

Item No: 5.1 and 5.2	Classification: Open	Date: 19 April 2022	Meeting Name: Planning Committee
Report title:		Addendum Late observations and further information	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		London Bridge and West Bermondsey	
From:		Director of Planning and Growth	

PURPOSE

1. To advise members that the appeals have been recovered by the Secretary of State for his own determination. This means that the appointed planning inspector will report to the Secretary of State rather than decide the appeals herself.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That members note and consider the amended recommendation at number 2) in the recommendations which reflects the change.

FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. The amendments relate to the following two items on the agenda:

Item 5.1: The council's Statement of Case for appeals in relation to New City Court 4-26 St Thomas Street, SE1 9RS – 2018 scheme (18/AP/4039 and 18/AP/4040).

Item 5.2: The council's Statement of Case for appeals in relation to New City Court 4-26 St Thomas Street, SE1 9RS – 2021 scheme (21/AP/1361 and 21/AP/1364).

Revision to the recommendations

4. The Council has been notified by the Planning Inspectorate that the Secretary of State has decided to determine these planning appeals himself instead of them being decided by an inspector. The reason given by the Secretary of State is that the appeals involve proposals which would have an adverse impact on the outstanding universal value, integrity, authenticity and significance of a World Heritage Site. The inquiry will proceed as planned but the inspector will produce a report and recommendation for the Secretary of State who will then decide the appeals.
5. Recommendation number 2) of both reports (see extract below) as published referred to an inspector deciding the appeals:

2) Note that a planning inspector has been appointed to decide the appeals and that a planning inquiry has been listed with a time estimate of 14 days commencing on the 19 July 2022.

6. This recommendation should be updated to the following wording, to reflect the inspector will not be deciding the appeals:

2) Note that a planning inspector has been appointed to report to the Secretary of State and that a planning inquiry has been listed with a time estimate of 14 days commencing on the 19 July 2022.

Conclusion of the Director of Planning and Growth

7. Having taken into account the letter from the Planning Inspectorate, the recommendations to the two reports need updating for part number 2) as set out above. The recommendations otherwise remain that the appeals have been received as set out in part number 1), and in part number 3) ask the Planning Committee to consider and endorse the Statement of Case at Appendix 1 for both reports.

REASON FOR URGENCY

8. The applications have been publicised as being on the agenda for consideration at this meeting of the Planning Committee and applicants and objectors have been invited to attend the meeting to observe. Deferral would delay the process and would inconvenience all those who attend the meeting.

REASON FOR LATENESS

9. The changes to the recommendations have been received since the committee agenda was printed. They all relate to items on the agenda and members should be aware of them.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Law and Governance

10. The appeals have been recovered by the Secretary of State for his own determination. Recovery can occur at any stage of the appeal, even after the site visit, or the inquiry has taken place. In recovered cases, a report will be passed to the Secretary of State to make the final decision, taking into account the Inspector's recommendation.
11. The Secretary of State has considered recovery in line with the criteria set out in a Written Ministerial Statement made on 30 June 2008. The criteria includes the reason why the New City Court appeals have been recovered – *'Proposals which would have an adverse impact on the outstanding universal value, integrity, authenticity and significance of a World Heritage Site.'*

12. The recovery of the appeals by the Secretary of State will have no impact on the preparations for the inquiry or the inquiry itself.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Individual files	Chief Executive's Department 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Planning enquiries Telephone: 020 7525 5403