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Planning and Transportation Committee	13/01/2015
Subject: Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines, Volume 4, Landscaping SPD, with Part 2 (Good Practice) and Part 3 (Green Infrastructure)	Public
Report of: Chief Planning Officer	For Decision
<p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscape draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), with Part 2 (Good Practice) and Part 3 (Green Infrastructure) was issued for public consultation during August/September 2014. In response to comments received, a number of minor amendments are proposed, as set out in the appendix to this report.</p> <p>Recommendation(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the amendments to the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscaping SPD, with Part 2 (Good Practice) and Part 3 (Green Infrastructure) listed in Appendix C be agreed. • That Members resolve to adopt the amended Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscaping as a Supplementary Planning Document. • That Members note that Part 2 (Good Practice) and Part 3 (Green Infrastructure) would be standard documents for use by officers and stakeholders on the Barbican Estate. <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree the amendments. • Adopt the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscaping SPD • Note Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscape Part 2 (Good Practice) and Part 3 (Green Infrastructure) 	

Main Report

Background

1. In May 2005, the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines Volumes I & II Supplementary Planning Guidance were adopted by Planning and Transportation Committee.
2. A five year review of the document was carried out in 2010 with the reconvention of the original Working Party. In accordance with the review procedure set out in Volume I, Section 12. Avanti Architects, the consultants for the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines, were retained to assist the process. The revised document was adopted as an SPD in 2012 following public consultation. This is a material consideration in the consideration of applications for planning permission and listed building consent on the Barbican Estate.
3. Volume II identified two further Volumes to complete the suite of documents. Volume III (Arts Centre, Schools and other buildings), and Volume IV (Landscaping).
4. In January to May 2014, Volume IV – Landscaping was prepared for public consultation. A working party was formed made up of stakeholders on the Barbican Estate, and Avanti Architects were retained as consultants to draft the text.
5. Volume IV – Landscaping of the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines comprises three parts.
6. Part One – Management Guidelines SPD. This relates to the landscape and open space elements of the Estate, their architectural significance, and provides Management Guidelines relating to specific elements of the landscape. The document provides a framework within which changes to significant elements should be managed.
7. The document identifies the strength of the original design intent in particular the separation of pedestrian and traffic into street level and highwalks. It recognises also where this has not always been so successful, in particular the difficulty of wayfinding, signage and the general inhibition of pedestrian flow with the surrounding City and across the Estate. It is intended that the SPD will inform future

proposals and alterations to the estate. The guidance adopts the same 'Traffic Light' system as Volume II.

8. Part Two – Good Practice – sets out good practice for a wide range of works. The document will be added to, as good practice is agreed between the Department of the Built Environment and stakeholders.

9. Part Three – Green Infrastructure, including soft landscaping and potential Landscape Management Plan for the Barbican Estate. This deals with elements of the landscape which are not a part of the statutory designated heritage asset, but which contribute to the significance of the landscaping.

10. Part one of the document is proposed as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to the City of London Development Plan. Parts 2 (Good Practice) and 3 (Green Infrastructure) and the appendices provide supporting documentation to the SPD, and will be used as a living document by officers and stakeholders to assist when carrying out work on the estate. SPDs must be prepared in accordance with procedures set out in relevant regulations and public consultation must be carried out in accordance with the City's Statement of Community Involvement, adopted in 2012. Before adopting a supplementary planning document the local planning authority must prepare a consultation statement summarising the main issues raised and how those issues have been addressed in the SPD. The consultation statement is attached in Appendix B.

11. The SPD would inform the review of the Barbican Area Strategy and the development of the Cultural Hub.

12. On 17th July 2014, Planning and Transportation Committee approved the draft text of the document for the purpose of carrying out a public consultation. The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscape Draft SPD, with Part 2 (Good Practice) and Part 3 (Green Infrastructure) was available for formal public consultation during August and September 2014.

Current Position

13. The responses to the public consultation have been collated and form the basis of the Statement of Consultation and the Schedule of Proposed Changes which are appended to this report. Only minor amendments are proposed and these are set out in the Schedule of Proposed Changes in Appendix C. Comments were received from English Heritage, Natural England, The City of London Archaeological Trust (CoLAT), The Barbican Association, Lauderdale Tower House Group, Gilbert House Group and members of the public. The full amended text of Parts 1, 2 and 3 are appended in Appendix A, this will be available electronically on the CoL website, and printed copies in the members reading room.

Options

14. There are no financial or risk implications arising from the proposed adoption of the draft text.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

15. The draft SPD supports Policy CS12 of the City's Core Strategy and emerging Local Plan, which seeks to safeguard 'the City's listed buildings and their settings, while allowing appropriate adaptation and new uses.' Regard has also been had to the NPPF and guidance, the London Plan and English Heritage 'Conservation Principles' in the preparation of the draft SPD.

16. The Community Strategy: The City Together Strategy contains five key themes. The theme relevant to the Barbican Estate is to 'protect, promote and enhance our environment', including the built environment of the City and its public realm.

17. The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscaping Draft SPD supports the Strategic aims of the Departmental Business Plan, relating to the sustainable design of the streets and spaces and the protection and enhancement of the City's built environment. These aims are met by promoting the protection and enhancement of the Barbican Estate.

18. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and the assessment of relevance (or risk) in terms of equalities is low.

19. A Sustainability Appraisal Screening has been carried out. The determination of which has been that The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV Landscape Part 1 SPD applies to a small area at a local level and is unlikely to have significant effects on the wider environment therefore it will not be necessary to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment on this SPD

Implications

20. There are no financial implications or key risks associated with the proposal.

Conclusion

21. The draft SPD was presented to the Barbican Residential Consultation Committee on Monday 24th November 2014. 2 questions were raised in the meeting, which are addressed in the Addendum. The Committee signified its support for the draft document.

22. Members are recommended to adopt the amended Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume 4, Landscaping Part 1 SPD by resolution. As soon as reasonably practicable after adoption an adoption statement, the SPD and the consultation statement will be published on the City's website and made available for inspection and a copy of the adoption statement sent to anyone who has asked to be notified of adoption of the SPD .

Appendices

- Appendix A – The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines; Volume IV – Landscape SPD, Part 2 and Part 3 Draft Text, - with track changes visible.
(The document has many appendices which will be printed and provided in the members' reading room).
- Appendix B – Statement of Consultation
- Appendix C – Schedule of proposed changes
- E.Q.I.A
- SEA Screening report
- Addendum

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Background Papers:

- P&TC committee report – 17th July 2014