

<b>Committee(s):</b> Planning Applications Sub-Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 09/04/2024
<b>Subject:</b> Portsoken Pavilion, 1 Aldgate Square – Reasons for Refusal	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	1, 12
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b> – Not at this stage
<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> The Chief Planning Officer and Development Director and Comptroller and City Solicitor.	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report recommends reasons for refusal to reflect the views of your Sub-Committee in resolving, at your Sub-Committee’s meeting of 13 February 2024, that it would refuse the application for planning permission under application ref: 23/00255/FULL for Portsoken Pavilion, 1 Aldgate Square London EC3N 1AF.

### Recommendation

That the Decision Letter includes the reasons for refusal as follows:

1. By reason of its location within the public open space of Aldgate Square, adjacent to the east entrance of the Aldgate School and west side of St. Botolph’s Church Aldgate, the operation of the proposed drinking establishment (Sui generis) use, and the associated spilling out of customers, has a detrimental impact on the amenity and character of the public open space, contrary to Local Plan Policy DM3.5 (Night-time entertainment) and Draft Local Plan Policy CV4 (Evening and Night-Time Economy).

### Main Report

#### Background

1. At its meeting of 13 February 2024, the Planning Applications Sub-Committee considered an application for planning permission for the Portsoken Pavilion, 1 Aldgate Square (planning application ref: 23/00255/FULL). The Committee resolved by 11 votes to 2 to refuse the planning application and instructed officers to report to

the next meeting of the Sub-Committee regarding reasons for refusal. This report provides reasons in accordance with the Sub-Committee's instructions.

### **Current Position**

2. During the debate on the application Members of the sub-Committee explained their views on the application and, of those Members who considered the application should be refused, the majority explained their reasons.
3. Based upon the views expressed by Members, reasons for refusal have been prepared to reflect the opinion of the Sub-Committee as a whole (some other points were made by some Members, but they were not echoed by the majority of Members voting to refuse the application, and are not therefore included as reasons for refusal, noting that the reason should reflect the views of the Committee as a whole).

### **Proposed Reasons**

4. The proposed reasons are as set out in the Recommendation.

### **Conclusion**

5. The proposed reasons are recommended.

### **Appendices**

None

### **Background Papers**

- Report and background papers to 13 February 2024 meeting of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee – Portsoken Pavilion, 1 Aldgate Square London EC3N 1AF – 23/00255/FULL.
- Draft minutes of the 13 February 2024 meeting of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee.

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