

Resolution for December Board of Woodberry Down Community Organisation

As discussed at the March Board, a resolution was passed in December 2021 in which the Board made a commitment to hold a community forum in regards to the new masterplan. Although, the resolution did not specify when the Community forum should be held, it was agreed at the March Board that we currently do not have the capacity to hold the Community Forum. The Executive have therefore proposed that the resolution is amended. Please see below the suggested change.

“This board notes that Berkeley Homes submitted Woodberry Down regeneration proposals to the Hackney Pre-App Planning Sub-committee on 27/10.2021.

The board further notes that in the Planning Report for this meeting it was claimed that the Woodberry Down regeneration is “community led”.

The board wishes to publicly state that the pre-application proposals were submitted to Hackney Planning without any consultation with the community: not the design committee on which WDCO sits; not the wider WDCO Board; and not the community in general.

This board accordingly disassociates itself from these proposals

This board further notes that within these pre-application proposals Berkeley Homes had broken promises previously made to WDCO and to the community. For example, that there would be no further tall buildings at the centre of the development. This promise is the Second (revised) Masterplan, where it was acknowledged that there was community “concern at additional tall buildings being added to the site. Yet the pre-application submitted proposed options for two new tower blocks of 17 and 20 stories, in defiance of both these previous promises and community opinion that was expressed during the consultation on the second masterplan.

This Board notes the recent statement from Berkeley Homes regarding the involvement of the Design committee in developing proposals and the promise that any information to be shared with the Design Review Panel and the Pre Application Sub committee will be shared and discussed with the Design Committee in advance.

This board calls on Berkeley Homes to

1. Continue to engage in new and genuine discussions with the Design Committee with an open mind agreeing the options to go to the wider community for consultation
2. to develop a timetable for the masterplan that allows gives the design committee sufficient time to contribute effectively to the development of design options and
3. to adhere to consensus working as agreed in the Partnership Agreement when developing detailed designs and the overall plan.
4. to take full account of community views when deciding design proposals.

~~This board also agrees to hold an open Community Forum to discuss what all in the community wish to see from the new masterplan.~~ *This Board believes that it currently does not have the capacity to hold a Community Forum on the new masterplan. This Board resolves to hold a community forum at a future date when capacity allows.*

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