

# **Planning Policy Advisory Panel**

## **Minutes**

### **13 July 2023**

**Present:**

**Chair:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

**Councillors:** Christopher Baxter  
Stephen Greek  
Graham Henson  
Paul Osborn  
Varsha Parmar  
David Perry

**Apologies  
received:** Zak Wagman  
Nitin Parekh  
Asif Hussain

**1. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

**RESOLVED:** To note that Councillor Stephen Greek was appointed Vice-Chair of the Panel for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year.

**2. Attendance by Reserve Members**

**RESOLVED:** To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Members:

Ordinary Member

Councillor Zak Wagman

Councillor Nitin Parekh

Councillor Asif Hussain

Reserve Member

Councillor Paul Osborn

Councillor Graham Henson

Councillor Varsha Parmar

### **3. Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** To that there following declarations of interest were made:

#### **Report on Local Areas of Special Character – Outcomes of Consultation on the Proposed Designation Criteria**

Councillor Paul Osborn declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he lived in one of the areas being considered.

#### **Tall Buildings ('Building Heights') Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

Councillor Stephen Greek declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he worked for the Greater London Assembly, which oversaw planning policies in London.

### **4. Minutes**

Councillor David Perry advised that he would like to amend the minutes to reflect comments he had made during deliberation on agenda item on the Report on the Proposed West Drive and Bellfield Avenue Conservation Area Designation - Outcomes of Consultation and Recommendations.

The Chairman confirmed that she would review the amendment after the meeting and consider this on behalf of the Panel.

**RESOLVED:** That, any proposed amendment be considered by the Chairman, and subject to being agreed, the minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2023 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

### **5. Public Questions**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were none.

### **6. Petitions**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were none.

### **7. Deputations**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there none.

## **Recommended Items**

## 8. Local Areas of Special Character Report

The Panel received a report on the Local Areas of Special Character – Outcomes of Consultation on the Proposed Designation Criteria.

The Panel had considered the draft criteria for the proposed Local Area of Special Character (LASC) designation at its meeting on 6 March 2023. The report fed back representations received to informal consultation on the proposed criteria, and recommended minor changes arising from these.

The Panel discussed the report, and consequently, unanimously recommended it to Cabinet for adoption.

**RESOLVED:** That the Panel:

- a) consider the consultation responses on the criteria for the new local heritage designation, namely proposed ‘Local Areas of Special Character’; and
- b) recommend to Cabinet the criteria for designation (including the minor clarification), as set out in paragraph 6.3 of the report.

## 9. Tall Buildings (Building Heights) Supplementary Planning Document

The Panel received a report on Tall Buildings (‘Building Heights’) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – for consideration of consultation responses and proposed amendments, and recommendation for Cabinet to adopt.

The report provided a progress update to the drafting of a draft Tall Buildings (‘Building Heights’) Supplementary Planning Document (“SPD”). The report specifically set out the public consultation undertaken, the consultation responses received and comments on these, and the proposed changes to the draft the SPD following consultation.

The Panel was invited to make comments on consultation responses and proposed amendments to the draft SPD, which was attached as Appendix 2.

The Panel discussed the report, and consequently, unanimously recommended it to Cabinet for adoption.

**RESOLVED:** That the Panel:

- a) notes the contents of the report, and the consultation feedback with responses (Appendix 1);
- b) notes the amended draft SPD which was considered to address the consultation responses where appropriate (Appendix 2); and
- c) provides comments / feedback in relation to the information set out in the report and associated draft SPD (Appendix 2) (to inform any revisions prior to the draft being submitted to Cabinet for consideration

and agreement to adopt) and commend the draft SPD as a final document to Cabinet for adoption.

#### **10. Statement of Community Involvement Report**

The Panel received the Updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The report set out the updated SCI as a replacement for the 2012 version.

It had been over 10 years since the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was last revised and adopted. The publishing of a new SCI facilitated Regulation 18 Consultation on the upcoming draft New Harrow Local Plan as it was good practice to ensure that the SCI is updated prior to launching such an extensive borough wide consultation.

The Panel discussed the report, and consequently, unanimously recommended it to Cabinet for adoption.

**RESOLVED:** That the Panel:

- a) notes and comments on the draft SCI and proposed changes;
- b) notes and comments on the intention not to formally consult on the document; and
- c) commends the updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to Cabinet for adoption, subject to any legal advice received in relation to not undertaking consultation.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 8.23 pm).

(Signed) Councillor Marilyn Ashton  
Chair