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<b>Subject:</b> Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines – Volume IV – Landscape Supplementary Planning Document, and Parts 2 and 3.	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The Chief Planning Officer	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>Summary</b>	
<p>In May 2005, the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines Volumes I and II were adopted. Following a planned review, Volumes I and II were revised and adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012.</p> <p>Volume IV – Landscape of the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines has been prepared. A working party has been convened to represent all stakeholders (internal and external) on the Estate and five meetings have been held to provide a forum for comment on the Landscape of the Barbican Estate. The draft text has been finalised and is appended to this report in Appendix A. The document provides a framework within which changes to significant elements of the estate should be managed, and will inform the discussions concerning the the Barbican Area Strategy and the Cultural Hub. The next stage is to publish the draft text for formal public consultation in August/September. Following consultation, the text will be reviewed in response to comments received. Any proposed amendments to the document in response to consultation will be reported to Planning and Transportation Committee for approval, and adoption of Part One as an SPD.</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the draft text of the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Draft SPD, Volume IV, and Parts 2 (good practice guidance) and 3 (green infrastructure), appended as Annex A to this report and agree that the document be published for formal public consultation in August/September 2014.</li> </ul>	

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. In May 2005, the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines Volumes I & II Supplementary Planning Guidance were adopted by Planning and Transportation Committee.
2. A five year review of the document was carried out in 2010 with the reconvention of the original Working Party. In accordance with the review procedure set out in Volume I, Section 12. Avanti Architects, the consultants for the Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines, were retained to assist the process. The revised document was adopted as an SPD in 2012 following public consultation. This is a material consideration in the consideration of applications for planning permission and listed building consent on the residential part of the Barbican Estate.
3. Volume II identified two further Volumes to complete the suite of documents. Volume III (Arts Centre, Schools and other buildings), and Volume IV (Landscaping).
4. Volume IV – Landscaping has now been prepared for public consultation. A working party was formed made up of a wide variety of stakeholders on the Barbican Estate, five meetings of the working party have been held since January 2014. Avanti Architects were retained as consultants to draft the text.
5. Volume IV – Landscaping of the Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines comprises three parts.
6. Part One – Management Guidelines SPD. This relates to the landscape and open space elements of the Estate, their architectural significance, and provides Management Guidelines relating to specific elements of the landscape. The document provides a framework within which changes to significant elements should be managed.
7. The document identifies the strength of the original design intent in particular the separation of pedestrian and traffic into street level and highwalks. It recognises also where this has not always been so successful, in particular the difficulty of wayfinding, signage and the general inhibition of pedestrian flow from the surrounding City and across the Estate. The review of the Barbican Area Strategy and the development of the Cultural Hub will raise many of these issues for discussion. The draft SPD will form part of the public consultation on the Barbican Area Strategy during July 2014. It is intended

that the SPD will inform future proposals and alterations to the estate. The guidance adopts the same 'Traffic Light' system as Volume II.

8. Part Two – Good Practice – sets out good practice for a wide range of works. The document will be added to, as good practice is agreed between the Department of the Built Environment and stakeholders.
9. Part Three – Green Infrastructure, including soft landscaping and a potential for a Landscape Management Plan for the Barbican Estate. This deals with elements of the landscape which are not a part of the statutory designated heritage asset, but which contribute to the significance of the landscaping.

### **Current Position**

10. Part one of the document is proposed as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to the City of London Development Plan. SPDs must be prepared in accordance with procedures set out in relevant regulations and public consultation must be carried out in accordance with the City's Statement of Community Involvement, adopted in 2012. For the purpose of seeking representations a consultation statement and the draft SPD must be made available in accordance with the regulations. The consultation statement is attached in Appendix B.
11. The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Volume IV - Landscape Draft SPD, Part Two, Good Practice Guide, and Part Three, Green Infrastructure should be available for formal public consultation in August/September 2014.
12. At the end of the formal consultation period I will report on responses received and on any proposed amendments to the SPD, to your Committee, requesting approval and formal adoption by the Planning and Transportation Committee.

### **Options**

13. There are no financial or risk implications arising from the proposed consultation process.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

14. The draft SPD supports Policy CS12 of the City's Core Strategy and emerging Local Plan, which seeks to safeguard 'the City's listed buildings and their settings, while allowing appropriate adaptation and new uses.'
15. The Community Strategy: The City Together Strategy contains five key themes. The theme relevant to the Barbican Estate is to 'protect, promote and enhance our environment', including the built environment of the City and its public realm.
16. The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines Draft SPD, Volume IV supports the Strategic aims of the Departmental Business Plan, relating to the sustainable design of the streets and spaces and the protection and enhancement of the City's built environment. These aims are met by promoting the protection and enhancement of the Barbican Estate.
17. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and the assessment of relevance (or risk) in terms of equalities is low.
18. A Sustainability Appraisal Screening will be carried out concurrently with the public consultation.

### **Implications**

19. There are no financial implications or key risks associated with the proposal.

### **Conclusion**

20. Members are recommended to approve the appended draft text for formal public consultation.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A – The Barbican Listed Building Management Guidelines;  
Volume IV – Landscape SPD, Part 2 and Part 3 Draft Text,  
Further appendices to the draft document will be printed and  
provided in the member's reading room.

Appendix B – Statement of Consultation

Appendix C – E.Q.I.A

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