

**ADDITIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WATERFRONT
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION**
PROPOSED BY THE NINE STAINES WARD COUNCILLORS AND APPROVED BY
THE FULL COUNCIL ON 14 OCTOBER 2021

For the enquiry to serve its intended purpose, it is important that it is thorough and credible to Councillors and the communities whose interests they serve. The Inquiry's Terms of Reference must therefore be comprehensive and robust and will be made public. It is proposed by the Staines Councillors that the inquiry shall deep dive into the following issues:

- The bidding and evaluation process, including the identity of other bidders and their views on the bidding process.
- The role of the Officers and consultants in the bidding and evaluation process, the process followed for the selection of the successful bidder and whether this was compliant with council policy and procedures and relevant legislation.
- The role of the Officers and consultants in maintaining the Project's confidentiality/secretcy prior to its announcement on 4 May 2020.
- The role of the then Council Leader, members of the Cabinet and other Councillors in the selection and evaluation of bidding parties, evaluation of the successful bidder's Project proposal, and evaluation, scrutiny and approval of the Development Agreement.
- The role of the then Council Leader, members of the Cabinet and other Councillors in maintaining the Project's confidentiality/secretcy prior to its announcement on 4 May 2020.
- The details of the DA including exit clauses, financial and other penalties, failure of non-delivery
- A review of all associated risk assessments undertaken with the DA, to include reputational risks.
- An audit trail of scrutiny functions in regard to the DA, including decisions taken on whether and on what basis the Development Agreement would be referred to or called in by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (given the Project's highly controversial features including its size, location, lease arrangements, financial and other implications).
- The Council's exercise of its statutory 'duty to co-operate' with affected neighbouring authorities, and the providers of relevant infrastructure, prior to the Development Agreement being approved and signed.
- The grounds on which involved Officers and/or involved Councillors concluded that the Project (given its height and mass) would be compatible with its location in the sensitive riverside Staines Conservation Area.
- The relationships that existed between the former Leader and/or the Chief Executive and/or other Councillors or Officers with the successful bidder prior to the invitation to bid.

This is a formal request to the Review Team that the Terms of Reference as announced by the current administration on 20th August 2021, be revised and expanded to include the above-mentioned points.

Signed by the nine Staines' Ward Councillors:

Staines: Cllrs Malcolm Beecher, Tom Lagden, and Veena Siva.

Staines South: Cllrs Chris Bateson, Sinead Mooney, and Jenny Vinson

Riverside and Laleham: Cllr Michele Gibson, Tony Harman, and Denise Saliapolous.