

Woolwich & Thamesmead Area Planning Committee Agenda

Place

Committee Rooms 4 & 5, Town Hall, Wellington Street,
Woolwich SE18 6PW

Date

Tuesday, 28 September 2021

Time

6:30 PM

This meeting is open to the press and public, but restrictions may apply to ensure a Covid-19 secure environment.

Councillors

Stephen Brain (Chair)	Labour
Dominic Mbang (Vice Chair)	Labour
Sandra Bauer	Labour
Gary Dillon	Labour
John Fahy	Labour
Averil Lekau	Labour
Clive Mardner	Labour
John Hills	Conservative

Members are reminded that officer contacts are shown at the end of each report and they are welcome to raise questions in advance with the appropriate officer. This does not prevent further questioning at the meeting.

If you require further information about this meeting please contact the Corporate Governance Officer:

Jean Riddler

Telephone: 020 8921 4350

Email: corporate-governance@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Agenda

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies from Members of the Committee.
- 2 Urgent business**
The Chair to announce any items of urgent business circulated separately from the main agenda.
- 3 Declarations of Interest Report**
Members to declare any personal and financial interests in items on the agenda. Attention is drawn to the Council's Constitution; the Council's Code of Conduct and associated advice.
- 4 Minutes**
Members are requested to confirm as an accurate record the Minute of the meeting held on, 23 March 2021, 28 April 2021, and 22 June 2021.

No motion or discussion may take place upon the Minutes except as to their accuracy, and any question on this point will be determined by a majority of the Members of the body attending who were present when the matter in question was decided. Once confirmed, with or without amendment, the person presiding will sign the Minutes.

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Ward – Woolwich Riverside

The Area Planning Committee is requested to grant Full Planning Permission for the change of use of the lower ground floor to include Class D1 (educational and medical/dentist use) to already consented A3/A4/D2/B1 uses with the installation of a partial mezzanine floor and associated external alterations to include the provision of 3 new entrances, introduction of bollards on Wellington Street and Polytechnic Street and removal of brick panels to provide additional windows, provision of cycle storage on lower ground level and other minor alterations.

6 Consultation on draft Character Appraisal and Management Guidelines supplementary planning document (SPD) for Woolwich Conservation Area - Ref: N/A

Ward - Woolwich Riverside and Woolwich Common

The Area Planning Committee is requested to note and comment on the proposals, as part of the consultation process.

Date of Issue
Friday, 17
September
2021

Debbie Warren
Chief Executive

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To comply with this **all attendees are asked;**

- Not to attend if you have any Covid symptoms.
- To maintain social distance between attendees where it is practicable to do so.
- Unless medically exempt, to wear a face covering during the meeting, except when formally speaking.

- That all attendees undertake a lateral flow test before attending meetings, and if positive you must not attend this meeting. These are free, and are available at certain sites or kits can be acquired for home testing. Please see the [Council's website](#) for more details.
- All attendees to wash their hands thoroughly or use sanitiser before entering the meeting rooms.

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As a result of Covid-19 secure measures, spaces for public viewing are extremely limited and will be allocated based on a first come, first served basis. Consideration and weighting will also be given to the role attendees will play at the meeting. Full Council and Planning Board/Area Committee meetings will be filmed, for live webcasting through the [Council's website](#). Other meetings will be recorded and added to the Council's YouTube Channel shortly after the meeting has finished. The recording of this meeting will be available to view for one year after the meeting.

If wish to address the Board on any of the agenda items you are requested to contact Committee Services by email at committees@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or telephone on 020 8921 4350 at least two days before the meeting, stating the capacity in which you will be attending i.e., resident, representative of a recognised group, applicant, etc.

For all meetings the Chair has discretion with regard to speakers and speaking times. Some committees have defined specific rules. The Chair will take into account the safe capacity of the room. This may mean that the Chair will only permit a certain number in at any one time.

AREA PLANNING COMMITTEES PUBLIC INFORMATION

Area Planning Committees are meetings in public, not public meetings.

Please note that Committee Members will be using electronic devices to access the agenda, reports and documents published and submitted for the meeting.

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Terms of Reference

The Area Planning Committees have delegated powers to take decisions on matters within their Terms of Reference as published in the Council's Constitution.

Areas

The three Area Planning Committees (APC) deal with matters relating to the following Wards:

Eltham & Kidbrooke APC covers: Coldharbour & New Eltham, Eltham North, Eltham South, Eltham West, Kidbrooke with Hornfair, Middle Park & Sutcliffe, and Shooters Hill.

Greenwich APC covers: Blackheath Westcombe, Greenwich West, and Peninsula.

Woolwich & Thamesmead APC covers: Abbey Wood, Charlton, Glyndon, Plumstead, Thamesmead Moorings, Woolwich Common and Woolwich Riverside.

Determining planning applications

When determining planning applications and related matters Officers and Councillors must adhere to important principles set out in legislation and Central Government Guidance.

Applications shall be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. (Section 38A, Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004). The development plan comprises the Royal Greenwich Local Plan: Core Strategy with Detailed Policies 2014 and the Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London.

The Key Principles of which are:

- If there are other material considerations, the Core Strategy is the starting point and other considerations weighed up against it.

- Where the Core Strategy is not relevant or there are policy conflicts, the application must be treated on its merits.

Material Planning Considerations include;

- Statutory provisions contained in Planning Acts and Statutory Regulations and Planning Case Law.
- Central Government planning policy and advice as contained in Circulars, The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG).
- Planning Briefs and other Supplementary Planning Guidance, e.g. Home Extension Guidelines.
- Site specific issues such as availability of infrastructure, density, car parking.
- Environmental effects such as effect on light, noise, overlooking, effect on the street scene.
- The need to preserve or enhance the Special Character or appearance of Conservation Areas and protect Listed Buildings.
- Previous planning decisions, including appeals.
- Desire to retain and promote certain uses.

Matters that must not be taken into account when determining planning applications include

- Moral and religious issues.
- Unfair competition.
- Breach of private covenants or other property rights.
- Devaluation of property.
- Protection of a private view.
- Identity of an applicant or occupier.

The Procedure for considering Applications

The conduct of the meeting is at the discretion of the Chair. According to the number of items to be considered, the Chair will strictly control the time for speakers wishing to address the Committee.

Any additional material (i.e. photographs, dioramas' etc.) not previously submitted to Planning Officers that you wish to draw to the attention of the Board / Committee must be submitted no less than two working days before the meeting to the Corporate Governance Officer at corporate-governance@royalgreenwich.gov.uk .

Any documentation received after this deadline, including at the meeting, will not be accepted. This deadline is to allow sufficient time to scrutinise any additional information and for it to be presented to Members.

At the start of the meeting the Chair will summarise the procedure to be followed and announce that anyone wishing to address the Committee should give the Corporate Governance Officer their names, as if they are not included on the list they will not be permitted to speak.

- 1 Council Officers will introduce each item, outlining Officers' recommendations on the matter, and answer any questions from the Committee. The Chair will then invite members of the public on the list to come to the table and address the Committee.
2. Both objectors to and supporters of an application, including amenity societies will be invited to address the Committee. The Chair has indicated that the following times will generally be allocated to speakers on any one application. The Chair may vary the time available, e.g. where there is a significant number of speakers or where there is a repetition or non-planning matters are being raised.
 - Individuals – up to two minutes each
 - Organised groups – up to four minutes each
 - Elected representatives (MPs and Councillors) – up to five minutes each
 - Applicant – up to 10 minutes
3. Comments should be confined to planning matters and the public will be advised to include everything they wish to say in one contribution, as normally no further opportunity will arise. It must be noted that only relevant planning considerations can be taken into account when considering planning applications (see 'determining planning applications' for details).
4. Members of the Committee may wish to ask questions. The speaker should return to the public seating area. There will be no further input or interruption from members of the public.
5. The Applicant and or their representatives will be invited to address the Committee, once all other parties have spoken, in order to respond to any points raised by previous speakers or Members.

6. The public will be able to listen to the Councillors' discussing the item and coming to a decision. The Chair will then announce the decision.

LEAD OFFICERS

- Victoria Geoghegan Assistant Director (Planning and Building Control)
- Alex Smith Major Developments Manager - Major Projects
- Neil Willey Area Development Manager West
- Louise Macionis Area Development Manager East
- Eleanor Penn Legal Adviser – Planning
- Committee Clerk Committee Officer - as per the agenda