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LOTS ROAD PROJECT

The design review committee of the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) considered this scheme at its meeting on 7 November. The committee is grateful for the trouble which was taken in preparing the presentation material. Having considered the scheme, the committee's views are as follows:-

The committee continues to offer general support and enthusiasm for this scheme and for its central propositions. We think that, in general, the developing scheme is moving in the right direction; there are, however, a number of aspects of it that we think will require further careful thought.

We very much welcome the acquisition of the adjoining two-acre site for inclusion in this scheme. In the context of the other major developments along this part of the river, the public space proposed as a result of this is generous and is to be applauded. However, we think that this space will need to be carefully thought out in relation to the rest of the site if it is to work successfully as an attractive and useful public area. More generally, the urban design strategy for the development will require a clear understanding of the types of space being proposed and how the public, semi-public and private space will be used, managed and will relate to each other if the desired sense of integration is to be achieved.

We think that the proposals for the detailed design of the towers - the cladding of the towers in terracotta, the further articulation of the differences between the two halves of the towers and the insertion of balconies - hold out the prospect of a rich resolution of these elevations. There is a possible danger, however, in an architectural approach to the modelling and the elevations which is poised somewhere between the rigorous and formal on one hand and the varied and informal on the other - it may end up appearing to have tried, but failed, to be rigorously, or informally, composed.



Although we think that a mainly stainless steel and glass cladding could have been developed successfully, we think that that terracotta has the potential to provide a more attractive alternative, and we would like to see further work proceed on this option.

On the whole, we think the calmer architectural language proposed for the lower level accommodation on the site is likely to form an appropriate setting for the towers. However, in some views of the scheme from the other side of the river, the composition of the towers on either side of the creek creates considerable pressure on the secondary building located immediately behind the smaller of the towers—we have not seen anything to suggest that this has been acknowledged and satisfactorily resolved.

We are pleased that extensive wind studies are being carried out — we hope that this will address any potential for problems which we feel might arise in the area between the towers and along the riverside.

Please keep the committee in touch with the progress of this scheme. If there is any point on which you would like clarification, please telephone me.

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Your ref: JWP/ns/PD.582

Our ref: BO5/7-4

11th February 2002

Dear Sir/Madame,

LOTS ROAD POWER STATION DEVELOPMENT, LAND AT THAMES AVENUE, AND COMBINED IMPACT REPORT, LONDON SW10.

Thank you for consulting English Nature, as a statutory consultee under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999, on the Lots Road EIA. English Nature has previously been consulted with regard to the scoping of the impact assessment for both the residential development and the Lots Road Power Station. Our response to these consultations is attached for your information.

English Nature advice that an EIA should follow best practice survey methodology details of this should be outlined fully in the text. If it is not explained in full in the text, then methodology and analysis should be made available at a named source. This information was not provided in appendix G1/2 where other ecological survey/analysis information was provided.

We must highlight that as a result this EIA falls short of best practice recommendations, by only providing detail of the preliminary invertebrate survey and not outlining detail of other surveys carried out. We further note that the detail of the preliminary invertebrate survey has been edited by CPM and is not the original report. This is somewhat misleading, as it is stated that full details of the survey are included in Appendix 2 (p96 Environment Statement).

The results from the preliminary invertebrate survey displayed habitats on site to be or "medium interest" (36 species of terrestrial invertebrates, including 1 nationally rare, 1 nationally scarce species and 4 uncommon species), however, these same habitats are then judged to be of "low local ecological value". This seems to be contradictory, especially as the edited survey highlights the importance of urban ruderal habitats in the maintenance of nationally important invertebrate faunas.

The current EIA makes no attempt to mitigate for the loss of habitat, bar the suggestion that as a similar area of ruder habitat exists locally means that the loss of this habitat is of minor significance. This is an unsustainable approach, the fact that

there is similar habitat in the locality does not mitigate for its loss on this site. Indeed this is especially relevant in relation to terrestrial invertebrates, which are often considered to be relatively immobile.

We welcome the provision of gravel mulch and other planting for invertebrates and proposed measures for other fauna on this site (i.e. bat/bird boxes), however the extent of these proposals are not outlined in any detail. The EIA states: "the majority of the terrestrial habitats on the site that will be lost will be replaced as part of the overall landscape strategy for the site development" (p96 Environmental Statement). Without site of this Landscape Strategy it is impossible to assess whether this will mitigate for habitat loss on the site, enabling a sustainably led development.

English Nature advises that all surveys should be carried out at an appropriate time of year for the group being surveyed. The detail of reptile survey methodology was found to be lacking. Reptiles enter hibernation between October and February, as such; October is not the most appropriate time to carry out reptile survey. I have enclosed a copy of a table take from Protected Species in London (London Ecology Unit, 1999) this outlines the distribution of reptiles and amphibians in Greater London. It is incorrect to suggest that no reptiles exist within inner London Boroughs (p96 Environment Statement).

Further, we note that a recent bat survey has not been undertaken as part of this EIA.. Reference was made to the RBKC survey carried out in 1994. As the information from the 1994 survey has not been included, it is not possible to evaluate this in relation to the current EIA. We would suggest, in view of the proposed tree works, that it would be prudent to undertake another bat survey, to ensure that the findings from the 1994 are still valid.

We welcome the proposals to extend the Thames Path National Trail. However it is of concern to note that the proposed development includes limited foreshore encroachment, through the construction of a walkway along the Thames supported by wooden piles. This appears to run contrary to the Environment Agency's policy regarding foreshore encroachment and established best practice for Thames riverside developments (e.g. Greenwich Peninsula) in which provision is made for the setback and extension of foreshore habitat.

It is of concern that no provisions have been put in place to limit disturbance to foraging birds on the intertidal foreshore. Indeed, it is stated, that this increase in disturbance will be compensated for by, the birds utilising other foraging opportunities further along the Thames foreshore. English Nature objects to such an unsustainable approach.

We suggest that advice is taken from the Environment Agency on riverbank design options. The EA can assist with development of detailed plans for the set back of river walls. This approach has many benefits such as the creation of foreshore habitat, the reduction of disturbance and increased recreational benefits, whilst still maintaining flood defence.

A large-scale development such as this, offers considerable potential for environmental mitigation. The current proposal and associated planning application

does not currently represent a truly sustainable approach to development, an approach that ensures effective protection of the environment and prudent use of natural resources (HMSO 1999).

Please do not hesitate to consult me should you require further information on the points raised.

Yours faithfully

Alex Machin Conservation Officer 2002 3132/FUL

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

25th June 2002

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2002/1366/P 2002/1368/P

Dear Sir/Madam

HDC TP ARBIFPLN

The officer dealing with this application is: Paul Entwistle /John Sanchez

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990

LAND ADJACENT TO SOUTH SIDE OF CHELSEA CREEK, AND LAND AT

THAMES AVENUE, CHELSEA HARBOUR DRIVE, LONDON, SW10

Proposal: Demolition of buildings ancillary to the Lots Road Power Station and redevelopment of all unbuilt land to provide 444 units of residential accomodation (comprising 32 studio units, 135 one bedroom units, 209 two bedroom units, 68

three bedroom units) together with 296 car parking spaces, a restaurant (832 sq.m) and associated works to Chelsea Creek and Chelsea Basin, including the construction of three

bridges over the creek.

I enclose details of a duplicate application for planning permission for the development described above.

This planning application is a resubmission of previous applications, which were considered by the Council in April this year.

The application is part of a larger proposal for the redevelopment of the entire power station site, incorporating the conversion of the existing power station building. The same developer is seeking planning permission from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea for the adjacent Power Station in Lots Road (land adjacent to the north side of Chelsea Creek).

The application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement, which covers the development site with both Boroughs.

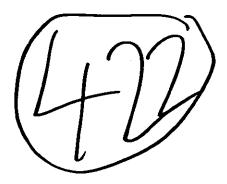
The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the adopted Unitary Development Plan 1994.

The propose development may affect the character or appearance of a conservation area.

I shall be pleased to receive any observations you may wish to submit on this application by 19th July 2002. Please mark all your correspondence to Paul Entwistle, Development Control Division, Environment Department, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this application in more detail please contact wither Paul Entwistle or John Sanchez on 0208 753 3472 or 3346.

Yours sincerely Stephen Moralee Head of Development Control.





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Date: 27 June 2002

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8011-4D-02

Dear Sirs,

CONSULTATION WITH HSE UNDER DETR CIRC 04/2000 ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT FOR LOTS ROAD POWER STATION AND LAND AT THAMES AVENUE DEVELOPMENT LONDON SW10

I refer to the letter of 12 June 2002 regarding the above development, which was received direct from Montague Evans Chartered Surveyors.

In my opinion there are no reasons on major hazard grounds for advising against the granting of planning permission in this case.

Environmental Impact Assessments are concerned with projects which are likely to have significant effects on the environment. HSE's principal concerns are the health and safety of people affected by work activities. HSE has no comments on this environmental statement.

If you have any queries please contact Paul Ventom at this address.

Yours faithfully,

HM Principal Inspector.

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REVISED SCHEME AT LOT'S ROAD POWER STATION SW10

Original ref: DPS/DCSW/PP01/01627/JT

As Chairman of the Central District Committee I enclose a letter with comments on the revised scheme written to LB Hammersmith and Fulham.

The objections to any revised scheme sent to the Royal Borough are in the same terms but in reference to the tower block GG by Counter's Creek and the car parking provision on Royal Borough part of the site

Please can I have acknowledgement of receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

John Drake

Chairman of Central District Committee

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July 17th 2002

Dear Sir,

LAND AT THAMES AVENUE AND CHELSEA HARBOUR DRIVE LONDON SW10 Ref: 2002/1366/P & 2002/1368/P

The Central District Committee has commended the conservation and adaption of the Lot's Road power station but is concerned about the site being overdevelopment.

There are TWO major objections to the revised scheme in Hammersmith and Fulham: a) Tower block HF1. Despite the cosmetic reduction in height, it's impact contradicts the requirements of the Draft London Plan Policy BR25. It will cause overshadowing, effect the hydrology, the biodiversity of the waterspace, including the nearby heronry, the public realm of the waterside, wind turbulence and the visual appearance of canyonisation along the riverside.

While the London Plan is not yet finalised, it is encumberent on London Boroughs to take into account its implications. The impact of new development on the Thames has in the past been badly neglected including in Hammersmith and Fulham.

b) The impact of traffic movement and carparking on the surrounding area. In addition to traffic movements from this site, are those from the Royal Borough part of the site and the Imperial Wharf scheme, causing additional strain on ... already over burdened local roads. The public transport system is poor and will remain so unless: Railtrack or its successor allows a station to be built on the West London Line, Cross Rail 2 is routed to this area and there is provision of a subsidised ferry service to the City using the existing facilities at Chelsea Harbour.

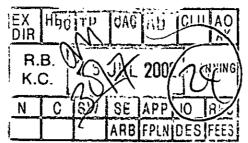
While we commend much of the overall scheme we would like to see the reduction in height of Block HCF1 to that of the neighbouring buildings and a large reduction in car parking.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman CPRE Central District Committee.

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Thank you for your letter dated 12 June inviting the Countryside Agency to comment on the above, proposal and apologies for the delay in replying.

The Countryside Agency is a strategic organisation, and rarely as a matter of policy comments on individual planning applications except on those proposals that:

- set a national precedent where government advice is lacking; or
- have a major impact on an important Countryside Agency initiative; or
- have a fundamental effect on the intrinsic character of a National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, or Heritage Coast.

For your records the Countryside Agency has no formal comments to make regarding this matter. We would like to stress that the absence of comment or direct involvement by the Agency is simply an expression of our priorities. It should not be taken as implying a lack of interest, or indicate either support for, or objection to, any proposal.

The Agency does however, welcome the riverside walkway. I enclose a copy of guidance relevant to the walkway and would draw your attention to pages 6 to 8 on footpath standards.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

MARILYN RAWSON Director - London Region

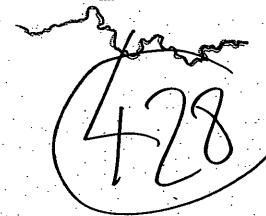
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INTRODUCTION

The Countryside Commission recommends that the example policies outlined in this document are used as practical guidelines to assist planning authority officers in the formulation of policies for the Thames Path National Trail.

The main aim of this document is to help ensure that the Thames Path National Trail is implemented, protected and enhanced for future generations to enjoy. The role of the 'plan led' development control system is crucial in achieving our overall aim and this document provides practical guidance to assist planning authority officers in the formulation of local plan and unitary development plan policies.

This good practice guide contains example policies which are specific to both the Thames Path and the unique River Thames corridor through which the National Trail runs. The Countryside Commission recognises that the style of policy writing within development plans varies considerably, therefore the example policies for the Thames Path are presented in two alternative styles along with a short justification statement. People's enjoyment of the Thames Path is significantly affected by the quality of surrounding landscape and townscape through which the Trail passes. Example policies for the River Thames corridor are included to highlight the key issues which impact on the user's enjoyment. It is hoped that this guidance will help in the refining of existing policies and, where necessary, assist in the formulation of new policies during the review of development plans. Where it will be some years to wait until the next development plan review, local authorities may wish to consult this guidance in relevant development control cases.

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In 'Modernising Planning' (March 1998) the Government indicated its intention to introduce measures which will 'promote shorter, clearer plans' and enable 'better targeted consultation'. The example policies in this document are in accordance with this objective and provide clear guidance which can be easily interpreted by both developers and the public.

The guidance provided in this document bas been prepared by the Countryside Commission in conjunction with Government Office for London and the Environment Agency. The London Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC) bave also been consulted

This document has been produced with the advice and assistance of a small working group including representatives from the London Boroughs, Thames Landscape Strategy, the Ramblers Association, the Environment Agency, Government Office for London along with the Thames Path National Trail Officer.

Background

The route of the Thames Path National Trail was approved by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 1989 and officially opened in 1996. The Thames Path is unique among the family of National Trails in its endeavouring to give continuous access along a major river and passing through the heart of major towns and cities, including London. It is expected to become England's most used National Trail. Following publication of the approved route in 1989, local planning authorities have formulated a range of planning policies and worked diligently with the Countryside Commission to safeguard and implement the Thames Path National Trail through the development control system.

With increasing pressure for new development along the length of the River Thames, it is vitally important to ensure that this work to protect and enhance both the National Trail and the river corridor continues through strong strategic policies in all relevant development plans. In London, fully completing the approved route to secure a continuous and uninterrupted path along the riverside on both banks will take many years. This relies upon new riverside access opportunities being created by appropriate new development and the redevelopment of existing riverside properties. Unfortunately a number of recent developments have failed to make provision for riverside access for the National Trail.

An Interim Development Strategy for the Thames Path National Trail 1998 - 2001 has been produced following extensive consultation and clearly identifies priorities for the development and management of the Trail. Copies of this document are available from the National Trails Office. The Interim Development Strategy document will guide the work of the Management Group and National Trails Officer over the following three year period and assist the Countryside Commission and its key partners to effectively target resources. The Development Strategy identifies that a clear and consistent approach to policies within development plans along the length of the Thames Path is essential to ensure the future of this nationally important recreational asset.

Legal status of a National Trail

Sections 50-55 of the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act provide the statutory mechanism for the establishment of National Trails (note: prior to 1989 National Trails were referred to as long-distance routes). Under this Act the Countryside Commission is given a specific duty to research and propose suitable routes and then, once approved by the Secretary of State

for the Environment, to assist local authorities in the implementation and management of the Trail.

Under Section 55 of the Act, the approved line of the National Trail can only be moved following the preparation and submission of a Variation Order by the Countryside Commission and subsequent approval by the Secretary of State. This specific requirement for National Trails is in addition to all the necessary creation, diversion and extinguishment orders also required to move a public right of way. Developers should be made fully aware of the legal status of the Thames Path as one of the 13 established National Trails. Additional copies of OS maps showing the approved line of the Thames Path are available to local authorities from the Countryside Commission.

It should be noted that approval was given for the Thames Path National Trail to enable extensive journeys by foot only. Unlike some of the other National Trails, approval has not been given for the Thames Path to enable extensive journeys on a bicycle or on horseback.

Strategic planning framework

The example policies recommended in this document are based upon current planning guidance and have been developed following a review of best practice in existing local plans and unitary development plans along with advice from Government Office. Strategic Planning Guidance for the River Thames RPG3B/9B produced by the Government Office for London (Feb. 1997) provides a clear strategic framework for these policies within London. Strategic Guidance for London Planning Authorities (RPG3) specifically refers to the London Walking Forum's 2,000 km network of strategic walks (paragraph 7.12) which includes the Thames Path National Trail.

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(Policies 1, 2, 4) The 'approved line' referred to in policies 1, 2 and 4 is defined as the line of the Thames Path National Trail as approved by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 1989.

(Policies 2, 4) A 'Public footpath' as referred to in policies 2 and 4 is defined as a public right of way over which the right of way is on foot only.

(Policy 2) By using the word 'should' rather than 'will' within example policy 2 it is possible for planning authorities to consider exceptional local circumstances, such as issues of public safety, where it may be necessary to establish the route of the Thames Path away from the river frontage.

(Policy 3) The Countryside Commission has produced design guidelines for the Thames Path (CCP 342 - 1991) - these guidelines are likely to be updated in 1999. Local authorities may wish to adopt these guidelines as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

(Policy 3) Provision should be made for temporary waymarked routes for the Thames Path during development where it becomes necessary to close the existing path for public safety reasons.



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Additional Notes on Style B Policy:-

(Policy XXX-ii) above - planning authorities may wish to include exceptional local circumstances, such as issues of public safety, where it may be necessary to establish the route of the Thames Path away from the river frontage. However particular care should be taken to avoid weakening this important policy.

Example Reasoned Justification



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Providing an experience of the highest quality for users is the primary objective in the development of the Thames Path National Trail. People's enjoyment of the Thames Path is significantly affected by the quality of the surrounding rural and urban landscape through which the Trail passes.

To meet this objective, the Interim Development Strategy for the Thames Path recognises that local planning authorities should include policies to protect and enhance the unique landscape qualities of the River Thames corridor. Most local and unitary development plans currently contain general policies for the River Thames within several different sections of the plan. In order to highlight the development issues of greatest importance to the Thames Path user, a number of example policies are proposed.

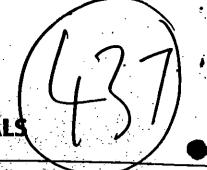
The Countryside Commission recommends that, where similarly worded policies do not currently exist within development plans, new policies are formulated to cover these key issues which significantly affect people's enjoyment of the Thames Path National Trail.

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Further strategic guidance on development policies for riverside sites and the river corridor in London is included within RPG3B/9B 'Strategic Planning Guidance for the River Thames' and also 'Thames Environment 21' which has been produced by the Environment Agency. Specific advice to assist policy development for Unitary Development Plans within London is available from the London Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC).





The Countryside Commission considers it most effective to make our input through development plans rather than respond to all development proposals which impact upon the Thames Path and the river corridor.

It is our intention to continue working through established partnerships with local authorities and the Environment Agency and to rely upon strong and effective policies within all development plans to safeguard the future of the Thames Path National Trail.

The Countryside Commission will only consider direct involvement in individual development control cases where a proposal would:

- set a national precedent where national government guidance is lacking; or
- have a major impact on the Thames Path National Trail; or
- have a fundamental effect on the intrinsic character of the Thames Path National Trail

Contacts

The Countryside Commission can be contacted at the following address:

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Note - from April 1999, the Countryside Commission and the Rural Development Commission will come together to form a new agency. It is likely that the South East Regional Office of the new agency will move to a new London location by the end of 1999.

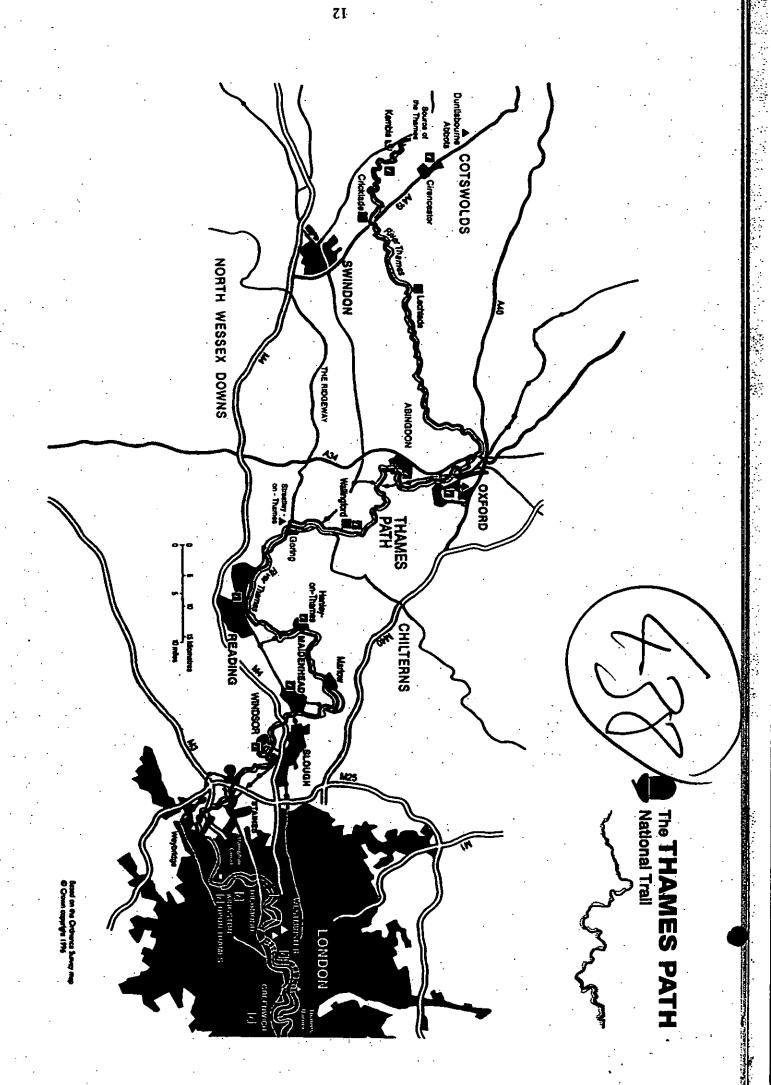
The National Trail Officer for the Thames Path can be contacted at the following address:

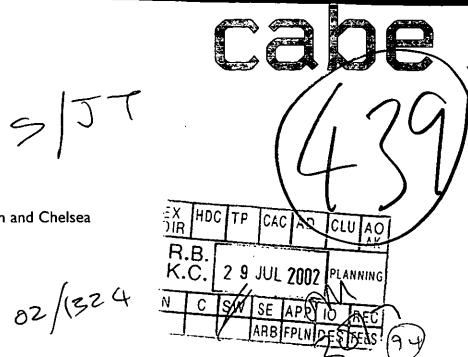
National Trails Office Cultural Services Holton Oxford OX33 100

Tel: 01865 810224 Fax: 01865 810207

email: mail@rway-tpath.demon.co.uk

Information on the Thames Path and the three other National Trails within the South East can be found on our new website - www.nationaltrails.gov.uk





26 July 2002

Mr J Thorne
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Planning and Conservation
The Town Hall
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London
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Our Ref: DR/L/20/532

Dear Mr Thorne

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA: LOTS ROAD

Thank you for consulting the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) about this revised proposal. The scheme has been considered by the Chair of the Design Review Committee, Paul Finch, and Design Review staff and our views, based on the material supplied, are as follows.

We continue to offer broad support to this scheme and do not wish to add to the comments contained in our letter of 19 November 2001, which I attach for your convenience. Following our normal practice, we do not wish to comment on the Environmental Impact Assessment, other than to welcome the view studies which it contains.

Yours sincerely

Dan Thomson

Programme Officer

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Your Ref:

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Date printed:

25 July 2002

Montagu Evans Premier House 44-48 Dover Street London W1S 4AZ



Dear Sir/Madam

DECISION NOTICE

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990.

REQUEST FOR OBSERVATIONS

I refer to your application detailed below and have to inform you that this Council has considered the under-mentioned proposal and RAISES NO OBJECTIONS.

Application Number:

02/01740/OBS 17 July 2002

Date of Application: Date of Decision:

23 July 2002

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Adjoining Borough Observations Within Kensington And Chelsea

For:

Observation of proposed development in the adjoining Borough of Kensington & Chelsea as well as Hammersmith & Fulham for the redevelopment of site at Lots Road Power Station for the conversion of power station building, and the demolition of the existing buildings.

Approved Plans

Submitted plans and Environmental Statement.

Conditions and Reasons

Notes to Applicant

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Our ref: NE/2002/008039-1/2

Your ref: DPS/DCSW/PP/02/1324 & 1325/JT

Date: 29 July 2002

Head of Planning Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

The Town Hall Horton Street London W8 7NX By Fax & Post

F.A.O: Mr J Thorne

Dear Mr Thorne

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT LOTS ROAD POWER STATION, LOTS ROAD, LONDON, SW10

Thank you for your letter dated 2nd July 2002. The Environment Agency has the following comments on the above application.

The Environment Agency **OBJECTS** to the proposed development for the following reasons:

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RESOLUTION: This objection could be overcome if the pathways were widened. Consideration should also be given to providing a screen of trees between the vertical car park wall and the pathway.

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REASON: To protect and enhance the ecological value of the River Thames

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REASON: To protect/conserve the natural features and character of the area.

Notes: The loss of wasteland habitat at the site is to be replaced through the use of green roof systems on the flat roofs of the buildings. This not only recreates important habitat but can be combined with sustainable drainage and energy conservation.

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Note: There must be no contamination (e.g. by silt, oil, rubble or any other debris or pollutants) of the adjacent River/ Creek.

CONDITION: A landscape management plan, including long term design objectives, management responsibilities and maintenance schedules for all landscape areas, other than small, privately owned, domestic gardens shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the development commences. The landscape management plan shall be carried out as approved.

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Note: Any landscaping on the site should consist of locally appropriate species and selected in line with the environment and climate of the area and should consider local biodiversity. Landscaping should include species of wildlife value that provide seeds, pollen and berries rather than tall trees along the river edge which provides roosts for crows. Consideration should be given to 'habitat enabling' and natural recolonisation on parts of the site in addition to the creation of new landscaped areas. This should include areas of crushed concrete that reflect the urban environment

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REASON: To protect, restore or replace the natural features of importance within or adjoining the River/ Creek.

Note: Planting should comprise of native species only. The planting should also be appropriate to the locality and the soil type of the site. Use of locally native species in landscaping plans is essential in order to benefit local wildlife and to help maintain the region's natural balance of flora. It will also help to prevent the spread of invasive, alien species within the region.

CONDITION: There are isolated hotspots, heavy metals and hydrocarbons, shown on previous site investigations, mainly associated with the made ground on the site. It is understood that that the excavation of a basement for car parking will remove the majority of the soil contamination. For those areas which are not to be removed during redevelopment, the intentions regarding these hotspots should be given before development is commenced. There are also proposals to validate any excavation. Remedial target levels should be confirmed.

REASON: To prevent pollution of the water environmentd

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CONSERVATION: CONTACT ANTONIA SCARR ON 01276 454321

* The proposal involves the demolition of buildings which might potentially offer bat roosting opportunities. Buildings to be demolished should be inspected for bats prior to work starting, with English Nature being contacted if any bats are found. All

species of bat in Britain and their roosts are afforded special protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

* Bird nesting and roosting sites should be built into the development through the incorporation of ledges, crevices and boxes, where possible.

- * Tree and shrub removal from the site should be minimised if works proceed. Professional tree surgery should be carried out in preference to felling wherever possible so that trees can be made safe and retained on site. Any retained trees must be protected during construction. Appropriate replacement planting should be provided for any vegetation lost, disturbed or degraded during works.
- * Tree felling & bird nesting: essential tree felling, branch lopping or scrub clearance should avoid the bird nesting season (generally March to August inclusive). This avoids disturbing wild birds during a critical period and will help to prevent possible contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 which protects nesting wild birds and their nests.
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- * The development should incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) including making use of permeable surfaces and other similar measures to reduce the risk of non-point source pollution or excessive surface water run-off adversely affecting adjacent watercourses. This might include the use of gravel surfaces in paths, parking spaces and driveways.
- * Careful consideration of the type of lighting along the river edge must be given. Any lighting should not over-spill on to the adjacent foreshore areas, to limit disturbance to feeding wildfowl.

LANDSCAPE AND RECREATION: CONTACT JULIE BAXTER (LANDSCAPE) ON 0118 953 5572 OR COLIN WOODWARD (RECREATION) ON 01276 454719

- * The site is highlighted in the 'Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea', for development and regeneration hubs/focal points of activity.
- * At the present time it is difficult to judge from the application whether the design creates a network of vibrant urban spaces that link with the River Thames.
- * The design of the present Public Space adjacent to the Thames Path does not seem to celebrate the riverside setting as there is no integration between the Thames Path and the open space.
- * The Agency would wish to see appropriate mooring and access point on the south side of the Creek linking to the Public Path.

* The latest design of the bridges seem to have less relationship with the south bank than the previous designs.

* The site has two features that will have an interest to the recreational users of the River Thames. Local groups currently use the power station outfalls for canoe-training and the site has an historic use as a wharf. The documents note these interests but do not propose a socio-economic comment on retention or loss of these features. It is likely that the Planning Authority will receive lobbies in relation to such interests. Subject to design detail, the Agency is supportive of such interests.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION: CONTACT NICOLA FLEMWELL ON 01707 632395

* The Tier 1 Groundwater Risk Assessment does not take into account the groundwater monitoring data from the previous monitoring rounds. Free product has been identified with Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) concentrations in the perched water at 28.7mg/l and the River Terrace Gravels at 8.9mg/l. The Agency could therefore not concur that no groundwater remediation is necessary. Ideally target concentrations should be met at the point of discharge into the River.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION(WATER QUALITY): CONTACT DAVE DECOSTER ON 0208 310 5500

- * Any above ground oil storage tank(s) should be sited on an impervious base and surrounded by a suitable liquid tight bunded compound. No drainage outlet should be provided. The bunded area should be capable of containing 110% of the volume of the largest tank and all fill pipes, draw pipes and sight gauges should be enclosed within its curtilage. The vent pipe should be directed downwards into the bund. Guidelines are available from the Environment Agency.
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PLANNING INFORMATIVES

The following planning informatives should be attached to any planning permission granted:

Under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991, the prior written consent of the Environment Agency is required for any discharge of sewage or trade effluent into controlled waters (e.g. watercourses and underground waters), and may be required for any discharge of surface water to such controlled waters or for any discharge of sewage or trade effluent from buildings or fixed plant into or onto ground or into

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Please contact me on the number shown below if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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DEBORAH SIMONS Planning Liaison Officer

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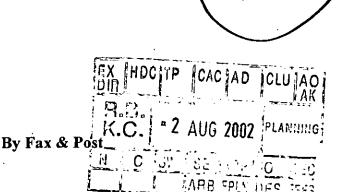


Our Ref: NE/2002/008039-1/1 Your Ref: DPS/DCSW/PP/01/01627

Date:

29 July 2002

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F.A.O: Paul Entwistle

Dear Mr Entwistle

LAND ADJACENT TO SOUTH SIDE OF CHELSEA CREEK, AND LAND AT THAMES AVENUE, CHELSEA HARBOUR DRIVE, LONDON, SW10 APPLICATION NUMBER: 2002/1366/P & 2002/1368/P

Thank you for your letter dated 25th June 2002. The Environment Agency has the following comments on the above application.

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CONDITION: No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until a planting scheme including suitable marginal and aquatic species for the development, has been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be carried out in accordance with a programme for planting and maintenance related to stages of completion of the development.

REASON: To protect, restore or replace the natural features of importance within or adjoining the River/ Creek.

Note: Planting should comprise of native species only. The planting should also be appropriate to the locality and the soil type of the site. Use of locally native species in landscaping plans is essential in order to benefit local wildlife and to help maintain the region's natural balance of flora. It will also help to prevent the spread of invasive, alien species within the region.

CONDITION: There are isolated hotspots, heavy metals and hydrocarbons, shown on previous site investigations, mainly associated with the made ground on the site. It is understood that that the excavation of a basement for car parking will remove the majority of the soil contamination. For those areas which are not to be removed during redevelopment, the intentions regarding these hotspots should be given before development is commenced. There are also proposals to validate any excavation. Remedial target levels should be confirmed.

REASON: To prevent pollution of the water environment

ADVICE

CONSERVATION: CONTACT ANTONIA SCARR ON 01276 454321

- * The proposal involves the demolition of buildings which might petentially offer bat roosting opportunities. Buildings to be demolished should be inspected for bats prior to work starting, with English Nature being contacted if any bats are found. All species of bat in Britain and their roosts are afforded special protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- * Bird nesting and roosting sites should be built into the development through the incorporation of ledges, crevices and boxes, where possible.
- * Tree and shrub removal from the site should be minimised if works proceed. Professional

tree surgery should be carried out in preference to felling wherever possible so that frees can be made safe and retained on site. Any retained trees must be protected during construction. Appropriate replacement planting should be provided for any vegetation lost, disturbed or degraded during works.

- * Tree felling & bird nesting: essential tree felling, branch lopping or scrub clearance should avoid the bird nesting season (generally March to August inclusive). This avoids disturbing wild birds during a critical period and will help to prevent possible contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 which protects nesting wild birds and their nests.
- * Tree felling & bats: trees to be felled should be inspected for bats prior to felling. All species of bat in Britain and their roosts are afforded special protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If bats are found, English Nature must be contacted for advice.
- * The development should incorporate Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) including making use of permeable surfaces and other similar measures to reduce the risk of non-point source pollution or excessive surface water run-off adversely affecting adjacent watercourses. This might include the use of gravel surfaces in paths, parking spaces and driveways.
- * Careful consideration of the type of lighting along the river edge must be given. Any lighting should not over-spill on to the adjacent foreshore areas, to limit disturbance to feeding wildfowl.

LANDSCAPE AND RECREATION: CONTACT JULIE BAXTER (LANDSCAPE) ON 0118 953 5572 OR COLIN WOODWARD (RECREATION) ON 01276 454719

- * The site is highlighted in the 'Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea', for development and regeneration hubs/focal points of activity.
- * At the present time it is difficult to judge from the application whether the design creates a network of vibrant urban spaces that link with the River Thames.
- * The design of the present Public Space adjacent to the Thames Path does not seem to celebrate the riverside setting as there is no integration between the Thames Path and the open space.
- * The Agency would wish to see appropriate mooring and access point on the south side of the Creek linking to the Public Path.
- * The latest design of the bridges seem to have less relationship with the south bank than the previous designs.
- * The site has two features that will have an interest to the recreational users of the River Thames. Local groups currently use the power station outfalls for canoe-training and the site has an historic use as a wharf. The documents note these interests but do not propose a socio-economic comment on retention or loss of these features. It is likely that the Planning Authority will receive lobbies in relation to such interests. Subject to design detail, the

Agency is supportive of such interests.



GROUNDWATER PROTECTION: CONTACT NICOLA FLEMWELL ON 01707 632395

* The Tier 1 Groundwater Risk Assessment does not take into account the groundwater monitoring data from the previous monitoring rounds. Free product has been identified with Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) concentrations in the perched water at 28.7mg/l and the River Terrace Gravels at 8.9mg/l. The Agency could therefore not concur that no groundwater remediation is necessary. Ideally target concentrations should be met at the point of discharge into the River.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION(WATER QUALITY): CONTACT DAVE **DECOSTER ON 0208 310 5500**

Any above ground oil storage tank(s) should be sited on an impervious base and surrounded by a suitable liquid tight bunded compound. No drainage outlet should be provided. The bunded area should be capable of containing 110% of the volume of the largest tank and all fill pipes, draw pipes and sight gauges should be enclosed within its curtilage. The vent pipe should be directed downwards into the bund. Guidelines are available from the Environment Agency.

Drainage from covered car parking floors should not discharge to the surface water system. Where roof parking is proposed surface water should pass through an approved oil separator before connecting to the surface water system.

No sewage or trade effluent, including cooling water containing chemical additives, vehicle wash waters, steam cleaning effluent, or pressure wash effluent, should be discharged to the surface water system.

PLANNING INFORMATIVES

The following planning informatives should be attached to any planning permission granted:

Under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991, the prior written consent of the Environment Agency is required for any discharge of sewage or trade effluent into controlled waters (e.g. watercourses and underground waters), and may be required for any discharge of surface water to such controlled waters or for any discharge of sewage or trade effluent from buildings or fixed plant into or onto ground or into waters which are not controlled waters. Such consent may be withheld. Contact Environmental Protection, Water Quality on 01707 632300 for further details.

Under the terms of the Water Resources Act 1991, the prior written consent of the Environment Agency is required for dewatering from any excavation or development to a surface watercourse. Contact Environmental Protection, Water Quality on 01707 632300 for further details.



Please contact me on the number shown below if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Mr J Thorne, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

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John Marsh, Waterman Environmental

Environmental Protection & Customer Services

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Our ref: 02/1797

Your ref: DPS/DCSW/PP/02

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Direct Dial: 020 8891 7472

Contact: Mr G Green

The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea M J French – Executive Director Planning & Conservation The Town Hall Hornton Street London W8 7NX

12 August 2002

Dear Mr Allen

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

LOTS ROAD POWER STATION AND LAND AT THAMES AVENUE DEVELOPMENT. **LONDON SW10**

I refer to your consultation regarding the proposed development involving the conversion of the existing power station building and demolition of the existing out buildings to power station to provide residential units, commercial and community uses, including cafes, restaurants, restaurants, retail units, office accommodation and workshops; open spaces provided inside and outside the retained power station including two public squares, landscaped terraces along Chelsea Creek and the River Thames Walkway, at the above mentioned site.

My Council's observations are as follows:-

That the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea be advised that this Council raise no objection.

'ours faithfully

D Barnes

Development Control Manager

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Our Ref: NE/2002/008039-1/3 Your Ref: DPS/DCSW/PP/01/01627

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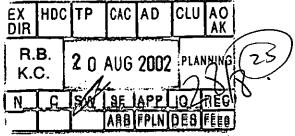
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Head Of Planning
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F.A.O: Paul Entwistle

Dear Mr Entwistle

LAND ADJACENT TO SOUTH SIDE OF CHELSEA CREEK, AND LAND AT THAMES AVENUE, CHELSEA HARBOUR DRIVE, LONDON, SW10 APPLICATION NUMBER: 2002/1366/P & 2002/1368/P

The Environment Agency has received further information from Waterman Environmental, in letters dated 5, 7 & 13th August 2002, following our objections to the above development. We are unable to fully assess the information provided within the time available to meet your deadline of the preparation of the Committee Report. Our letter of 29th July 2002, still describes the Agency's position unless otherwise specified below. This letter is to assist you in understanding how the information recently provided by Waterman Environmental may alter the Agency's comments.

Objection 1:

We have received further information on this and may be able to

remove the objection subject to further consideration of the

details.

Objection 2:

Further information submitted shows improvements to the

proposals, however we still have concerns.

Objection 3:

We have received further information, but are unable to comment

further until we have fully assessed the information.

Objection 4:

As a result of a letter from Waterman Environmental, dated 5th August 2002, that specifies that the proposed concrete rafts within the Creek bed will be removed and not incorporated into the development proposals, the Agency is satisfied this objection can be removed. The importance of the first condition, that no development be commenced until a scheme for the treatment of the Creek bed is approved, should

be noted. The Agency would ask to be consulted on any plans

forwarded in relation to this condition.

Environment Agency
Apollo Court, 2 Bishops Square Business Park, St Albans Road West, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9EX, Tel no:01707 632300, Fax no:01707



Both objections remain.

Conditions:

The suggested wording of the following three conditions should be altered to read as follows

CONDITION: No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until a scheme for the treatment of the Creek bed is approved to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. The development shall only proceed in accordance with the approved scheme.

REASON: To protect and enhance the ecological value of the River Thames

CONDITION: No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until a scheme for the enhancement of the riverside to include intertidal terraces alongside the River/Creek has been approved to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. This must include the design, method of construction, dimensions, elevation (in relation to tidal levels) and material. Planting should be limited to appropriate native species only. The development shall only proceed in accordance with the approved scheme.

REASON: To protect and enhance the ecological value of the River Thames

CONDITION: No development approved by this permission shall be commenced until a detailed scheme for bridges has been approved to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. The development shall only proceed in accordance with the approved scheme. REASON: To protect and conserve the character and value of the River/ Creek.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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20 August 2002

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I. Thank

Waterman Environmental Consulting Engineers & Scientists



Dear James

Re: Lots Road Development - Environment Agency Points of Objection

Further to our various telephone conversations of last week, I am writing to confirm my understanding of the current situation with regard to your letter dated 29 July 2002. As you know, we have been making great efforts to provide supplementary information to the Agency as points of clarification on each issue. In summary:

Reason 1

Encroachment: We have agreed with lan Blackburn a basis for measuring the baseline condition of the Creek, against which we have shown a zero net loss and have proposed a possible planning condition for the consideration of the Agency. Whilst lan Blackburn has intimated to you that he feels the information submitted will resolve the issue, this will be confirmed on his return from holiday today.

Reasons 2 and 3

To date lan Blackburn has not fully reviewed the information submitted but it is clear that some progress has been made towards resolving these issues. However, he considers that some further, as yet unspecified, information may be required. You indicated to me that lan had noted that he had not received copies of the architect's drawings. Whilst this was submitted as part of the planning application, we will forward a further set to him for his return on Tuesday.

Reason 4

We have written to you to confirm that these structures will be removed from the Creek bed and you noted that you should be in a position to remove this objection.

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Reasons 5 and 6

I have discussed this issue with Colin Woodward who formulated this response jointly with Julie Baxter, who is away on leave. We have forwarded to him a letter detailing the ways by which we have addressed the recommendations of the Kew to Chelsea Landscaping Strategy (which was published after the ES was issued) and sent him strong letters of support from CABE (dated 8 August) and English Heritage (dated 12 August). These letters (enclosed) support the masterplanning and design philosophy adopted by Terry Farrell & Partners. However, Colin is still of the opinion that the scheme does not conform to the architectural aspirations of the strategy and various user groups. Nonetheless, putting this opinion of design aside, our review of the strategy (sent to you dated 13 August, 2002) demonstrates that the proposed scheme meets 90% of the aspirations of the document and is therefore substantially compliant with relevant EA policies.



With regard to the proposed planning conditions, you should be aware that before it is possible to commence the creek works, a considerable amount of demolition, site clearance and decontamination works will be required either side of the creek in the Power Station and Oil Storage area.

In recognition of this, we believe it is reasonable to suggest that the site is split into phases and within each phase the initial activity will be decontamination/demolition works and, where appropriate, creek works which we would look to complete prior to occupation of the phase. The detail of this phasing will be a matter to be agreed with the boroughs in the s.106 legal agreement.

Please could you now write to the boroughs in-light of these changes and additional information provided.

I trust that this provides a reasonable summary of the current situation.

Yours sincerely

John Marsh

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our ref: 2002/2806 Date: 23 August 2002

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Consultation in connection with a planning application

The Council, as a neighbouring planning authority, does not wish to comment on the application referred to in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE

APPLICATION NUMBER:

2002/2806

LOCATION:

Lots Road Power Station Lots Road SW10

(Site in the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and the London Borough of Hammersmith &

Fulham)

Observations to Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea on DESCRIPTION: proposed mixed development including conversion of existing power station building to provide a mix of residential, retail, office, business and restaurant uses, together with erection of a 30-storey residential tower with ground floor gym, a 3-8 storey building incorporating commercial and residential uses, a 7-storey residential building, associated parking, servicing and landscaping, and works to Chelsea Creek, including provision of three pedestrian bridges. (Duplicate application).

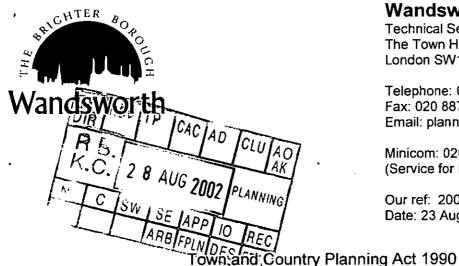
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Our ref: 2002/2826 Date: 23 August 2002

Consultation in connection with a planning application

The Council, as a neighbouring planning authority, does not wish to comment on the application referred to in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE

APPLICATION NUMBER: 2002/2826

LOCATION: Lots Road Power Station, Lots Road SW10

(Site in the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham)

DESCRIPTION: Observations to Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea on proposed mixed development including conversion of existing power station building to provide a mix of residential, retail, office, business and restaurant uses, together with erection of a 30-storey residential tower with ground floor gym, a 3-8 storey building incorporating commercial and residential uses, a 7-storey residential building; associated parking servicing and landscaping and works to Chelsea Creek, including provision of three pedestrian bridges.

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BOROUGH PLANNER'S SERVICE

GENERAL INFORMATION TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990



This decision does not convey any approval, consent, permission or licence under any other Acts, or Bye-Laws, Orders or Regulations and nothing in this decision shall be regarded as compliance with or approval, consent, permission or licence under other legislation.

You must ensure that your proposal complies with the Building Regulations. You can obtain advice from Building Control, 5th Floor, The Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU (tel. No. 020 8871–7620) to ensure that your proposals comply with the Building Regulations.

You are also reminded that the Council's permission does not modify or affect any personal or restrictive covenants, easements, etc., applying to or affecting the land or the rights of any persons (including the Council) entitled to the benefits of them. If you are unsure whether there are relevant restrictions which might stop the building of extensions, alterations to the property or changing the use (even if you have a planning permission) you should consult a suitably qualified professional advisor.

If the proposed development requires changes to or new street name or numbers you should contact the Council's Street Name and Numbering Section at the earliest opportunity (tel. No. 020 8871–7520).

Statement of Applicant's Rights arising from the refusal of planning permission or from the grant of permission subject to conditions.

Appeals to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport & Regions

If you are dissatisfied with the Council's decision to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice, using a form which you can get from The Planning Inspectorate, 3/24, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel. No. 0117 3728 858, Fax. No. 0117 3728 782.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

The Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based its decision on a direction given by the Secretary of State.

Purchase Notices and Compensation

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subjects to conditions, the owner may claim that the land cannot be put to a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council requiring the Council to purchase the land in accordance with the provisions of Part IX of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the local planning authority if permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal. These circumstances are set out in sections 169 and related provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed development of land at:

Lots Road Power Station, Lots Road Site, London SW10

I give notice that:

Circadian Ltd

is submitting amendments to the current application, submitted on the 7 June 2002, to the:

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

for amendments to:

the Creek by way of alterations to the profile of the creek bed and a reduction in the height of a section of the creek terraces.

These amendments are supported by an <u>Addendum to the existing Environmental Statement</u> submitted with the current application on the 7 June 2002, for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999.

The Addendum to the Environmental Statement and the amendments to the scheme are available for viewing by members of the public at all reasonable hours from 30 August 2002 to the 20 September 2002 at the Council offices stated below and the Estate Management Office, The Chambers, Chelsea Harbour. Copies of the Addendum may be obtained at a charge of £50 per copy from: Circadian Ltd, 4 Dunraven Street, London, W1K 7FB

Any person who wishes to make representations regarding the application and these amendments should write to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea at Department of Planning, Town Hall Hornton Street, London, W8 7NX within 21 days beginning with the date of service of this notice.

Signed:

Motor Gus

Date:

30 August 2002