

LOCAL PLANS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Friday, 4 March 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plans Sub (Planning and Transportation)
Committee held at Committee Room - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Friday, 4
March 2016 at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Randall Anderson

Marianne Fredericks (In the Chair)

Sylvia Moys

Graham Packham

Dhruv Patel

In Attendance

Officers:

Paul Beckett

Janet Laban

Simon McGinn

Neal Hounsell

Lisa Russell

Peter Shadbolt

- Department of the Built Environment

- Department of the Built Environment

- City Surveyor's

- Community and Children's Services Department

- Department of the Built Environment

- Department of the Built Environment

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Revd Dr Martin Dudley.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2013 be approved as a correct record.

4. CITY OF LONDON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - IDENTIFICATION OF KEY ISSUES

Consideration was given to a report of the City Planning Officer which sought comments on issues considered to be of most importance to planning the City of London over the next 20 years and which would inform the preparation of an Issues and Options consultation document.

Suggestions to the document were made as follows: -

The Role of the City and the Balance of Uses

- To maintain the role of the world's leading international financial and business centre, the Local Plan needs to ensure a good supply of high quality, modern and sustainable office accommodation to meet the needs of commercial occupiers and a variety of choice to suit occupiers' needs.
- New forms of housing provision needs to be explored and developed to address the national housing shortage and crowded transport problems. Housing to meet the needs of the City's growing elderly population needs to be considered, as well as hostel accommodation and student housing.
- The sustainability of buildings is an important consideration and should be integral to the design process from the very beginning.
- The design of buildings, streets and spaces needs to consider whether they are accessible to all sections of the community, as well as improving the safety and security of the City.
- The development of additional cultural activities, along with significant office growth, is likely to further increase the demand for both business and leisure-related hotel accommodation.

Infrastructure, Transport and the Public Realm

- The utilities infrastructure must keep pace with the changing needs of the City's business, resident and visitor communities and providing the right infrastructure for electricity, heating and cooling will be a key issue, particularly in high density areas such as the Eastern Cluster.
- The large construction sites in the City may require temporary electricity, water, sewerage and waste management infrastructure during the construction phase and should be planned for and integrated with surrounding areas.
- The transport network and the public realm must be designed to safely accommodate the projected increase in the numbers of people using them, and minimise the risk of a terrorist attack while providing a safe and attractive environment with ease of movement.

Sustainable Smart City

- Need to develop a vision for a future/smart city and how the better use of technology can contribute towards a better quality of life and improved effectiveness and efficiency of infrastructure and services.
- Can areas of the City be made traffic free?

- To what extent can anti-social behaviour can be addressed through planning policy.
- What type of climate resilience measures should be incorporated into new development, refurbishment and the public realm?
- Are there any direct or indirect measures we could take to improve air quality in the City or reduce people's exposure to air pollution?
- Could the introduction of consolidation centres located outside the City help alleviate congestion and reduce vehicle movements.

Key City Places

- The impact of the Night Tube and the Cultural Hub will increase the number of visitors and extending visits and there is a need to consider how to manage dispersal from night-time venues to transport networks.
- The changes associated with the Cultural Hub and over 2 million additional visitors each year are likely to generate demand for more hotels, shops and restaurants.
- The Liverpool Street Station and Broadgate area is currently experiencing significant development activity, and this is likely to continue with the arrival of Crossrail.
- The completion of Crossrail will bring significant challenges with implications for the public realm, pedestrian movement, building design, servicing and consolidation, security measures and the mix of uses.

RESOLVED - That the above comments/suggestions be taken into account and used to inform the preparation of the Local Plan Issues and Options document.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no questions.
6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**
There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm

Chairman

Contact Officer: Amanda Thompson
amanda.thompson@cityoflondon.gov.uk