

Appendix 4

City Of London Enforcement Plan Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Statement July 2016

Consultation

The City of London Corporation is preparing an Enforcement Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which sets out the City's approach to planning enforcement including trees. The legislation requires a Consultation Statement to be produced referring to any preliminary consultation carried out before the publication of the draft SPD. In the preparation of the draft SPD an informal consultation took place with 4 key members of the Built Environment User Panel.

Responses

The consultation triggered three responses. The representations were reviewed and appropriate changes were made to the Enforcement Plan.

Two consultees were of the view that the draft SPD had been pitched at the right level. The first consultee stated that the proposed User Panel liaison sounded like a good idea. The second consultee requested that, in the introduction, 'businesses' should be separated out from the reference to stakeholders as they are the largest group affected by planning decisions. The text has been amended accordingly.

The Third consultee commented that in general the draft seemed fine and sets out expected protocol on enforcement action. They listed a number of points which they stated did not raise anything significant.

- Lack of paragraph numbering to the introduction
Response: It is not intended to number the introduction.
- Examples of breaches that can be addressed through other legislation would be helpful
Response: Readers will be guided to the City of London web page.
- Further clarification of planning permission required for demolition of unlisted buildings in conservation areas and non-compliance with conditions
Response: It would be up to an individual to seek further legal advice
- Examples should be provided of Notices that can end up on a property search
Response: Property searches are a separate issue
- Need to explain that complainants would be given precise instructions as to what they would be asked to monitor to avoid snooping
Response: A sentence has been added to deal with this point
- Clarification needed as to when an application relating to the retention of works can be amended
Response: A comment has been added to deal with this point
- Helpful to state that the content of an advertisement can't be controlled
Response: This amount of detail is not a matter for the draft SPD
- Need to explain what a CPO is.
Response: A sentence has been added to deal with this point
- Noted an absence of managing expectations as to timescales involved in enforcement

Response: The City will monitor its own performance by preparing an annual report which will review priorities and targets and scope for charging. This has been noted in the draft SPD