

Appeal Update North London Business Park

On 22nd June 2017 members refused planning permission for the redevelopment of North London Business Park under Planning Reference 15/07932/OUT for the following reason:

'The proposed development, by virtue of its excessive height, scale and massing would represent an over development of the site resulting in a discordant and visually obtrusive form of development that would fail to respect its local context and the pattern of development in its context, to such an extent that it would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area. The proposal would therefore not constitute a sustainable form of development and would be contrary to policies CS NPPF, CS5, DM01 and DM05 of the Barnet Local Plan Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (September 2012), policies 3.4, 7.4, 7.6 and 7.7 of the London Plan (July 2011, October 2013 and January 2014).'

The above recommendation was subject to referral back to the GLA. The GLA subsequently advised that they did not want to call in the application and were happy for the decision to be made in accordance with the Committee resolution. A Planning Refusal Notice was subsequently issued on the 18th September 2017.

The Planning Inspectorate have recently written to Barnet Council to advise that the applicant has submitted an Appeal on the 22nd November 2017. The applicant requested that the appeal is dealt with by means of a Public Inquiry. The inspectorate have subsequently advised that they agree that the appeal should proceed on this basis.

We are awaiting a date for the Public Inquiry. However members are advised that this is unlikely to take place until late 2018. Cllr Greenspan was nominated to represent the Committee at any future appeal.