

REQUEST FOR MAYORAL DECISION – MD1200

Title: Full and final settlement with Brian Brewster, Sheila Brewster and Barry Brewster ‘The Claimants’ for an interest acquired under CPO powers

Executive Summary:

The GLA is in litigation with ‘The Claimants’ who had their land acquired under compulsory purchase powers.

This report sets out the terms for a letter to settle with the Claimant and protect the GLA from costs.

Following negotiation with a CPO claimant the GLA has reached a provisional settlement of terms for compensation with the claimant. The report sets out the terms for the agreement and seeks authority to formally agree those terms and settle the claim.

Decision:

That the Mayor grants approval for the GLA to make an offer to settle with a Claimant, as outlined in Part 2.

Mayor of London

I confirm that I do not have any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in the proposed decision, and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Date

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE MAYOR

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

The Claimants' jointly owned a site on Knobbs Hill Road Stratford London E15 which was compulsorily acquired for the London 2012 Olympic Games. The GLA have been in negotiations with 'The Claimants' try to seek a full and final settlement of the outstanding claims within the CPO Compensation Code. The Acquiring Authority referred this claim to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) for determination. A provisional full and final settlement has been reached.

2. Issues for consideration

a) Links to strategies and Mayoral and corporate priorities

The interests in the ownership of the claimant related to plots within the CPO and needed to be acquired, along with others, to provide a clear and usable site for the Games and for legacy. The Mayoral and corporate priority "Making the most of London 2012" and "Improving the supply and access to Housing" as well as "Leaving a legacy of wonderful open spaces" are all relevant to the content of this report as legacy, public open space and housing could not be achieved without securing the land and therefore paying the compensation.

b) Impact assessments and Consultation

The period for consultation regarding the CPO was set by the Secretary of State when the CPO powers were first applied for in 2005 and objectors had the right to make their views known to the Secretary of State's inspector who held a public Inquiry to listen to the objectors and to the LDA's responses.

The offer letter is an attempt to settle the claim.

c) Risk

The offer to settle reported in this report is recommended by the Executive Director of Land and Housing and is based upon the report also recommending the settlement prepared by the agents specialist valuation adviser to GLA.

If an offer to settle is not made the GLA will be at risk of paying all the Claimants costs should the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) make an adverse decision and having to pay an increased level of compensation.

3. Financial Comments

See part two.

4. Legal Comments

See part two.

5. Investment & Performance Board

The overall strategy for managing the CPOs and settlements was agreed at IPB in February 2012

6. Background/supporting papers

None

Public access to information

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Is the publication of this approval to be deferred? YES

If yes, for what reason:

If the mayoral Decision is to approve the proposal the case will remain subject to contract until the documentation is completed. To reveal the existence of the decision before then would risk the claimant withdrawing the provisional agreement.

Until what date: Until the case legally completes on or before 1st August 2013.

Is there a part 2 form - YES

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

	Tick to indicate approval (✓)
Drafting officer: <u>David Clarke MRICS</u> has drafted this report in accordance with GLA procedures and confirms the following have been consulted on the final decision.	✓
Assistant Director/Head of Service: <u>Simon Powell</u> has reviewed the documentation and is satisfied for it to be referred to the Sponsoring Director for approval.	✓
Sponsoring Director: <u>David Lunts</u> has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the Mayor's plans and priorities.	✓
Mayoral Adviser: <u>Richard Blakeway</u> has been consulted about the proposal and agrees the recommendations.	✓
Advice: The Finance and Legal teams have commented on this proposal.	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL**Executive Director, Resources**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

Signature

Date

Chief of Staff

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Mayor

Signature

Date