



Planning Inspectorate

**APPLICATION REFS: APP/E5900/V/24/3353754 &
APP/E5900/V/24/3353755**

SITE ADDRESS: Royal Mint Court, London EC3N 4QN

NOTE FOR INTERESTED PARTIES

1. The Inspector appointed to conduct the Inquiry is Claire Searson MSc PGDip BSc (Hons) MRTPI IHBC. The Inquiry is scheduled to open at 10.00am on Tuesday 11 February 2025.
2. In light of the substantial public interest in this case, the purpose of this note is to set out the Inspector's expectations as to how she will hear the evidence from the interested parties.
3. An Inquiry Timetable will be published in due course. As set out in the Case Management Conference Note, a specific session will be held for interested parties to make representations to the Inquiry on **Tuesday 11 February**.
4. This will take place after the Inspector has given her opening and after openings have been given by the applicant and the Council.
5. As part of managing the programming, interested parties are asked to indicate **as soon as possible** whether they will be attending to the Programme Officer, David Mason. He can be contacted at: David.Mason@towerhamlets.gov.uk
6. At this stage, specific time slots for speaking cannot be allocated. However, please indicate any time constraints to the Programme Officer and the Inspector will endeavour to take these into consideration as best she can.
7. If you are unable to attend on 11 February but wish to speak, please let the Programme Officer know. The Inspector will organise to hear from you at another mutually agreeable point during the Inquiry.
8. To make the best use of Inquiry time and to avoid repetitious evidence, interested parties are strongly encouraged to nominate a spokesperson.
9. It would be helpful to the Inspector to have written copies of any speeches if these have prepared to give on the day. These should be submitted electronically via the Programme Officer. It is acceptable to list the names of all those people you are representing at the end of the transcript if you are acting as a spokesperson, so that there is a formal written record. If you are not speaking from notes or a speech, the Inspector will take notes.

10. Interested parties should consider if they are prepared to answer questions which may be put to them by the relevant advocate and/or the Inspector.
11. All of the main parties and interested parties should be treated with courtesy and respect. Anything which disrupts the smooth running of the Inquiry and prevents the Inspector from focusing on the evidence or any other party from making their case will not be tolerated.
12. No banners will be permitted in the Inquiry room. Those viewing the proceedings should behave in a respectful manner. The Inspector has the power to require any person present at the Inquiry who is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave.
13. Finally, the Inspector will have had sight of all of the written representations made in response to the applications. Full account of those written representations will be taken in making recommendations to the Secretary of State. The Inquiry will also be livestreamed for those who wish to view the proceedings remotely.

Press Enquiries

14. Press enquiries should go via the Planning Inspectorate. The relevant contact details are:

Telephone enquiries: 0303 444 5004
Email enquiries: press.office@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
15. Please quote the relevant case details in your correspondence to the team.

C Searson
INSPECTOR
22 January 2025