

Building on Streatham Common-ME 128446

From: Ewing,Paul
Sent: 26 April 2010 17:30
Subject: RE: Building on Streatham Common-ME 128446

Dear Councillor Whelan

Thank you for your enquiry and please find the following response to the issues around what other sites were considered for the temporary ice rink.

By way of background, Tesco's revised proposal to the council led to the need to consider locations for the provision of temporary ice rink facilities. The Council carried out a high-level scoping exercise of potentially suitable alternative sites for the temporary ice rink facilities, taking into account a number of criteria for this type of facility. It was determined that the first preference should be for the temporary ice rink to remain located within Streatham, however this has yielded very few viable options. Other possible options within the wider borough and slightly beyond the boundary of Lambeth were also considered.

Key criteria taken into consideration whilst reviewing the suitability of sites included:

- Suitability of land use
- Fitness for the size of temporary structure
- Planning and implementation constraints e.g. timescales
- Ownership of land
- Accessibility
- Re-instatement implications

These are by no means the only issues that will need to be taken into account whilst considering suitable options, but they informed the early consideration of the choices available to accommodate this development.

Any preferred site for a temporary ice rink would be required to seek planning permission and other necessary permissions before it could go forward. The granting of planning consent will depend on meeting a range of considerations including how the development relates to the surrounding land uses and the suitability of the structure and use for that site.

Consideration of Potential Sites – Temporary Ice

Streatham sites considered included Streatham Common, Stockport Playing Fields, St Julian's Farm Road SW16, Valley Road SW16, Former M15 site on London Road SW16.

Other sites outside of Streatham that were considered included: Brockwell Park, Somerleyton Road (temp school site), Coldharbour Lane (opposite Barrier block of flats), Popes Road car park, Clapham Common, Knights Hill (former Lambeth College site in Norwood), Tooting Common (near public Lido) and Crystal Palace.

Following the scoping exercise, it was considered that Streatham Common could offer the best alternative based on preference for ice facilities to remain in Streatham. Further studies will need to be carried out to determine the appropriateness of this site.

Presently, the council is working with Tesco around the specifications on temp facilities. Once there is an agreement, work will progress on securing the necessary permissions for the temporary site.

If you have any feedback on this response please let us know by following the link below. This will assist us in identifying areas we can take action to improve the both the quality of responses and the ME service overall.

http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/surveys/scs/members_survey.htm

Alternatively, please contact the responding officer or the departmental Members' Enquiry Officer for issues requiring more immediate action.

Regards

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Dear Councillor Whelan

Thank you for your enquiry.

I have logged your enquiry under reference ME 128446 and passed it to Paul Ewing in our Regeneration and Enterprise division to arrange a response to you by 26 April 2010.

Yours sincerely

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From: Whelan,Clare Cllr
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I know the views below are strongly shared by many people. I would be grateful for a full response letting me know what other sites were considered and why they were rejected?

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Subject: Building on Streatham Common

The Streatham Society

April 11th 2010

Policy Statement

By E-mail

Temporary Ice Rink on Streatham Common and the proposed New Supermarket.

We must never forget that the common belongs to the people of Streatham and to those who enjoy the open space.

The Streatham Society is totally opposed to the desecration of Streatham Common by the proposed temporary Ice Rink. We feel that this development should be called in for further consultation and the new agreement in kind between Tesco's and Lambeth Council not rushed through. If the new plans are passed, at the planning stage, this part of Streatham could be blighted for many years. What was a leisure area near to the common is now proposed to become a commercial area with a loss of this type of commercial initiative from other parts of the High Road. However we do feel that there should be continuity of the presence of the ice rink as it is an asset for Streatham. It could be suggested that it is a London wide asset. It is puzzling that the only site that could be found for the temporary ice rink was the common. Why were the alternative sites considered rejected? The Society also objects to a second part of the common (the car park) could be used for a leisure centre to the disturbance of the local residents. The impact on the wildlife and biodiversity and surrounding area on this part of the common would be an environmental disaster.

It is questionable whether the original outline planning agreement is valid because of the vast increase in size of the proposed supermarket. What affect will this have on the small local traders? It appears that the recent officer's report to the Lambeth Cabinet members was flawed where it states incorrectly that Streatham Common is Metropolitan Open Land. It is actually Metropolitan Common Land set up by Acts of Parliament. Why is there no mention in the proposed temporary arrangements for a swimming pool? It could be argued that a swimming pool is a more important amenity for the residents of Streatham.

Local people have used the common as an open space for a thousand years. Over the centuries, those who were responsible for the open space have safeguarded it for the community, thereby ensuring its long term survival. Streatham Common is a prime heritage site and should be treated as such. It is the responsibility of Lambeth Council on behalf of the community to respect, care and protect the common as a place for all to enjoy. They should not allow the expedient of a commercial development to degrade the common.

Brian Bloice