

Use of the Council's urgency processes involving a waiver of the Call-In process.

Council is asked to note the decision taken and the reasons for urgency.

1. Decision: Electric Quarter – Ponders End (Start on Site)

1.1 Reason for Urgency:

The Cabinet is due to approve (15 March 2016) the grant of a lease for Phase A of the Electric Quarter – Ponders End scheme.

The reasons for urgency in terms of implementation of the decision were as follows:

It was necessary to grant the lease before the end of March 2016, so that the lessee could have an interest in the land, so that they could sign the Section 106 agreement to secure the planning permission for the Electric Quarter. Planning permission had been granted, subject to a Section 106 agreement.

Work had to start on site before the end of March 2016, to secure a £845,000 grant from the Greater London Authority.

Start on site could not have commenced without the planning section 106 agreement being finalised and this could not have been signed by the lessee without the lease being granted.

For these reasons there was not enough time, before the end of March 2016, to allow for the normal call in period to elapse and a possible call in meeting to be arranged. It was therefore requested that the call-in be waived, to secure the £845,000.

This was not dealt with earlier, as the Council was reliant on the lessee producing information, conditional on the discharge, which was only made available in March 2016.

The use of the Council's Waiver of Call in Procedure was approved by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 March 2016.