

# Planning and Development Control Committee Minutes

Wednesday 26 November 2025

## **PRESENT**

**Committee members:** Councillors Nikos Souslous (Chair), Nicole Trehy (Vice-Chair), Patrick Walsh, Callum Nimmo, Lydia Paynter and Alex Karmel.

**Other Councillors:**

Councillors Florian Chevoppe Verdier, Daryl Brown and Stephen Cowan.

**Officers:**

Joanne Woodward (Director of Planning and Property)  
Matt Butler (Assistant Director of Development Management)  
Ieuan Bellis (Team Leader)  
Allan Jones (Team Leader Urban Design and Heritage)  
John Sanchez (Deputy Team Leader)  
Catherine Slade (Deputy Team Leader)  
Catherine Paterson (Principal Transport Planner)  
Grant Deg (Director Legal Services)  
Mrinalini Rajaratnam (Chief Solicitor Planning and Property)  
Charles Francis (Clerk)

Gwion Lewis, King's Counsel

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were provided by Councillors Ross Melton and Adrian Pascu-Tulbure.

## **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

In relation to Item 4, the Chair, Councillor Nikos Souslous declared that he worked for a local charity in 2021 and applied for and received a grant from the Earl's Court Development Company on behalf of the organisation. He confirmed he would consider the application with an open mind and on its merits. He participated in the meeting and voted on the item.

### 3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 November 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

### 4. **LAND BOUNDED BY NORTH END ROAD, BEAUMONT AVENUE, WEST CROMWELL ROAD, WEST LONDON RAILWAY LINE, LILLIE ROAD, LAND COMPRISING THE EMPRESS STATE BUILDING, AISGILL AVENUE, THE FORMER GIBBS GREEN SCHOOL AND PROPERTIES FRONTING DIEPPE CLOSE, LONDON, SW6 / W14, WEST KENSINGTON, 2024/01942/COMB**

An addendum was circulated prior to the meeting that modified the report.

A verbal update to the Addendum was also provided, adding two further Heads of Terms as follows:

- The retention of architect and landscape architect as part of the detailed design stages, to safeguard the design intent.
- The provision and retention of a free to enter publicly accessible roof terrace (including the submission of a Publicly Accessible Roof Terrace Management Plan).

John Sanchez, Catherine Slade and Allan Jones provided a presentation.

Before the registered speakers addressed the Committee, the Chair confirmed that due to the complexity of the application, he would use his discretion and permit an extended speaking time of 10 minutes at the meeting. This was agreed by the Committee.

No objectors had registered to speak. The Chief Executive Officer, Head of Design and Head of Planning of The Earl's Court Development Company, and a local resident addressed the Committee in support.

Councillor Florian Chevoppe-Verdier and Councillor Daryl Brown, ward Councillors for West Kensington addressed the Committee.

The Committee voted on the officer recommendations for approval as amended by the Addendum and verbal Addendum as follows:

Recommendation 1:

<b>FOR</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

Recommendation 2:

<b>FOR:</b>	<b>Unanimous</b>
AGAINST:	0
NOT VOTING:	0

**RESOLVED**

1. That, subject to there being no contrary direction from the Mayor for London, that the Director of Planning and Property be authorised to grant planning permission upon the completion of a satisfactory legal agreement and subject to the conditions listed in the report as amended by the Addendum and verbal Addendum.
2. That the Director of Planning and Property, after consultation with the Assistant Director of Legal Services and the Chair of the Planning and Development Control Committee be authorised to make any minor changes to the proposed Heads of Terms of the legal agreement or proposed conditions, which may include the variation, addition or deletion of conditions, and any such changes shall be within their discretion.

**Addendum**

Meeting started: 7.00 pm  
Meeting ended: 10.52 pm

Chair .....

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