

Planning Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7.00 pm at 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Dolezal (Chair)
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Helen Dennis
Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor Michael Mitchell
Councillor Jamille Mohammed
Councillor Adele Morris
Councillor Catherine Dale (Reserve)

OFFICER SUPPORT: Simon Bevan, Director of Planning
Yvonne Lewis, Group Manager Strategic Applications Team
Gary Rice, Head of Development Management
Michael Tsoukaris, Group Manager Design and Conservation
Christian Loveday, Principal Transport Planner
Stephen Ashworth, Legal Representative
Victoria Foreman, Constitutional Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kieron Williams.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Those Members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members for the meeting.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair gave notice of the following additional papers which had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- Addendum report relating to agenda item 5.1
- Members pack relating to agenda items 5.1
- A letter to Members of the planning committee from Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST).

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations.

5. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

See pages 1 – 5 of the agenda.

RESOLVED:

1. That the determination of planning applications, or formal observations and comments, the instigation of enforcement action and the receipt of the reports included in the items be considered.
2. That the decisions made on the planning applications be subject to the conditions and/or made for the reasons set out in the reports unless otherwise stated.
3. That where reasons for decisions or conditions are not included or not as included in the reports relating to an individual item, they be clearly specified.

5. WEDGE HOUSE, 32-40 BLACKFRIARS ROAD, LONDON SE1 8PB

Planning application reference number 15/AP/0237

Report: See pages 6 to 50 of the agenda and addendum pages 1 to 2.

PROPOSAL

Redevelopment of land and buildings to provide a part 7, part 12, part 14 storey building plus basement, ground and mezzanine levels, comprising office (Class B1) and hotel (Class C1) with ancillary café/bar/restaurant and other associated supporting facilities, ancillary plant, servicing, and cycle parking and associated highway and public realm improvements.

The committee heard an officer's introduction to the report and asked questions of the officer.

The committee heard representations from an objector to the application and asked questions of the objector.

The applicant's agents addressed the committee and answered questions arising from their submission. The agent accepted that the ground floor and sky bar should be accessible to the public.

The committee debated the application and asked questions of the officers.

A motion to grant planning permission was moved, seconded, put to the vote and declared granted as follows:

RESOLVED:

1. That full planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the

officer report and addendum report, and the applicant entering into an appropriate legal agreement by no later than 31 July 2015 and referral to the Mayor of London, and an additional condition to secure public access to the hotel bars, restaurants and conference facilities at ground and mezzanine levels, and to the 'sky bar' on the uppermost floor at roof level.

2. That in the event that the legal agreement is not entered into by 31 July 2015 the Head of Development Management be authorised to refuse planning permission if appropriate for the reason set out in paragraph 156 of the report.

Members requested it be formally noted that the committee supported a request by Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST) that part of the Southwark Community Infrastructure Levy (SCIL) be committed to the Christ Church Gardens.

The meeting ended at 8.22 pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: