

Item No. 7.4	Classification: Open	Date: July 20 2005	Meeting Name: Council assembly
Report title:		Notification of decision considered by urgent implementation by the executive member for regeneration and economic development	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Cathedrals, Chaucer, Riverside and Grange	
From:		Chief executive (Borough solicitor)	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. The executive member for regeneration and economic development has taken a decision to agree the deletion of site 4P Lambeth College from the Unitary Development Plan (UDP).
2. The decision was taken on April 28 2005 in accordance with rule 4 of the budget and policy framework procedure rules (urgent decisions outside the budget and policy framework).
3. In accordance with budget and policy framework procedure rule 2(c) any decisions relating to the budget and policy framework must be referred to council assembly as it is ultimately responsible for decisions of this nature. Any decision relating to the UDP falls within the policy framework. However urgent decisions outside of the policy framework can be taken where it is not practical to convene a quorate meeting of council assembly and with the consent of the chair of overview & scrutiny committee (rule 4 (a)).

Background to the decision

4. Site 4P 'Potters Field Lambeth College' was allocated for 'D1 use class with education as the priority' in the second deposit draft of the Southwark UDP as recommended by executive on February 17 2004 and adopted by full council on March 31 2004.
5. The education proposals sites were identified against a background of pressure for development in the borough and projected increases in population associated with regeneration areas. Berkeley Homes and St Martins Property objected to the designation of site 4P; there were no representations in support of the site.
6. Since the designation, a comprehensive analysis of pupil yield trends continued. The most recent analysis suggests that the designation of site is now not essential. There has been further work on the options for changes to existing schools, notably the Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Commission review of primary school place provision (January 2005). This work indicates additional possibilities to provide for the growth in pupil places.

7. The decision allowed the proposed changes to the UDP to be formally tabled at the inquiry in line with statutory guidance governing consultation procedures. The Inspector will consider the proposed changes and it will form part of his report. There will be a further opportunity for the public to consider changes to the draft UDP following receipt of the Inspectors report.
8. The decision was urgent because the public inquiry into the UDP was underway. As the allocation was no longer required, it was considered to be essential to remove the allocation at the earliest opportunity in order to avoid incurring unnecessary time and expense in supporting the designation at inquiry. Proofs of evidence supporting the original designation were required to be provided to the Inspector and objectors to the designation no later than April 29 2005. The decision was taken to enable council officers to concentrate on preparing evidence in support of policies and designations in the draft UDP that remain relevant.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Report to executive member - Variation to UDP site designation 4P Lambeth College (Potters Field)	Constitutional Unit, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Nicole Mahoney 020 7525 7232

AUDIT TRAIL

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