

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Streets and Walkway's Sub-Committee	Dated: 24 February 2026
Subject: 6-11 Crescent – Section 278 agreement for highway reinstatement	Public report: For Decision
This proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delivers Corporate Plan 2024-29 outcomes • provides statutory duties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrant Thriving Destination • Flourishing Public Spaces • Supports the discharge of a Planning Condition
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
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Summary

Planning permission for a development scheme at 6-11 Crescent, EC3N 2LY, was approved under Delegated Authority on 10 July 2025. A condition of the planning permission requires the applicant to enter into a Section 278 agreement with the City of London, to facilitate changes to the public highway to enable the development to function adequately. The scope of the works is limited to provision of a new dropped kerb or similar accessibility feature, and repair works to the public highway adjacent to the development as required.

As the scope of the Section 278 works is limited and the total cost will fall under the threshold to be classified as a project, Members are asked to authorise officers to negotiate and enter into a Section 278 agreement with the developer to secure the funding required to deliver the works.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Authorise officers to negotiate and enter into a Section 278 agreement with the developer of 6-11 Crescent;
- Authorise officers to process any required Traffic Management Orders, and address any objections received, to facilitate the works;
- Authorise implementation of the Section 278 works subject to receipt of funds from the applicant.

Main Report

Background

1. A planning application for change of use of 6-11 Crescent from office (Class E) to hotel and ancillary uses (Class C1), together with associated external alterations, was granted permission under Delegated Authority on 10 July 2025.
2. A condition of the planning permission requires the applicant to enter into a Section 278 agreement with the City of London to secure adequate access to the development through provision of a dropped kerb or similar, and for repairs to the public highway adjacent to the development as required.

Current Position

3. The limited scope of works means that the total cost of the Section 278 works falls under the threshold to be classified as a project under the City of London project procedure. However, authority is still required to allow the City of London to enter into a Section 278 agreement.
4. The applicant currently expects the development works to be complete by 30 May 2026, and it is expected that the Section 278 works will be delivered around this time to enable the opening of the development.

Strategic implications

5. The delivery of the approved layout supports the delivery of Corporate Plan Outcome: Vibrant thriving destination by improving the experience of people walking and wheeling and making the City's streets more accessible.
6. The scheme also supports the delivery of the Transport Strategy which sets out our approach to improving people's experience on the City's streets (Outcome 1: The Square Mile's streets are great places to walk, wheel and spend time). Utilising developer funds to improve our streets is included in Proposal 5: Ensure

new developments contribute to improving the experience of walking, wheeling and spending time on the City's streets.

Financial implications

7. The estimated cost of the Section 278 works ranges between £35,000 and £80,000 – the estimated cost will be refined once the design work is complete and the extent of repair works are known.
8. As is standard with Section 278 agreements, the full costs of the works will be met by the applicant and so there is no financial risk to the City Corporation.

Resource implications

9. The Section 278 works will be designed in-house by the City Operations Division and will be delivered through the City Corporation's term highways contractor. The Comptroller & City Solicitor will assist officers to complete the Section 278 agreement.

Conclusion

10. As part of the planning approval for the development at 6-11 Crescent, the applicant is required to enter into a Section 278 agreement with the City of London, to deliver improvements to the public highway that will enable the development to operate safely and efficiently.
11. The Section 278 works are limited to the provision of a new dropped kerb or similar accessibility feature, and repair works to the public highway adjacent to the development as required. These works will be fully funded by the developer.

Appendices

- None

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