

## **ITEM 06 – DEPUTATION REQUESTS – COMMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTORS**

### **WILSON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION IN RELATION TO SALE OF SOUTH HOUSE –**

#### **Comments of Strategic Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods**

1. The council is disposing of South House as part of the modernisation programme and has to maximise receipts. We've been advised by external conservation specialists and property agents that we need to make some land available for private amenity/garden use.
2. Currently there is open parkland going right up to the ground floor windows and clearly this will not be acceptable for privacy or security if as is likely those buildings return to some form of residential use. To the rear of the Register Office, a garden is already physically fenced off to allow wedding photography and our advisers have recommended a continuation of that fencing line to the rear of South House and the garage to allow for some private space.
3. The park totals around 4.2 acres and the land affected by this proposal would be around 0.2 acres. We therefore feel the impact is relatively low in relation to the benefits for the sale of South House. The Camberwell Society has been supportive of this proposal, as have the planners in the exceptional circumstance that conservation of these historic buildings is likely to be best served by facilitating return of a small section of this land to garden use.
4. It will be possible to make provisions for boundary treatment and maintenance of the land which should preserve and even improve it. We hope we can reassure residents that the land will remain open amenity space.
5. We are meeting the chairman of Wilson Residents on Monday to discuss the position prior to the Exec meeting.

## **BERTH HOLDERS AT SOUTH DOCK MARINA**

### **Comments of the Strategic Director of Environment and Housing**

6. In April 2007 the Environment and Housing department put in place a new management arrangement and conducted a review of the Marina with the intent of creating a fair approach to managing the Marina and overcoming historical inconsistencies. A number of difficult decisions have had to be taken but I am satisfied that officers have been sympathetic and considerate in their actions.

### **Clarification of Terms and Conditions and fees**

7. The Marina desperately needed up to date, fit for purpose terms and conditions. In introducing new terms and conditions throughout the consultation process the Council have addressed many issues and much correspondence and arranged several meetings with berth holders to clarify our objectives and hear issues.
8. The Council has decided to implement an additional fee, over the tariff for a non-residential mooring to cover the cost of the additional use that residential occupiers make of the marina facilities, such as toilets, showers, rubbish removal, water supply etc. This is in line with standard practice in the marina industry and our fees are lower than the nearest comparable marina at Limehouse.
9. I am aware of a recent letter from Simon Hughes to Gill Davies on these and associated issues and a letter is soon to be sent to all berth holders clarifying the Council's position.

### **Sustainable Community**

10. Our purpose is to secure a sustainable future for the existing community by confirming their legal status. In creating and securing an official residential licence, the marina management is seeking to improve things for established residents.
11. After many years of intensive use much of the marina infrastructure is in need of major refurbishment. South Dock Marina management is currently prioritising, researching, compiling quotations for work and attempting to acquire funding for improvements to every aspect of the marina,