

F.A.O. WBC Planning Policy dept – Request for information – stages of progress of the LDP

Hello,

I made a telephone call to the Planning Policy Dept today, A man answered my call and I asked him some questions with regard to the stages of progression of the LDP.

I told him that I had looked at the information WBC had made available on the website but that the only information I had found was a rough plan of stages that had very little information re when key decisions would be made and by whom.

I wanted some information and asked who had been responsible for drawing up the preferred option development plan - who had decided which of the 5 proposals was to be forwarded; and who in fact had been the key decision makers, he said "the planning policy team". I asked could he give me their names he said [REDACTED] I asked if anyone else was involved, he said [REDACTED] I asked if this was [REDACTED], he confirmed it was and that [REDACTED] was Executive Director for Economic Growth & Regeneration. I asked for the surnames of the planning policy team but he declined this information. When I asked why he could not give me the information he said he needed to speak with a chief officer. After doing this he told me that I should send an email.

I want to know at what level our borough councillors have been involved during the progression of the plans, the choice of the varied options and ultimately the preferred option. If and when they would have had the the opportunity to vote on any issues.

I presume that once the public consultation period has finished and the evidence collated, that a decision will be taken on whether or not to proceed with the preferred option, Is this correct? Could you please tell me 'who' will make this decision, Will WBC Executive board make the decision or will the decision be made by Full Council? and when exactly will this decision likely be made?

There is so much confusion with regards to this, even our councillors do not know whether they will have a vote or not. I would be grateful if you could send me the correct details.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]