

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA220221-6751

21 May 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 22 February 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *The information that was provided to the GLA that informed the statement that there is an equivalent to a net increase of 1,850 sq.m. of new publicly open space.*

The application documents are available at (using the Councils ref: 19/AP/1867):
<https://planning.southwark.gov.uk/online-applications-old/>

At paragraph 6.53 (page 39) of the applicant 'planning statement' (dated 18 June 2019) the area of existing public realm is listed and the proposed area. The stage 2 report will correct the figure of 1,850sq.m. and reflect the increase of 5,440sq.m.

2. *If information request - 1 above, does not provide the following, a breakdown of sqm for each of the following areas cited in paragraph 19 as below and any other area not cited that makes up the stated 9,509 sq.m. of public open space: Play spaces Outdoor gym Two semi-private residential gardens Six roof terraces The proposed MUGA in the northern part of the site.*

The breakdown of these spaces is at page 23 of the applicants "planning statement" dated 18 June 2019 provided below:

Table 4.3 Public Open Spaces

Type	Proposed (sqm)
New Green Link	1,709
MUGA	288
Stadium Approach	1,900
Stadium Square	556
Green Space between Buildings	5,056
Total	9,509

3. *Who provided the information that has informed the GLA stage 1 response?*

The GLA's assessment has been made against the information referred by Southwark Council to the GLA in accordance with the Mayor of London Order 2008.

4. *The policy, procedures or process the GLA has in order to validate a planning application claim with regard to open space.*

By way of context and in relation to your request; the Deputy Mayor acting under delegated authority initially reviewed the scheme on 11 November 2019, and provided his 'Stage 1' comments to Southwark Council, a copy of the report has been published on the City Hall website here (using the ref: GLA/0083c): <https://gla.force.com/pr/s/> and sets out whether he considers that the application complies with the spatial development strategy (including the London Plan); and his reasons for taking this view.

Following public consultation and receipt of consultation responses, Southwark Council considered the scheme at their planning committee in July 2020 and resolved to grant planning permission. In due course Southwark Council will refer the application back to the Mayor for a decision as to whether the Council's decision can stand, whether to direct refusal or if he wishes to take the application over for his own determination (the latter is only possible if the application passes policy tests and criteria set out in the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008). This is known as the 'Stage 2' referral process.

Further guidance on the referral process is set out in [The Town and Country Planning \(Mayor of London\) Order 2008 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mag/2008/0001)

5. *The GLA stage 1 response states the development is located in East Dulwich. Please send me: Confirmation that when the GLA provided the GLA stage 1 response it was aware that the development is located in the Southwark Council subarea of 'Camberwell' for open space purposes?*

All relevant spatial policy and material considerations were considered as part of the Mayor's Stage 1 response, including Southwark Council's Open Space Strategy (2013) which identifies the site within Camberwell for the purposes of its open spaces assessment. GLA officers note that the Southwark Council Open Space Strategy (2013) identifies that parts of the site are below average value, below average quality and that the sub-area of Camberwell is an area which is deficient in quantity of open space.

6. *Confirmation that when the GLA provided the GLA stage 1 response it was aware that the Southwark Council sub-area of 'Camberwell' is a sub-area deficient in quantity of open space.*

See above

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer

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