Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Review on the High Road West regeneration site – Draft Scope and Terms of Reference (2019/20)

Rationale	The High Road West regeneration site is an area located broadly between Tottenham High Road and the railway line (White
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	Hart Lane Station), running from Brereton Road in the south to the former Sainsbury's supermarket in the north. The site
	includes: the Love Lane Council housing estate comprising of 297 properties – subject to demolition under the Regeneration
	plans but contingent on a ballot of residents; the Peacock industrial estate, which is home to a number of small to medium-
	sized businesses; the Goods Yard and the site of the former Sainsbury's supermarket. The masterplan dates back to 2013 and
	the area has since undergone extensive nearby redevelopment with the completion this year of Tottenham Hotspur's new
	stadium.
	Representations regarding the High Road West plans have been received by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and by
	the Housing & Regeneration scrutiny panel via the Committee's community consultation exercise and the Scrutiny Café
	event and by way of several deputations to the panel from Council tenants, leaseholders, community representatives and
	representatives of the business community on the Peacock Industrial Estate. Following these representations panel
	members agreed to open a Scrutiny Review process on the topic of the High Road West Regeneration strategy, policy and
	plans.
	In September 2017, Cabinet agreed for the Council to select Lendlease as the preferred bidder for the High Road West
	Regeneration scheme, following a tendering process that included Lendlease Europe, BDW Trading (Barratt) and BY
	Development Linkcity (Bouygues). The deal includes the transfer of Council-owned stock and land and would require use of
	the Council's Compulsory Purchase Order powers to acquire land to facilitate site assembly. The land within the Master Plan
	is owned by a number of parties, which include Haringey Borough Council, Tottenham Hotspur and private residential and
	commercial interests. Tottenham Hotspur has recently acquired planning permission for developing part of the site. The
	Development Agreement offers the building of 2,500 homes with 30% being designated affordable. The scheme would
	include 145 council homes at social rent and a further 46 shared equity homes The plan includes the building of a library and
	a refurbished Grange Community Hub, a Community Park, a civic square and commercial, retail and leisure space. The plan
	also includes changes of B1 and B2 business use space. Concerns raised with the panel relate to a number of issues notably
	the demolition of 297 properties on the Love Lane Estate, 186 of which are currently occupied by temporary accommodation

	residents and 46 by secure tenancy residents. A further 59 are leasehold properties (28 resident leaseholders and 31 non-
	resident leaseholders) and 6 are voids. Panel members have heard a broad number of concerns expressed by tenants and
	leaseholders in connection with the impact on them of the Regeneration plans. The regeneration plans would also involve
	the compulsory purchase of land and property belonging to a number of small businesses and the subsequent demolition of
	a large number of businesses. The Panel has heard representations expressing wide-ranging concerns about the effect of the
	regeneration plans on long-established business in the High Road West area. The Panel understands that other feedback has
	previously been gathered by the Council through resident and business engagement in the scheme and this information will
	be considered by the Panel as part of this review.
	The panel will therefore seek to consider evidence from a broad range of expert witnesses and to develop recommendations to Cabinet on future options relating to the High Road West redevelopment. The Panel also has the option to refer the report to full Council or other non-Executive committees of the Council as the Panel considers to be appropriate.
Scrutiny Membership	The Members of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel that will carry out this review are:
	Councillors: Khaled Moyeed (Chair), Dawn Barnes, Ruth Gordon, Bob Hare, Yvonne Say, Daniel Stone, Sarah Williams.
Terms of reference	The aims of this project are:
	• To better understand the historical context of the proposed High Road West regeneration scheme, re-examine the existing scheme proposals and provide evidence-based alternative options to establish what outcomes would be in the best interests of residents, tenants, leaseholders, businesses and other local stakeholders.
	 To examine and appraise the interests of the community of stakeholders, tenants, leaseholders, residents and businesses within the High Road West Regeneration area.
	• To re-examine and assess the Development Agreement in relation to its relevance to local and Council needs and
	aspirations contained within the Council's housing and planning strategy and policies and within the context of its Community Wealth Building aspirations for business development.
	• To ensure that the method and means of communications and consultations between the Council (including Homes for Haringey) and residents and businesses has been carried out appropriately and sufficiently thoroughly to ensure that the voice of the community, residents, tenants and businesses has been taken into account in developing the

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	regeneration strategy for the area.
	• To appraise and reassess the impact of regeneration plans on the tenants and leaseholders living in Council accommodation and on the small and medium sized businesses operating in the area.
	• To provide the Cabinet with evidence-based recommendations that seek to improve relations between the Council
	and the resident and business community and to ensure a future development that meets the needs and aspirations
	of tenants, leaseholders, residents and businesses and the community as a whole.
Links to the Borough Plan	Priority 1 – Housing: A safe, stable and affordable home for everyone, whatever their circumstances.
	Priority 2 – People: A Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.
	Priority 4 – Economy: A growing economy which provides opportunities for all our residents and supports our businesses to thrive.
	Priority 5 – Your Council: The way the Council works.
Evidence Sources	A broad selection of expert witnesses will be invited to take part in the review and to submit evidence. These will include
	local residents, relevant academic experts, representatives of local businesses, others from the wider local community, officers of the Council, representatives of development partners at High Road West and landowner stakeholders.
Witnesses	TBC
Methodology/Approach	A variety of methods will be used to gather evidence, including: site visits; desk top research; and evidence gathering sessions with witnesses.
Equalities Implications	The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to: (1) Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act; (2) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not; (3) Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.
	The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy/maternity; race; religion/faith; sex and sexual orientation. In addition, marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

	The Panel should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during final scoping, evidence gathering and final reporting. This should include considering and clearly stating: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to service and fair representation of all groups within Haringey; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, are being realised.
Timescale	Draft scoping document submitted to Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 25th November 2019 Evidence gathering sessions and site visits – December 2019 to February 2020.
	Analyse findings / develop recommendations – March 2020 to May 2020 Report published – Summer 2020
Reporting arrangements	The Director of Housing, Regeneration & Planning will coordinate a response to Cabinet to the recommendations of the panel's final report.
Constraints/Barriers/Risks	We aim to complete the draft report by the summer of 2020. However, we are aware that the panel may receive a large amount of evidence so this may prove to be a challenging timescale. The panel will therefore need to be mindful of this when determining the extent of the issues that it wishes to consider. If the panel later determines that this timescale is not sufficient to the gather and analyse the evidence required then it may be necessary to extend the schedule. In that context we should bear in mind that it is possible that the membership of the panel could change following the Annual Council meeting in May 2020.
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