

(by email)

Our reference: MGLA220726-4286

18 August 2026

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 22 July 2026. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You requested:

I would be grateful if you could also provide the following in relation to the Motspur park Gas Holder planning application.

1. The date and purpose of the Deputy Mayors site visit.
2. The names, organisations and roles of all those who attended the visit.
3. Confirmation of whether the visit was undertaken with the applicant only or if the landowner and any other parties were present.
4. Confirmation of whether local residents, objectors or other interested parties were invited to attend or given an opportunity to present their concerns during the visit.
5. Copies of any briefing notes, agendas, presentation materials, plans, photographs, emails, minutes or notes prepared before, during or after the visit.
6. Details of any discussions relating to the planning merits of the application that took place during the visit.
7. A copy of any GLA policy, protocol or guidance governing site visits by the Deputy Mayor or other planning decision-makers in relation to live planning applications, including how impartiality is maintained where visits take place with an applicant before a public hearing.
8. Any documents, briefing notes, assessments, correspondence or internal advice relating to the environmental impacts of the proposed development, including consideration of MOL, biodiversity, air quality, climate impacts, urban greening and the balancing exercise undertaken when assessing these matters.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. The site visit was held 14 July 2026, and was intended to allow the Deputy Mayor a chance to understand the setting and context of the site.
2. The attached site pack contains a list of job titles of those who visited. TfL – Assistant Planner also attended.

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3. Please find attached the site visit pack with attendees. Please note that some names of members of staff are exempt from disclosure under Regulation 13 (Personal information) of the EIR. Information that identifies specific employees constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject
4. This is not the purpose of the visit, the views of local residents and objectors was heard during the hearing.
5. Please find attached a copy of the site visit pack. The purpose of this was for GLA staff to show the Deputy Mayor around the site.
6. None, this was not the purpose of the visit.
7. A copy of the protocol can be accessed via the GLA website: [Public Hearings, Mayoral call-ins, Directions to Refuse and Appeals | London City Hall](#)
8. All of the details were assessed and considered in the Officer Report and addendum, which have been published online via the GLA website: [Motspur Park Gasholders Site Hearing Documents](#).

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA220726-4286.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

MOTSPUR GASHOLDER SITE VISIT

**STAGE 3 PLANNING APPLICATION
14TH JULY 2026 @ 2.00 PM**

SITE VISIT GENERAL BRIEFING

Protocol – The Deputy Mayor may ask questions as desired during the visit to clarify relevant factual matters, but must not express any form of view on the development proposals. The Deputy Mayor should also note that representatives from the Local Planning Authorities and the applicant will be accompanying him on the visit. As such, it is important that no representations are made to the Mayor during the site visit.

Scope of the site visit – The planning issues associated with the case have been used to define the nature of the site visit. The visit has been designed to view the site, its surrounding context, and key features. Graphical representations and images of the proposal will be provided by the GLA case officer on the site visit.

Time: 2:00 pm START: meet at start point as per the slide below (Motspur Park train station exit).

Attendees on the site visit GLA Planning officers, TfL Planning and legal adviser will accompany the Deputy Mayor on the site visit, as well as representatives from LB Kingston and Merton Council and the applicant, as listed below.

GLA and TfL

- Jules Pipe MBE - Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service
- [REDACTED] - Head of Development Management; [REDACTED] - Senior Projects Officer
- [REDACTED] - TfL Legal, [REDACTED] - TfL

LB Kingston and Merton

- [REDACTED] (Kingston) & [REDACTED] (Merton)

Applicant

- [REDACTED] – Land Director; [REDACTED] – Divisional Land and Development Director - Berkeley Homes

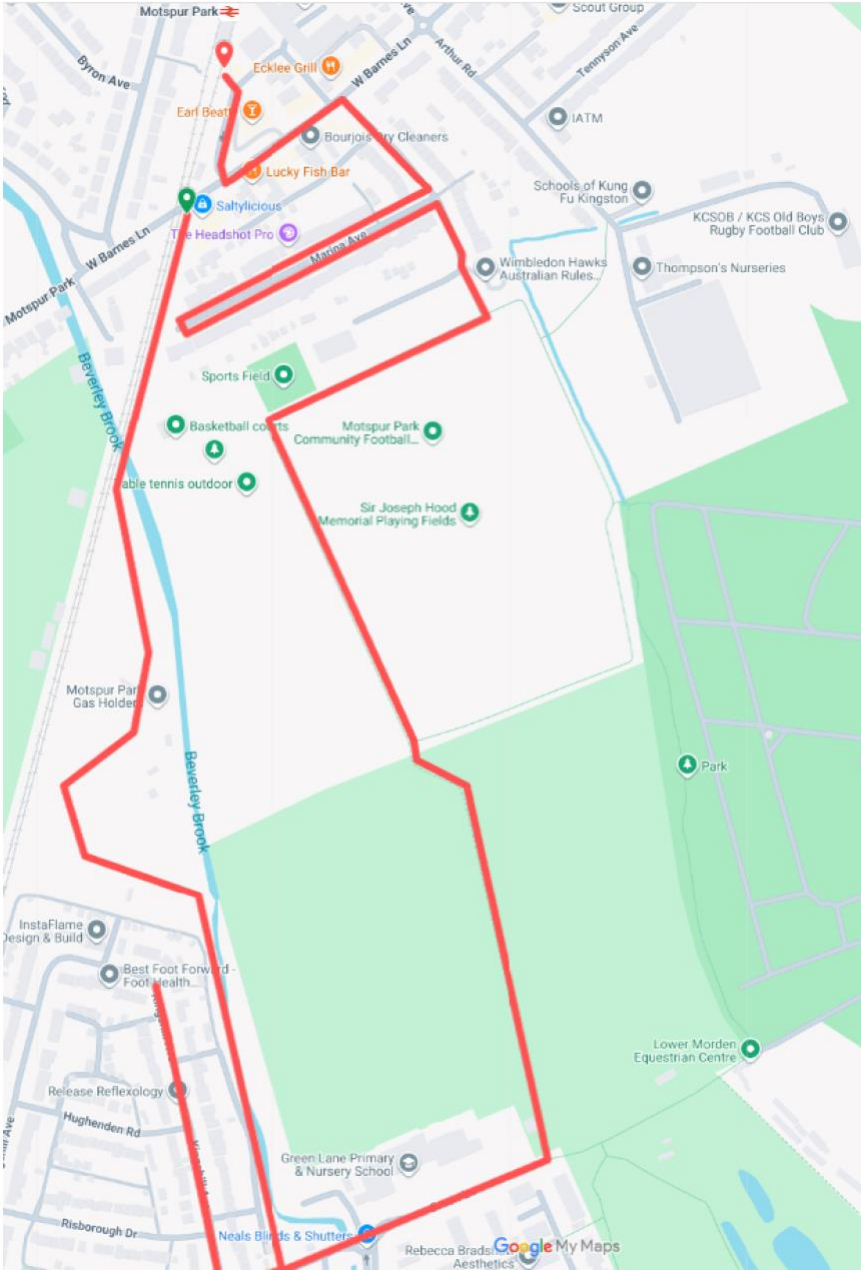
SITE VISIT ROUTE

Location: Meet at entrance Motspur Park train station exit

Time: 2:00 pm



Contact is [REDACTED]



APPLICATION SITE (AERIAL VIEWS)



Heights of Gasholders 26m, 59m, 49m

THE PROPOSAL

Demolition of existing gasholders and phased redevelopment to provide a residential development (586 homes) across five blocks up to 52 metres, works to the existing accesses and internal vehicular routes, new pedestrian and cycle routes, the provision of new publicly accessible open space, amenity space, hard and soft landscaping, cycle and car parking, works to the brook embankment, re-siting of some gas infrastructure, ground works and plant.



THE PROPOSAL



Fig. 90 East Elevation



Fig. 91 West elevation

LB KINGSTON REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. The proposed development, by reason of its cumulative bulk, scale and height, would result in substantial harm to openness of the Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) and accordingly would constitute inappropriate development within the MOL, failing to meet the exceptions test as defined by Paragraph 154(g) of the NPPF. The proposal would accordingly fail to comply with Policy G3 of the London Plan which seeks to protect MOL land from inappropriate development.
2. The proposal, by reason of its layout, orientation, scale, appearance and shape, would constitute an incongruous and discordant form of development, that would be out-of-character with the prevailing built form in the surrounding area, failing to respect local distinctiveness, and failing to comply with the provisions of Policy D3 of the London Plan. The development would not constitute good design and accordingly fail to comply with Policies DM10 and CS8 of the Kingston Core Strategy, the Kingston Residential Design SPD, Chapter 12 of the NPPF and Policy D3 and D9 of the London Plan.
3. The proposed development, in absence of a legal agreement to secure on-site affordable housing, as well as secure contributions towards employment development, training and business support, site specific transport requirements, energy efficiency, biodiversity requirements and associated monitoring fees and would be contrary to Policies CS1, CS5, CS6, CS7, DM15, DM3, DM6, DM8, DM9 and IMP3 of the Kingston Core Strategy, Kingston's Planning Obligations SPD (2017) and Policies H4, GG5, T4, G6 and SI2 of the London Plan.

PROPOSED LAYOUT & MASSING



- PS - Studio / 1 Bed
- PS - 2 Bed
- PS - 3 Bed
- SO - 1 Bed
- SO - 2 Bed
- AR - 1 Bed
- AR - 2 Bed
- AR - 3 Bed



PROPOSED OPEN SPACE & LANDSCAPING

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Northern entrance gateway | 9 Courtyard Garden |
| 2 Northern Access | 10 Woodland Garden |
| 3 Northern Arrival square | 11 Southern Arrival square |
| 4 Brookside walk | 12 Southern Access |
| 5 Western edge | 13 Southern entrance gateway |
| 6 Central Green space | 14 Gas governor |
| 7 0-4 years enclosed play space | |
| 8 5-8 years play space | |



ACCESS AND CAR PARKING



- Key:
- Accessible Parking Bay
 - Standard Parking Bay
 - Vehicle Route
 - S1 Service Bay (for development)
 - S2 Service Bay (for dedicated SGN use)



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Fig. 36 View of Brookside cycle and footpath, looking south

TOWNSCAPE VIEWS – STATION FOOTBRIDGE



TOWNSCAPE VIEWS – ST JOSEPH HOOD PLAYING FIELD



TOWNSCAPE VIEWS - PADDOCKS FOOTPATH



TOWNSCAPE VIEWS - KINGSHILL AVENUE

