



**STRATEGIC PLANNING  
COMMITTEE SPECIAL  
WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 2008  
6.30 PM**

**COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
HARROW CIVIC CENTRE**

**MEMBERSHIP (Quorum 3)**

**Chairman: Councillor Marilyn Ashton**

**Councillors:**

**Don Billson  
Julia Merison  
Narinder Singh Mudhar  
Joyce Nickolay (VC)**

**Mrinal Choudhury  
Keith Ferry  
Thaya Idaikkadar**

**Reserve Members:**

**1. Manji Kara  
2. G Chowdhury  
3. Robert Benson  
4. Husain Akhtar  
5. Dinesh Solanki**

**1. David Gawn  
2. Graham Henson  
3. Mrs Rekha Shah**

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***NOTE FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING:  
IF YOU WISH TO DISPOSE OF THIS AGENDA, PLEASE LEAVE IT BEHIND AFTER THE MEETING.  
IT WILL BE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING.***

**HARROW COUNCIL**

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**AGENDA - PART I**

**Guidance Note for Members of the Public Attending the Strategic Planning Committee (Pages 1 - 2)**

1. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

To note the attendance at this meeting of any duly appointed Reserve Members.

Reserve Members may attend meetings:-

- (i) to take the place of an ordinary Member for whom they are a reserve;
- (ii) where the ordinary Member will be absent for the whole of the meeting; and
- (iii) the meeting notes at the start of the meeting at the item 'Reserves' that the Reserve Member is or will be attending as a reserve;
- (iv) if a Reserve Member whose intention to attend has been noted arrives after the commencement of the meeting, then that Reserve Member can only act as a Member from the start of the next item of business on the agenda after his/her arrival.

2. **Right of Members to Speak:**

To agree requests to speak from Councillors who are not Members of the Committee, in accordance with Committee Procedure 4.1.

3. **Declarations of Interest:**

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:

- (a) all Members of the Committee;
- (b) all other Members present in any part of the room or chamber.

4. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

(a) To consider whether any item included on the agenda should be considered with the press and public excluded because it contains confidential information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972;

(b) to receive the addendum sheets

5. **Minutes:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2008 be deferred until the next Ordinary meeting of the Committee.

6. **Petitions:**

To receive petitions (if any) submitted by members of the public/Councillors.

7. **Deputations:**

To receive deputations (if any) under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 17 (Part 4B) of the Constitution.

8. **Representations on Planning Applications:**

To confirm whether representations are to be received, under Committee Procedure Rule 18 (Part 4B of the Constitution), from objectors and applicants regarding planning applications on the agenda.

9. **Planning Applications Received:**

Report of the Head of Planning - circulated separately.

10. **Member Site Visits:**

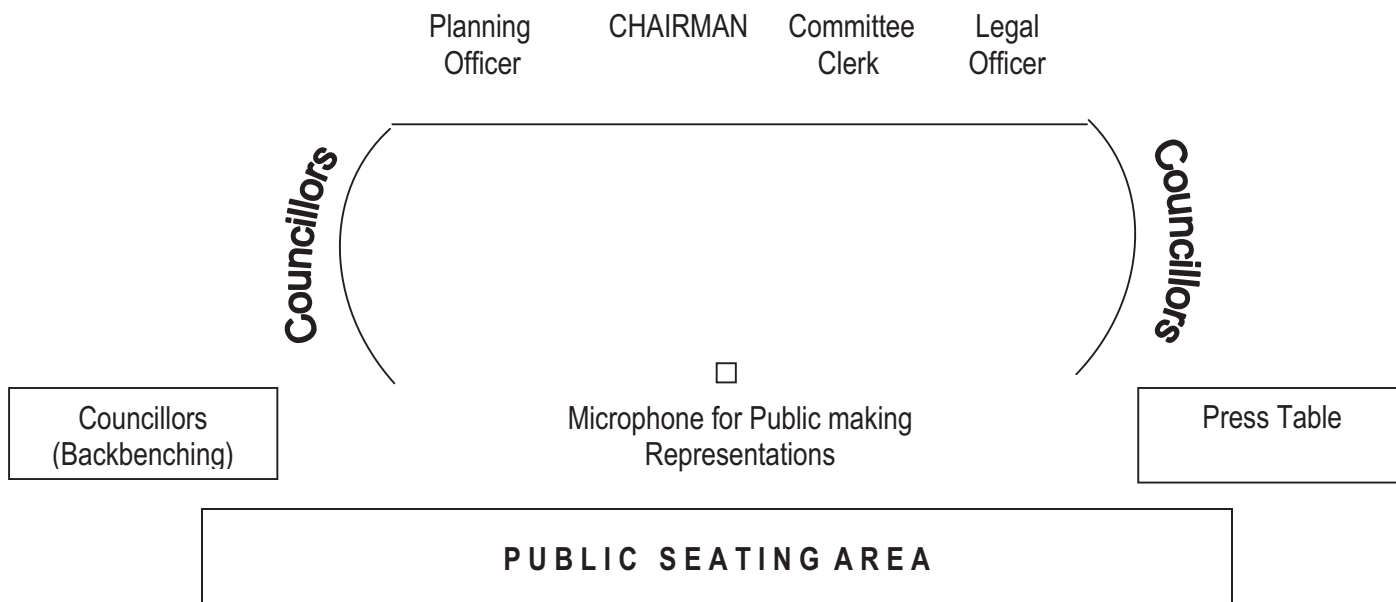
To arrange dates for Member site visits that have been agreed during the course of the meeting (if any).

**AGENDA - PART II - NIL**

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**GUIDANCE NOTE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
ATTENDING THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Typical Committee Room Layout (for Committee Rooms 1&2)**



**Order of Committee Business**

It is the usual practice for the Committee to bring forward, to the early part of the meeting, those planning applications where notice has been given that objectors wish to speak, or where members of the public have come to hear the debate.

You will find a slip of paper on your seat for you to indicate which item you have come for. This should be handed to the Committee Administrator prior to the start of the meeting.

Although the Committee will try to deal with the application which you are interested in as soon as possible, often the agendas are quite long and the Committee may want to raise questions of officers and enter into detailed discussion over particular cases. This means that you may have to wait some time. The Committee may take a short break around 8.30 pm.

**Rights of Objectors/Applicants to Speak at Strategic Planning Committee**

Please note that objectors may only speak if they requested to do so before 5pm on the working day before the meeting. In summary, where a planning application is recommended for grant by the Group Manager (Planning and Development), a representative of the objectors may address the Committee for up to 3 minutes.

Where an objector speaks, the applicant has a right of reply.

Planning Services advises neighbouring residents and applicants of this procedure.

The Strategic Planning Committee is a formal quasi-judicial body of the Council with responsibility for determining applications, hence the need to apply rules governing the rights of public to speak. Full details of this procedure are also set out in the "**Guide for Members of the Public Attending the Strategic Planning Committee**" which is available in both the Planning Reception or by contacting the Committee Administrator (tel 020 8424 1269). This guide also provides useful information for Members of the public wishing to present petitions, deputations or ask public questions, and the rules governing these procedures at the Strategic Planning Committee.

## Addendum Sheet

In addition to this agenda, an Addendum Sheet is produced on the day of the meeting. This updates the Committee on any additional information received since the formal agenda was published and also identifies any applications which have been withdrawn by applicants or which officers are recommending for deferral. Copies of the Addendum are available for the public in the Committee Room from approximately 6.00 pm onwards.

## Decisions taken by the Strategic Planning Committee

Set out below are the types of decisions commonly taken by this Committee

### **Refuse permission:**

Where a proposal does not comply with the Council's (or national) policies or guidance and the proposal is considered unacceptable, the Committee may refuse planning permission. The applicant can appeal to the Secretary of State against such a decision. Where the Committee refuse permission contrary to the officer recommendation, clear reasons will be specified by the Committee at the meeting.

### **Grant permission as recommended:**

Where a proposal complies with the Council's (or national) policies or guidance and the proposal is considered acceptable, the Committee may grant permission. Conditions are normally imposed.

### **Minded to grant permission contrary to officer's recommendation:**

On occasions, the Committee may consider the proposal put before them is acceptable, notwithstanding an officer recommendation of refusal. In this event, the application will be deferred and brought back to a subsequent meeting. Renotification will be carried out to advise that the Committee is minded to grant the application.

### **Defer for a site visit:**

If the Committee decides that it can better consider an application after visiting the site and seeing the likely impact of a proposal for themselves, the application may be deferred until the next meeting, for an organised Member site visit to take place.

### **Defer for further information/to seek amendments:**

If the Committee considers that it does not have sufficient information to make a decision, or if it wishes to seek amendments to a proposal, the application may be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

### **Grant permission subject to a legal agreement:**

Sometimes requirements need to be attached to a planning permission which cannot be dealt with satisfactorily by conditions. The Committee therefore may grant permission subject to a legal agreement being entered into by the Council and the Applicant/Land owner to ensure these additional requirements are met.

***(Important Note: This is intended to be a general guide to help the public understand the Strategic Planning Committee procedures. It is not an authoritative statement of the law. Also, the Committee may, on occasion, vary procedures).***