

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Barbican Estate Residents Consultation Committee Barbican Centre Board Barbican Residential Committee Planning and Transportation Committee	17 January 2022 19 January 2022 27 January 2022 1 February 2022
<b>Subject:</b> Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy Supplementary Planning Document – for adoption	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	<b>9, 10, 12</b>
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Juliemma McLoughlin, Executive Director Environment	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

A draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area was issued for public consultation during May, June and July 2021. In response to comments received, several amendments are proposed to the SPD, as set out in appendices B and C to this report.

### Recommendation(s)

Members of the **Barbican Committees** are asked to:

- Agree the amendments to the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD as set out in appendices B and C
- Recommend that the amended Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD (appendix D) be formally adopted by Planning and Transportation Committee.

Members of the **Planning and Transportation Committee** are asked to:

- Agree the amendments to the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD as set out in appendices B and C.
- Resolve to adopt the amended Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD (appendix D).

## Main Report

### Background

1. The draft SPD sets out policies and guidance for the management of the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area.
2. Section 71 (1) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires the local planning authority to "*formulate and publish proposals for the preservation and enhancement of any parts of their area which are Conservation Areas.*"
3. The National Planning Policy Framework 2021 (NPPF) requires local planning authorities to set out "*a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment*" (para 190).
4. The London Plan, adopted March 2021, states that boroughs "*should, in consultation with Historic England, local communities and other statutory and relevant organisations, develop evidence that demonstrates a clear understanding of London's historic environment.*" It further states that "*Development Plans and strategies should demonstrate a clear understanding of the historic environment and the heritage values of sites or areas.*"
5. The City Corporation has prepared a number of character summaries for the City's conservation areas. Character Summary and Management Strategy SPDs have been adopted for 19 conservation areas and will be prepared for the remainder.
6. 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 Planning and Transportation Committee in December 2020 and includes a programme to complete Conservation Area SPDs for the remaining conservation areas which have no document and to revise and update the existing ones. These are being prepared in line with current Historic England guidance on the appraisal and management of conservation areas.
7. 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 policy seeks to safeguard the City's listed buildings and their settings, while allowing appropriate adaptation and new uses. The draft SPD is consistent with the approach outlined in the Local Plan. The City Corporation is preparing a new Local Plan, the City Plan, which will replace the 2015 Plan. The timetable for preparing and adopting the City Plan was considered at the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting on 14 December 2021. As currently drafted, the draft City Plan carries forward the approach to development within conservation areas set out in the adopted City of London Local Plan.

## **Current Position**

8. Prior to the public consultation, the draft SPD was reviewed by the Golden Lane Estate Residents Association (3 December 2020) and the following committees:
  - Barbican Residential Consultation Committee (30 November 2020)
  - Barbican Residential Committee (14 December 2020)
  - Barbican Centre Board (24 March 2021)
  - Planning and Transportation Committee (30 March 2021)
9. These committees agreed the draft text for the SPD for formal public consultation. The public consultation ran for eleven weeks, the longest consultation period yet undertaken on a conservation area SPD, from 12 May until 30 July 2021.

## **Results of the SPD consultation**

10. Comments were received from statutory consultees, residents' associations, residents and other interested parties. These were extremely helpful in enhancing the draft SPD and the majority of the proposed changes have been incorporated into the text.
11. The consultation was held for the draft Conservation Area SPD and the draft Barbican Arts Centre Listed Building Management Guidelines (LBMG). Some of the responses relate to both documents, but most concerned only the Conservation Area SPD.
12. Only the Conservation Area SPD is currently proposed for adoption. Work on the draft Arts Centre LBMG has been temporarily paused to allow for changes to the text and alignment with the forthcoming Barbican Renewal Project.
13. Before adopting an SPD, the local planning authority must prepare a consultation statement. This sets out the persons consulted during the preparation of the SPD, summarises the main issues raised and explains how these were addressed in finalising the SPD. The Consultation Statement is attached as appendix A.
14. It is recommended that amendments are made to the SPD in response to the comments, as set out in the 'Schedule of Proposed Changes' (appendix B) and the copy of the SPD with edits shown in 'track changes' in appendix C to this report.
15. Additionally, minor corrections and clarifications were made throughout the draft SPD for editorial reasons.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

16. The Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD supports the strategic aims of the Departmental Business Plan relating to the sustainable design of streets and spaces and the protection and enhancement of the City's historic

built environment. These aims are met by promoting the protection and enhancement of the Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area.

17. Equality Impact Assessments have been carried out for the draft SPD and no equality issues were identified (appendix E).
18. Sustainability Appraisal Screening Reports have been carried out for the draft SPD which have concluded a full Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required. This has been confirmed by statutory consultees (appendix F).

### **Implications**

19. There are no financial, risk, legal, property or HR implications arising from the proposed SPD consultation and adoption process.

### **Conclusion**

20. Subject to the proposed amendments in appendices B and C, it is recommended that the amended SPD (appendix D) is adopted by resolution in accordance with statutory requirements. Under its terms of reference your committee is authorised to adopt SPDs without reference to Common Council.
21. After adoption, the SPD and an Adoption Statement will be made available in accordance with statutory requirements.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix A: Consultation Statement
- Appendix B: Schedule of Proposed Changes
- Appendix C: Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD (track changes)
- Appendix D: Barbican and Golden Lane Conservation Area SPD (clean copy for adoption)
- Appendix E: EQIA Statement
- Appendix F: SEA Screening Statement
- Appendix G: Additional Consultation Responses

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