

Meeting: 26 January 2011
Agenda Item: 5
Report No.: LTGDC/11/PC04



Addendum Planning Committee Report

London Thames Gateway Development Corporation

Planning Application LTGDC-10-103-FUL

Report of the Director of Planning

1. Introduction

1.1 This is an Officer's addendum to Agenda Item 5 relating to 90 White Post Lane, advising Members of additional information and amendments that have arisen since the writing of the original committee report. Since the report went to print, a site meeting has taken place with Design for London officers and amendments proposed by them and agreed by the architects for the scheme.

2. Design for London Site Meeting

2.1 On Thursday the 20th of January, the Corporation's and Tower Hamlet's case officers met with Design for London's Head of Design for the Olympic Fringe and the Principle Design Officer to discuss the differences of opinion on the scheme. Design for London agreed that the height of the building now seems appropriate given the scale and mass of the Queen's Yard building nearby. Design for London also acknowledged that a heritage argument could not reasonably be maintained as a reason for refusal given that no conservation area or listed buildings are in the vicinity of the site.

2.2 However it is accepted that whilst the heritage argument has no statutory basis, the Queen's Yard building and the adjacent buildings at 92 White Post Lane do have historic and architectural merit which should be better acknowledged through the scheme's design. Consequently a meeting was held with the architects for the scheme. It has been agreed between all parties that the approach to materials should focus on a brick finish on the relief facades rather than the white metal cladding and black rendered finish detailed in plans in appendices to the report with the glazed cantilevered elements having a lighter frame. Also the 'chimney' that houses the core services will reflect the brick approach adopted for the nearby Olympics energy substation. Elevations reflecting these changes will be on display at the Committee meeting. The details of the materials are also reserved by Condition 3 in the report and Design for London will be consulted on those details.

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