

APPENDIX 3 – SRPP LOT B COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (2)

Statement of Community Involvement Peckham Library Square

Community Consultation

6.1.1 Paragraph 66 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that: “Applicants will be expected to work closely with those directly affected by their proposals to evolve designs that take account of the views of the community. Proposals that can demonstrate this in developing the design of the new development should be looked on more favourably”.

6.1.2 The scheme has been presented to the public through a number of means. These are as follows:

6.1.3 A series of public workshops held from December 2014 to November 2015, inviting members of the local community to come and meet the team and share their views on the proposals and discuss topics such as building use, scale, massing, materials and landscape.

6.1.4 These events were advertised through social media and flyers were sent to between approx. 500 and 1500 local residents and businesses for each workshop and targeted at differing local neighbourhoods, alongside advertising of dates in local media such as Peckham Peculiar (circulation of 8000 copies in SE15 and readership of tens of thousands). These events, chaired by Carl Turner Architects (CTA) and members of Southwark Regeneration Team, were very well attended and the feedback gathered informed and shaped our final proposals.

6.1.5 Information from these public consultations was also published on the website (www.peckamsquare.co.uk), so that those unable to attend the events in person could stay informed on the project’s development. This website was set up, describing the project and enabling visitors to leave comments and suggestions on what uses they wish to see in the development. Information provided by visitors was used to develop and refine the mix of uses in the proposals. In addition, the website allowed users to sign up to the mailing list to and be updated on the upcoming events. Social media such as twitter (@peckham_square) and Facebook page (Peckham Square Co-Design) were also set up.

6.1.6 An internal stakeholder meeting took place at Peckham Library on Thursday 11 December 2014. The initial public consultation was held on the evening of Thursday 18 December 2014 at 89 Peckham High Street (Peckham Platform which is part of the application site). Comments were taken on board and a follow-up consultation was held on 29th January 2015 at Peckham Library which gave the team an opportunity to present the revised designs back to the community.

6.1.7 CTA met with local youth groups and local traders to understand key issues for people using the Square and to balance these with the needs of the Council to refurbish and extend existing adjacent buildings.

6.1.8 The third public consultation workshop was held on Wednesday 4 March at Bells Gardens Community Centre. An exhibition of proposals was displayed in the Library Foyer from 17th to 27th March and guided tours led by CTA were given on Friday 20 and Saturday 21 March. Further public workshops were held on Thursday 23 July and 3 September at Peckham Library and on Wednesday 30 September and 9 November at Bells Gardens Community Centre.