

Item No:	Classification: OPEN	Date: 18 February 2014	Meeting Name: Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:		Call-in: Blackfriars Road Supplementary Planning Document (Cabinet 28 January 2014)	
Ward(s) or Group affected:		Cathedrals	
From:		Head of Overview & Scrutiny	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. On 28 January 2014 the Cabinet considered a report recommending the adoption of the Blackfriars Road Supplementary Planning Document.
2. The Cabinet agreed:
 1. That the Blackfriars Road Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) (Appendix A of the report) be adopted.
 2. That representations received on the draft Blackfriars Road SPD and the officer comments to the representations (Appendix B) be noted, and that the tracked change version of the Blackfriars Road SPD which takes into account the representations received on the draft Blackfriars Road SPD (Appendix C) also be noted.
 3. That the consultation report (Appendix D), the updated equalities analysis (Appendix E), the updated sustainability appraisal (Appendix F), the sustainability appraisal statement (Appendix G), the appropriate assessment (Appendix H) the updated urban design study (Appendix I) and the updated business and retail background paper (Appendix J) be noted.

REASONS FOR CALL-IN

3. On 6 February 2012 the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Cathy Bowman - and four members of the committee (Councillors Toby Eckersley, David Hubber, Paul Noblet and Geoffrey Thornton) requested a call-in of the decisions on the following grounds:

“The deputation to cabinet made the key point that the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets new policy in contravention of the council’s adopted core strategy and contrary to planning law. The legal concurrent advised cabinet that the SPD cannot make new policy, but this was not adequately taken into account in the body of the report or in the officer responses and discussion at the meeting. The core strategy is part of the policy framework adopted by the council assembly, and the report did not address this issue.

I therefore wish to call-in this decision for scrutiny under scrutiny procedure rules:

21.2 (e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes; and

21.2 (g) decision making generally should have reference to the policy framework.”

CALL-IN MEETING

4. The committee will consider the call-in request and whether or not the decision might be contrary to the policy framework or not wholly in accordance with the budget.
5. If, having considered the decision and all relevant advice, the committee is still concerned about it then it may either:
 - a) refer it back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns, or
 - b) refer the matter to council assembly if the decision is deemed to be outside the policy and budget framework.
6. If the committee does not refer the matter back to the decision making person or body, the decision shall take effect on the date of the scrutiny meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held at	Contact
Report to Cabinet 28 January 2014	160 Tooley Street London SE1 2TZ	Paula Thornton Constitutional Team 020 7525 4395

APPENDICES
Cabinet Report
Appendix A Blackfriars Road supplementary planning document, 2014 Hard copy provided with the report
Appendix B Representations received and the officer comments. Available on the council's website on the link below: Link http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4
Appendix C Tracked changed version of the Blackfriars Road supplementary planning document, 2014 Available on the council's website on the link below: Link http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4
Appendix D Consultation report Available on the council's website on the link below: Link http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4

<p>Appendix E Equalities analysis</p> <p>Available on the council's website on the link below:</p> <p>Link</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4</p>
<p>Appendix F Sustainability appraisal</p> <p>Available on the council's website on the link below:</p> <p>Link</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4</p>
<p>Appendix G Sustainability appraisal statement</p> <p>Available on the council's website on the link below:</p> <p>Link</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4</p>
<p>Appendix H Appropriate assessment</p> <p>Available on the council's website on the link below:</p> <p>Link</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4</p>
<p>Appendix I Urban design study</p> <p>Available on the council's website on the link below</p> <p>Link</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4</p>
<p>Appendix J Business and retail background paper</p> <p>Available on the council's website on the link below:</p> <p>Link</p> <p>http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=302&MId=4554&Ver=4</p>

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included