



COMMUNITY COUNCILS
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Rotherhithe Community Council Planning Meeting

Minutes of Meeting
10 March 2004

Silverlock Tenants Hall, 2 Silverlock Estate, Warndon Street, London SE16 2SB

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

1. Councillor Jeff Hook – Chair
Councillor David Hubber
Councillor Lisa Rajan

OFFICERS PRESENT

2. Matthew Mason (Planning Department)
John Harrison (Legal Officer)
Tim Murtagh (Community Council Development Officer)

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

3. The meeting began at 7:00pm.
4. The Chair welcomed the public to the Rotherhithe Community Council Planning Meeting and outlined housekeeping matters relating to the venue. He explained the process to be followed at planning meetings, as these were more structured than general Community Council meetings.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

5. Apologies were received from Councillors Blango, and Yates.

NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

6. None were received.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

7. Councillor Rajan declared an interest in the Surrey Quays Shopping Centre item as Vice-Chair of Canada Water Consultative Forum. She said that she had spoken on behalf of objectors when the item had previously been discussed.
8. Legal advised that Councillor Rajan should withdraw from the meeting during that item.

Chair said that it would be better to deal with Item 2 on the agenda first.

ITEM 2: GARAGE SITE AT ABBEYFIELD ROAD SE16

9. The planning officer summarised the report. He said that there had been three objections
10. Councillors asked questions of the planning officer concerning the proposed development.
11. The Chair invited objectors to make a statement and ran through the process.
12. Objections were made on the grounds of asbestos, noise & disruption, parking, privacy and light.
13. Councillors asked questions of the objectors.
14. The Chair thanked the objectors for their contributions.

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

15. The Chair explained to residents that Councillors had to make the decision by interpreting rules under the Unitary Development Plan.
16. Councillor Hubber moved that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions as set out in the report.

RESOLVED:

17. That planning permission be granted.

Cllr Rajan left the meeting at this point.

ITEM 1: SURREY QUAYS SHOPPING CENTRE AND ADJOINING LAND SE16

18. The legal officer explained that the addendum report listed the two reasons for refusal that set out the basis for the case that the Council would be defending at the forthcoming enquiry.
19. The planning officer summarised the report. The report had first been put to Councillors on 10th December 2003 but had been deferred to allow officers to carry out consultation.
20. The planning officer said that in the interim period the applicants had submitted an appeal to the Officer of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) against Council's non-declaration.
21. The Chair said that the principal reason for deferring last time was that Councillors felt the consultation had not gone far enough.
22. The Chair asked if there were any objections to the recommendations to contest the appeal. There were none.
23. The Chair asked if anyone would like to speak in favour of the recommendations.
24. Several members of the community said that the applicant had not been proactive in consulting local residents.
23. Janine Gibson spoke on behalf of the applicant. She said that the appeal had been launched by the applicant as the matter had sat before the council for sixteen months. She added that consultation had taken place.
24. Councillors considered the matter and the course of events

RESOLVED:

25. That the Council resist the applicant's appeal on the grounds set out in the report and addendum.

OTHER BUSINESS

26. The Chair thanked everybody for coming.
27. The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

Chair:

Dated: