

Committee(s)	Dated:
Residents Consultation Committee Barbican Residential Committee Barbican Centre Board Planning and Transportation Committee	30 th November 2020 14 th December 2020 27 th January 2021 16 th February 2021
Subject: Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy – draft Supplementary Planning Document	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	12.
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	N/A
Report of: Director of the Built Environment	For Decision
Report author: The Chief Planning Officer	

Summary

A draft Character Summary and Management Strategy has been prepared for the Barbican and Golden Lane conservation area. This provides an understanding of the significance of the conservation area by analysing its principal characteristics, and sets out proposals for the preservation and enhancement of the special architectural and historic interest of the conservation area.

Members are asked to agree the draft Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy and agree to it being made available for public consultation as part of the process of adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and submitted to a public meeting.

Recommendation(s)

Members approve the draft text of the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy SPD, appended as Appendix A to this report, and agree to it being issued for public consultation for 6 weeks from March 2021.

Main Report

Background

1. Following a proposal from the Barbican and Golden Lane Residents’ Associations that the area be designated as a conservation area, the City of London Corporation undertook an assessment in 2017 in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Historic England Guidance and

City Local Plan policy. The Barbican and Golden Lane conservation area was designated by the City of London Corporation in October 2018.

2. Local authorities are required to formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their area which are Conservation Areas (S.71 Listed Building and Conservation Areas Act 1990). SPDs must be prepared in accordance with procedures set out in relevant regulations and public consultation must be in accordance with the City's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), adopted in 2016. The draft SPD has been prepared having regard to the matters specified in Section 19(2)&(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and prescribed in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Current Position

3. The draft Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy for consultation is attached to this report as Appendix A.
4. It is intended that the Character Summary and Management Strategy will be adopted as an SPD.

Proposals

5. Publish the draft text for formal public consultation for a period of 6 weeks. Consultation is proposed to take place in Spring 2021. Following consultation, the text will be reviewed in response to comments received. Any proposed amendments to the document will be reported back to your Committee for approval and approval sought to adopt the document as an SPD.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Sub-headings

- Strategic implications

The London Plan, adopted 2016, encourages the identification and recording of heritage assets through character appraisals or conservation plans. The draft SPD will contribute to fulfilling this aspiration within the City of London.

The City Corporation has prepared character summaries for conservation areas, under the umbrella document '*Conservation Areas in the City: A General Introduction to Their Character*' (1994). Combined Character Summary and Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) have been adopted for 18 conservation areas and will be prepared for the remainder.

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the planning policy documents to be prepared and the timetable for preparing them. The most recent update of the LDS was approved by your Committee in June 2017 and includes a programme to complete Character Summaries and Management Strategies for the remaining conservation areas, and to revise and update existing character summaries. These are being prepared in line with current Historic England guidance on the appraisal and management of conservation areas.

The City Corporation's Local Plan was adopted by Court of Common Council in January 2015. Policy CS12: 'Historic Environment' seeks to preserve and

enhance the distinctive character and appearance of the City's conservation areas, while allowing sympathetic development within them. The draft SPDs are consistent with the approach outlined in the Local Plan

This document will aid current and future building proposals and management impacting on the Conservation Area needed to sustain the Barbican and Golden Lane and the development around it. This supports Corporate Plan objective 12 (Our spaces are secure, resilient and well-maintained)

- There are no Financial or Resource implications arising from this report.
- There are no Legal implications.
- There are no Risk implications.
- Equalities implications:
An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out for the draft SPD and no equality issues were identified. This can be found in Appendix B.
- Climate implications and Security implications:
A Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report has been carried out for the draft SPD, which has concluded that a full Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required, subject to statutory consultees' confirmation. The Screening report can be found in Appendix C.

Conclusion

Members are recommended to approve the appended draft text for formal public consultation from March 2021. The responses to the consultation and the public meeting shall be reported back to this Committee.

Appendices:

Appendix A – draft Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD

Appendix B – Barbican Golden Lane EQIA test of relevance

Appendix C – SEA Screening Barbican and Golden Lane CA SPD

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