

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7.00 pm  
Held via Microsoft Teams**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Scarlett O'Hara, Councillor Paul Gadsby (Substitute), Councillor Ben Kind, Councillor Mohammed Seedat, Councillor Joanne Simpson (Vice-Chair), Councillor Becca Thackray and Councillor Clair Wilcox (Chair)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jessica Leigh

### **1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

There were none.

### **2. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the previous meetings held on 19 January and 9 February 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

The Chair announced a provisional timetable for the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 9.9.1.

### **3. THE SOUTH BANK CENTRE, BELVEDERE ROAD (BISHOPS) 21/00454/FUL, 21/00456/ADV AND 21/00457/LB**

Case Nos. 21/00454/FUL, 21/00456/ADV and 21/00457/LB (agenda item 3, page 11 of the agenda pack).

The Planning Officer gave a presentation which included a summary of the report and Members were advised of the key material planning issues for consideration. The application was for a summer event that would celebrate the Royal Festival Hall's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year the event, which was of a similar scale to annual summer events held on the site, including in 2020, proposed twelve pop up cafes and bars with associated seating, and artistic elements including sculptures on the Queen's Walk, the first floor terraces and to the external elevations of the Southbank Centre buildings such as photographic vinyl's. An interactive waterfall on the terrace of the first floor was proposed; however, the Southbank Centre had stated that it could not be operated safely under current national social distancing requirements and would not be implemented. Officers were satisfied that it was included on the proposed plans as this element would still be acceptable in terms of the planning application. Officers stated that the Event would be required to comply with Covid-19 restrictions the Coronavirus Act and other public safety measures such as space for social distancing. These requirements were not material planning considerations; however, officers had considered how the Event would operate under the restrictions and were satisfied that this could be achieved with an acceptable impact on the material considerations of the proposal and surrounding area. In relation to the noise resulting from the Event to the local neighbourhood, since the monitoring conditions had been introduced in previous planning approvals, no complaints had been made on the exhibits and similar conditions to previous applications had been recommended on this planning application. Officers highlighted that the Southbank Centre had a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) in place with the Planning Department to facilitate prompt dialogue with officers to advise on any

unforeseen Covid-19 implications on the operation of the Event, such as the need for additional queuing management.

Officers provided the following information in response to Members' questions:

- Officers confirmed that in relation to crowding issues, the Lambeth Local Plan required a six-metre width on the Queen's Walk which would be provided and the event walking areas would be sufficient for two-way traffic plus social distancing requirements.
- The site wide Covid Risk Assessment that the Southbank Centre conducted detailed the measures they would implement, and although cleaning of the toilets was not a material planning consideration, it would be enforced by the applicant.
- With the exception of some security lights in the proposal, lighting would be turned off at 23:30 hours and the advertisements were required to be in line with Lambeth illumination guidelines. Officers noted that the area had a high amount of ambient lighting and was distanced or screened from nearby residential properties.
- In relation to the materials used for the vinyl's and whether it would be reusable or recyclable, Officers advised that this was not a material planning consideration.
- In relation to whether there would be additional footfall and if that would impact the safety around the area, Officers stated that the health and safety of the venue from a Covid-19 standpoint, would need to adhere to the relevant rules; however, these do not fall under planning considerations and would be enforced by other bodies.

The Committee considered the information provided by officers in conjunction with the report before making the following observations: merits of application:

- Members stated that they were content with this being offered to residents, with this event being available to a wide diversity of people, providing free entertainment and that it was not undermining the Lambeth Local Plan.

**21/00454/FUL:**

It was MOVED by Councillor Wilcox, SECONDED by Councillor Simpson,  
And

**RESOLVED,** unanimously

1. To GRANT planning permission subject to the conditions as outlined in the officer's report.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Planning, Transport and Sustainability to finalise the recommended conditions as set out in the report, and/or PAC minutes.

**21/00456/ADV:**

It was MOVED by Councillor Wilcox, SECONDED by Councillor Simpson,  
And

**RESOLVED,** unanimously

1. To GRANT express advertisement consent.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Planning, Transport and Sustainability to finalise the recommended conditions as set out in the report, and/or PAC minutes.

**21/00457/LB:**

It was MOVED by Councillor Wilcox, SECONDED by Councillor Simpson,  
And

**RESOLVED,** unanimously

1. To GRANT listed building consent.
2. To delegate authority to the Director of Planning, Transport and Sustainability to finalise the recommended conditions as set out in the report, and/or PAC minutes.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 7.43 pm

CHAIR  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday 25 May 2021

Date of Despatch: Thursday 15 April 2021

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