



Report – Planning and Transportation Committee

Fenchurch and Monument Area Enhancement Strategy – Adoption of Strategy

To be presented on Thursday, 25th April 2013

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

1. This report seeks approval for the adoption of the revised Fenchurch and Monument Area Enhancement Strategy which analyses the public realm and transportation network within the Fenchurch Street, Monument and Cannon Street areas of the City. The Strategy identifies current issues, considers future demand and sets out a framework for addressing these within the context of existing policies and guidance.
2. The Strategy will -
 - a) provide a clear framework for the future development of the public realm in the areas in order to address current problems, ensure the areas are able to accommodate future growth and create a successful and sustainable public realm reflecting the City's position as a world class financial centre; and
 - b) set out objectives and key principles for the implementation of the Core Strategy Policy and emerging Local Plan.
3. The Strategy sets out a delivery plan which identifies projects arising from the Strategy prioritises them and indicates the funding strategy for delivery.
4. A copy of the Fenchurch and Monument Area Enhancement Strategy for your approval has been made available in the Members' Reading Room.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the revised Fenchurch and Monument Area Enhancement Strategy be adopted.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. The evaluation of an Area Enhancement Strategy was approved in May 2008 and was funded through the Section 106 (Local Community Environmental Improvement Works) contribution from the 20 Fenchurch Street redevelopment. In July, 2012 the draft strategy was submitted to your Planning and Transportation Committee where approval was given for a public consultation exercise to be carried out between September and December 2012.
2. Various methods of consultation were utilised and the overall response has been positive with the proposals well received by the City Community.
3. The main issues and pressures for change identified by the consultation exercise are incorporated in the Strategy which is available in the Members Reading Room. They generally relate to the accommodation of future growth whilst ensuring a safe and attractive environment include road safety, footway capacity and accessibility, the dense development of the area and lack of open spaces.

Conclusion

4. The responses to the consultation have demonstrated clear evidence of the need to co-ordinate the delivery of a sustainable public realm setting out a clear framework of proposals for its improvement and that of the public realm and transport network within these areas. Your committee recommends the adoption of the Enhancement Strategy.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 26th day of February 2013.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

DEPUTY MICHAEL WELBANK
Deputy Chairman