUIDANCE

The Committee **RESOLVED** that:

1. The procedure for hearing objections and meeting guidance be noted.
2. In the event of changes being made to recommendations by the Committee, the task of formalising the wording of those changes be

delegated to the Corporate Director, Place along the broad lines indicated at the meeting; and

3. 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, Place be delegated authority to do so, provided always that the Corporate Director does not exceed the substantive nature of the Committee's decision

4. DEFERRED ITEMS

Nil items

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

6. 59 LOCKESFIELD PLACE PA/22/02454

Updated report was noted.

Jerry Bell introduced the application for erection of a first floor rear extension.

Sally Frasier, case officer, provided a presentation on the application. The Officer's recommendation was to grant planning permission.

At the invitation of the Chair, objections were raised to the committee, highlighting the increased potential for noise, anti-social behaviour, and concerns about restriction of light to residential gardens.

At the invitation of the Chair, the agent for the applicant highlighted how inspections have noted that there would not increase of noise to local residents or significant reduction in sunlight to local residents. The application falls within the council's own local plan.

Further to questions from the Committee, officers, and residents provided more details on the following elements of the application:

- Can concerns about the restriction of the light this application be expanded on? Objectors commented on the restriction of light, which has grown less accessible as developments have increased.
- Have objectors ever reported anti-social behaviour to the police? Objectors stated ongoing anti-social behaviour reports to environment health, and previously to the police.
- Is the application in compliance with the local neighbourhood plan, in regard to the external aesthetic of the extension? Officers stated that it does comply with the local neighbourhood plan on the Isle of Dogs.

Members of the committee discussed the application and moved to the vote.

On a vote of 5 in favour, 2 against and 0 abstentions the Committee, that planning permission is **GRANTED**.

Erection of a first floor rear extension.

Subject to conditions, for the reasons outlined in the committee report

7. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Nil Items.

The meeting ended at 19:21

Chair, Councillor Kamrul Hussain
Development Committee