

Council
21 January 2014

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE

5. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

On the Thursday, 30 January 2014 it is intended that the Planning and Environment Committee will consider the Brent Cross/Cricklewood Section 73 planning application. This application represents an amendment to the outline application granted on consent on 28th October 2010.

Given the history, scale and significance of the Brent Cross project this report seeks Council's approval to suspend the relevant Council Procedure Rules, Public Participation and Engagement (4.3 and 4.6) to allow more than the maximum of three speakers, including the applicant, to address the Committee.

Members may recall when the Brent Cross Cricklewood outline planning application was heard at Committee on 18 and 19 November 2009, the Council Procedure Rules were similarly suspended to allow more speakers to address the meeting.

The Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration scheme is one of the largest and most complex in London and its scale is unprecedented in Barnet. It has involved a multidisciplinary approach and extensive and detailed technical analysis over many years. Significant engagement has also taken place in relation to the current Section 73 proposals with a wide range of statutory and non-statutory bodies and more than 20,000 residential and business addresses having been notified during two extended consultation periods. Nearly 100 formal representations have been submitted to the planning department.

Approximately 9 individuals, in addition to elected representatives, have formally requested to address the Planning and Environment Committee. The applicants have also confirmed that they wish to exercise their right to reply. The Council's Constitution - Council Procedure Rules- Public Participation and Engagement - currently permit only 2 persons and the applicant to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes each.

Given the exceptional nature of the application, the significance of the issues concerned and the interest these have generated, it is considered appropriate, in this specific instance, to allow up to ten people to address the committee. This will enable all supporting and objecting views to be heard by members and allow for a full and proper debate of the matters arising yet still allow have the efficient and expeditious disposal of the business of the committee.

Each speaker would have a maximum of 3 minutes to address the Committee and be subject to Members questions as normally permitted. As similar issues are likely

to be raised, speakers will be encouraged by the Chairman to avoid repetition in the interest of timeliness.

The 3 minutes limitation is, however, considered insufficient for the applicant to be able to properly respond, given the number of speaking objectors and, therefore, it is recommended that this be extended to a maximum of 15 minutes in the interest of fairness and to enable the committee to hear responses from the applicant to all of the objections.

The suspension of this Council Procedure Rules is applicable to the proposed meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee on 30 January 2014 considering the Brent Cross/Cricklewood Section 73 planning application.

Aside from the extension in the permitted number of speakers and the maximum length of time allowed for the applicant to respond, all other Council Procedure Rules with the Public Participation and Engagement section of the Constitution remain the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Council Procedure Rules (Public Participation and Engagement, Paragraphs 4.3) relating to the maximum number of members of the public permitted to speak on a planning application being considered by the Planning & Environment Committee be suspended for the purpose of consideration of the planning application for Brent Cross/Cricklewood at the proposed meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee on Thursday, 30 January 2014. The extent of the suspension shall operate to permit 10 individual members of the public to address the Committee.**
- 2. That Council Procedure Rules - Public Participation and Engagement, Paragraph 4.6 be varied at the said Planning & Environment Committee so that a maximum time of 15 minutes be permitted for the applicant to address the Committee in responding to points made by members of the public when addressing the Committee upon the planning application relating to Brent Cross/Cricklewood.**

6. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Labour Group has indicated they wish to make the following changes to Committee and Sub-Committee membership;

Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- Councillor Barry Rawlings to replace Councillor Ansuya Sodha as a member of the Committee. Second substitute position of the Committee to remain Vacant.

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- Councillor Andreas Ioannidis to replace Councillor Ansuya Sodha as substitute member of the Committee.

RECOMMEND – That the above changes to Committee Chairmanship be approved by Council.

7. CHANGES TO SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Council is asked to note that the Labour Group have indicated that they wish to make the following changes to Sub-Committee membership. The changes will be reported to the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee for approval.

Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee

- Councillor Agnes Slocombe to replace Councillor Ansuya Sodha as a substitute member of the sub-committee.

West Area Planning Sub-Committee

- Councillor Julie Johnson to replace Councillor Ansuya Sodha as substitute member of the sub-Committee.

RECOMMEND – That Council note that the proposed changes to Sub-Committee membership will be reported to the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee for approval.

8. CHANGES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Conservative Group has indicated that they wish to make the following change:

Endowment Fund of the Schools of Queen Elizabeth the First, Barnet.

- Councillor Tom Davey to replace Councillor Brian Coleman as a Council representative on the Endowment Fund of the Schools of Queen Elizabeth the First, Barnet.

RECOMMEND – That above change to the membership of the Endowment Fund of the Schools of Queen Elizabeth the First, Barnet, be approved.

9. CLARIFICATION TO THE REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION, ETHIC AND PROBITY COMMITTEE

Council is asked to note the following amendments to the report;

1. Page 8 of the Table that went to CEP, last bullet point - Add under Area Sub-Committees "it is proposed that Policy and Resources Committee allocate £100,000 per annum from the Capital programme for each Area Committee".
2. Page 105 Responsibility for Functions of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Under Membership column it should read:

“3 Members appointed from the parent committee. The Chairman appointed at the meeting”.

RECOMMEND – That subject to the above, the report of the Constitution Ethics and Probity Committee be approved.