

Minutes

London Thames Gateway Development Corporation

Planning Committee Meeting

Thursday 13 October 2011, 6pm

Old Town Hall Stratford, 29 The Broadway, Stratford E15 4BQ

Present: Cllr Conor McAuley (Chair)
Dru Vesty (Deputy Chair)
Malcolm Chumbley
Alan Clark
Neil Deely
Sylvie Pierce
Richard Turner
Cllr Kosru Uddin

In Attendance: John Allen (Director of Planning)
Peter Minoletti (Planning Development Manager)
Will Steadman (Planning Development Officer)
Nigel Hewitson (Norton Rose)
Angela Flanagan (Committee Clerk)

1. Apologies, Announcements and Declarations of Interest

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Mick McCarthy.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Cllr Kosru Uddin as a new member to the Planning Committee.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting 08 September 2011

LTGDC/11/PC28

- 2.1 It was noted that there was an error in the penultimate line of paragraph 3.2 and it should read as 11pm, not 11am.
- 2.2 The Committee **AGREED**, subject to the above correction, the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 08 September 2011.

3. Virginia Quay, Meridian Site, London E14 *LTGDC/11/PC29*

3.1 At the officers' request, Members **AGREED** that consideration of this application be **DEFERRED** as the Applicant needed to submit revised plans and information relating to car parking and access issues.

4. Danes Yard, Strand East, Stratford E15 *LTGDC/11/PC30*

4.1 Peter Minoletti introduced the application from LandProp for a temporary permission (five years) to erect a 40 metre high illuminated sculpture at Danes Yard, off Sugar House Lane (together with associated yard enhancements and boundary treatment which had already been granted planning permission by the London Borough of Newham). An Addendum Report was tabled at the meeting, which provided an update on the London Borough of Newham's response, the GLA Stage One Report, the Great Dane mural and clarification on the height of the sculpture, as well as suggested revisions to certain conditions to reflect the response from the GLA and the mural.

4.2 The Committee **AGREED** to give delegated authority to the Director of Planning to **GRANT** temporary planning permission, including any such changes that fall within the scheme of delegation, subject to;

- a) any direction from the Mayor of London to refuse planning permission;
- b) the planning conditions set out at section 12 of the Committee Report LTGDC/11/PC30, and as amended in the Addendum Report.

5. Draft National Planning Policy Framework Consultation *LTGDC/11/PC31*

5.1 Peter Minoletti introduced the report which provided the Corporation's suggested comments on the Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation.

5.2 Alan Clark asked if the NPPF document provided clarification on sustainability. John Allen responded that it would help clarify how resources are better utilised using all three tests (economic, social and environmental) to ensure equal validity.

5.3 Sylvie Pierce asked how the NPPF fit in relation to the Localism Bill. Peter Minoletti advised that the understanding was that the plan-led system would still remain and the NPPF would act as a default provision where plans are silent, absent or not up to date. In practice this meant that, for those Boroughs who have an up to date Local Development Framework in place, which is in general conformity with the NPPF, the NPPF would provide for a presumption in favour of development which complies with LDF policies. For those Boroughs who do not have an up to date Local Development Framework, the NPPF would provide for a presumption in favour of development which complied with NPPF policies. In either case, Neighbourhood Development Orders would form part of the LDF. In London, the London Plan continues to provide Strategic Planning Policies.

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The presumption in the NPPF would operate in relation to development which complies with those strategic policies.

- 5.4 Conor McAuley noted the removal of the 60% target for development on Brownfield land. As the Corporation's concern was that the removal of the target could mean land within its area taking longer to build out, Malcolm Chumbley suggested that the Corporation's comments be strengthened to request that "Brownfield land be developed before Greenfield land".
- 5.5 The Committee **NOTED** the report and **AGREED** that the Director of Planning responds to the NPPF consultation document on the basis of the comments listed at Section 4 of the report, including the requested comment above at paragraph 5.4.

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm.

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