

Decisions of the Strategic Planning Committee

20 February 2024

Members Present:-

Councillor Nigel Young (Chair)
Councillor Richard Barnes (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Claire Farrier	Councillor Richard Cornelius
Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty	Councillor Eva Greenspan
Councillor Paul Lemon	Councillor Shuey Gordon

Also in attendance

Councillor Philip Cohen
Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Joshua Conway
Councillor Edith David
Councillor Alison Moore
Councillor Ammar Naqvi
Councillor Alex Prager

Apologies for Absence
Councillor Philip Cohen

COUNCILLOR NIGEL YOUNG, CHAIR OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE OPENED THE MEETING.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 January 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies had been received from Councillor Philip Cohen, for whom Councillor Danny Rich substituted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

In relation to item 6 (Golders Green Eruv), Councillor Eva Greenspan declared that she had been involved in getting the Eruv established in 1989.

In relation to items 7 (Building 9 and Hendon Library) and 8 (Ravensfield House):

Councillor Eva Greenspan advised the Committee that she had been the Chair of the Committee when the Hendon Hub items first came to Committee in 2022. She advised the Committee that she would approach both applications with an open mind.

Councillor Claire Farrier also declared that she was on the Committee when the Hendon Hub items, first came to Committee in 2022. She advised the Committee that she would approach both applications with an open mind.

Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty declared that he had been a longstanding campaigner against the Hendon Hub and advised the Committee that he would remove himself from the meeting when the items were being considered and would not participate or vote.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. ADDENDUM (IF APPLICABLE)

The Committee noted the updated information contained within the published addendum in relation to agenda items 8 and 9.

6. GOLDERS GREEN ERUV - BETWEEN NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD, FINCHLEY ROAD AND HENDON WAY 23/4742/FUL - GOLDERNS GREEN

The Planning Officer presented the report.

Councillor Dean Cohen addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Rabbi Zimmerman, on behalf of the applicant, addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Following discussion, the Committee moved to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

For – 9 (approval)

Against – 0 (approval)

Abstention – 0 (approval)

RESOLVED that the application be approved and the Committee grants delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Building Control to make any minor alterations, additions or deletions to the recommended conditions/obligations set out in the report and addendum provided this authority shall be exercised after consultation with the Chair (or in their absence the Vice-Chair) of the Committee (who may request that such alterations, additions or deletions be first approved by the Committee).

COUNCILLOR RISHIKESH CHAKRABORTY LEFT THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

7. BUILDING 9 AND HENDON LIBRARY, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON, NW4 4BQ - 23/2869/FUL & 23/2907/LBC - HENDON

The Planning Officer presented the report.

David Pixner addressed the Committee in objection of the application regarding 23/2869/FUL.

Ben Samuel addressed the Committee in support of the application 23/2869/FUL.

Councillor Alex Prager addressed the Committee in objection of the application 23/2869/FUL.

Christopher Tennant, the agent for the applicant, addressed the Committee in support of applications 23/2869/FUL and 23/2907/LBC.

Brad Blitz addressed the Committee in objection of the application regarding 23/2907/LBC.

Following discussion, the Committee requested that an informative be added to any permission granted that the library should be used for public library purposes only. Councillor Richard Cornelius moved this proposal and Councillor Eva Greenspan seconded it which was agreed with 6 votes for and 2 votes against. The Committee then voted on the applications. Votes were recorded as follows:

23/2869/FUL:

For – 8 (approval)

Against – 0 (approval)

Abstention – 0 (approval)

23/2907/LBC:

For – 8 (approval)

Against – 0 (approval)

Abstention – 0 (approval)

RESOLVED that the applications be approved subject to an agreement or unilateral undertaking and addition of the above informative AND the Committee grants delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Building Control or the Head of Development Management to make any minor alterations, additions or deletions to the recommended conditions/obligations or reasons for refusal as set out in this report and addendum provided this authority shall be exercised after consultation with the Chair (or in their absence the Vice-Chair) of the Committee (who may request that such alterations, additions or deletions be first approved by the Committee).

8. RAVENSFIELD HOUSE, FENELLA BUILDINGS, 1 - 3 BURROUGHS PARADE AND 3 EGERTON GARDENS, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON, NW4 4BD - 23/2868/FUL - HENDON

The Planning Officer presented the report and addendum.

Aliza Medina addressed the Committee in objection of the application.

Ameet Jogia addressed the Committee in objection of the application.

Christopher Tennant, the agent for the applicant, addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Following discussion, the Committee moved to vote on Officer recommendations.

For – 4 (approval)

Against – 4 (approval)

Abstention – 0 (approval)

The Chair used his casting vote to vote in favour of the application and therefore the application was APPROVED.

RESOLVED that the applications be approved subject to an agreement or unilateral undertaking AND the Committee grants delegated authority to the Director of Planning and Building Control to make any minor alterations, additions or deletions to the recommended conditions/obligations set out in the report and addendum provided this authority shall be exercised after consultation with the Chair (or in their absence the Vice-Chair) of the Committee (who may request that such alterations, additions or deletions be first approved by the Committee).

RESOLVED that the application, being of strategic importance to London, be referred to the Mayor of London. As such, any resolution by the committee will be subject to no direction, to call in or refuse the application being received from the Mayor of London.

COUNCILLOR RISHIKESH CHAKRABORTY RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMMITTEE PROCEDURE RULE 15.1.2, THE CHAIR ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE WOULD EXTEND THE MEETING UNTIL 10:30PM.

9. LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS BRITISH GAS WORKS ALBERT ROAD BARNET - 23/3964/FUL - NEW BARNET

The Planning Officer presented the report and addendum.

John Dix addressed the Committee in objection of the application.

Pete Redshaw addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Councillor Philip Cohen addressed the Committee in objection of the application.

Theresa Villiers, Member of Parliament for Chipping Barnet Constituency, addressed the Committee in objection of the application.

Mark Jackson, the agent for the applicant, addressed the Committee in support of the application.

Having reached the maximum time for the meeting, the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting and continue the application at the next meeting or at a special meeting. Officers advised Members that when the Committee reconvened that consideration of the application would recommence with the only remaining matters being the committee discussion on the item and voting. There would be no officer presentation or speakers on the item. It was noted that only Members who had sat at this committee meeting would be able to participate in the discussion and vote on this item.

RESOLVED that the Committee agree to adjourn and defer consideration of the remaining elements of this item to a special meeting or the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting finished at 10.29 pm