

Webber and Quentin TMO
Minutes of Board meeting Wednesday 8th July 2020 7:00-9.00 pm (Special Meeting regarding the office only)
Virtual meeting

Present

Orenda O'Brien Davis OOD (minutes) Lisa Stevens LS
 Graeme Womack GW Julie Lewis, JL
 Jesse Cudjoe JC Angela Nelson AN
 Umran Malik, UM (Chair)
 Sophie Thorpe ST

Southwark attendees: None

Resident observers: None

Apologies: None

No	Item	Action
1.	Welcome, introduction and apologies – standing item	
	UM welcomed all and chaired the meeting, which was quorate (5 minimum). The meeting was held virtually over Skype due to the coronavirus pandemic. Minutes are to go to Tracy as well as other attendees in future.	
2.	W&Q TMO Board matters – standing item	
2.1	Declarations of Interest and attendance – standing item	
	Graeme, Julie and Lisa declared that they live in Quentin. Other members live in Webber Row.	
2.2	Office	
	<p>The meeting discussed Richard's responses to our requests for clarification, and there was further discussion on the pros and cons. Meeting re-iterated that the board is not keen on the office in either location as it will cause controversy amongst some residents. We would have preferred an office in a ground floor flat (two of which have come available during this period) or an estate commercial space, both of which we have been denied.</p> <p>Richard's responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification on the replacement parking – where exactly would this be <p>Response was Richard expects at least another three spaces could be created and we could have estate parking council officers come to a meeting to discuss where these could be.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement on whether there is potential for an office to be part of the proposed Quentin development <p>Response is that this proposal is at a very early stage and the board should not rely on this option as it may not happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would like Webber Row (Mawdley) explored as well – if possible, the council could put it to residents 	

Richard's response: the costs are too high for various reasons. The building in Mawdley does not give permitted development rights. The board noted there would also be many objections to this option as well.

The meeting agreed that before we could make a final decision as to whether to support this application or not, we would please like responses to the following:

1. There are government guidelines around the statutory obligation of the council to provide a TMO with an office. Where is this, please? (If Richard cannot supply this, board to ask Susie or Liz Michael, who was our TMO assessor:
Approved Assessor, Tel: 07709441302, Email:lizmichael@btinternet.com

Southwark's office policy:

The Provision of TMO Office Space As part of the implementation stage, the council will also provide the TMOs with suitable office accommodation in accordance with government guidance. The council will decide how best to fulfil this obligation on a case by case basis working alongside the TMO's committee. Officers will ensure value for money as well as other considerations such as accessibility, are taken into account when deciding how to provide office space which will be ultimately decided balancing the aspirations of the TMO against council's departmental and corporate objectives and in accordance with the council's scheme of delegated authority and available budgets. Options can include, but are not limited to: commercial premises in the local area, existing TRA halls in the estate or neighbouring estates, renting space in local community facilities, adapting other small communal spaces, sharing an office with a nearby TMO, etc. The cost of providing office accommodation is covered by the council. New build offices will only be considered as a last resort once all other avenues have been explored and deemed not feasible.

<http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s71739/appendix%201%20proposed%20southwark%20tmo%20development%20policy.pdf>

2. Please could we have clarification as to where the water and electrics and waste will be sited / dealt with. How will this impact the landscaped parking area?

3. Yes we would like to take up the offer to have the estate parking officer come speak to us so that we can understand where the new parking spaces could be sites.

4. We are unhappy with planning process in general, e.g. that the TMO was not informed about the changes agreed by planning; this took us by surprise. Please can you confirm that that statutory process was followed, e.g. around communications to councillors, etc.

The board noted our disappointment and unhappiness that our solutions of a flat / commercial space was not heeded.

The meeting noted Siraj's comments that he did not feel that the Mawdley option would have been isolated, he was referring to a suggestion regarding having the portacabin at the back of the Webber Row green space.

Action: Angela, who is the board member leading on the office, to take the following points and put them into an email to Richard. Angela to circulate for comment from the board before she sends them to him. Angela to

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	include a deadline for Richard to respond to us.	
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	None Next meeting tbc	