

STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY PANEL

12 SEPTEMBER 2006

Chairman: * Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Councillors: * Mrs Camilla Bath * Thaya Idaikkadar
* Robert Benson * Mrs Kinnear
* Keith Ferry * Navin Shah

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 1 - Vaughan Centre**

The Director of Strategic Planning introduced the report which sought the Panel's views on the status of the former Vaughan School as a locally listed building.

During the discussion on the report, the following issues were raised:

- Some Panel members stated that the costs given for refurbishment of the building seemed excessive.
- A Panel member expressed the view that the building was of architectural and historical importance and that de-listing it would give a signal to developers that Harrow did not wish to preserve such buildings. In response, another Panel member stated that de-listing the building would not automatically lead to its demolition.
- A number of Panel members agreed that the issue was complex but that, in the particular circumstances of the Vaughan Centre, de-listing seemed the most appropriate course of action.

It having been moved and seconded that the building be de-listed, a Panel member proposed that the wording of the Recommendation be amended to capture the Panel's concerns that the de-listing of the former Vaughan School should not set a precedent for further de-listing of locally listed buildings.

Having been put to a vote it was

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to the Portfolio Holder for Property, Housing Planning (Development) and Planning (Strategic)

That (1) the former Vaughan School building be de-listed in view of the specific circumstances outlined in the report of the Director of Strategic Planning, and

(2) the de-listing of the building should not set a precedent and any future application for de-listing should be judged on its merits.

[REASON: To provide clarity and certainty in developing proposals for the future of the site and building].

[Notes: (1) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Mrs Camilla Bath, Robert Benson and Mrs Kinnear wished to be recorded as having voted for the above decision;

(2) Councillors Keith Ferry, Thaya Idaikkadar and Navin Shah wished to be recorded as having voted against the above decision;

(3) during the discussion on the above item it was moved and seconded that the Recommendation be made to Cabinet rather than the Portfolio Holder. Having been put to a vote, this was not carried;

(4) Councillors Keith Ferry, Thaya Idaikkadar and Navin Shah wished to be recorded as having voted for the motion;

(5) Councillors Marilyn Ashton, Mrs Camilla Bath, Robert Benson and Mrs Kinnear wished to be recorded as having voted against the motion].