

NINE ELMS PIMLICO PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE BRIDGE DESIGN COMPETITION

STRATEGY GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 13:30PM 18 FEBRUARY 2015, LEADER'S OFFICE, WANDSWORTH TOWN HALL

Attendees: Councillor Govindia, Wandsworth Council (Chair); Councillor Robert Rigby, Westminster City Council; Paul Martin, Wandsworth Council; Peter Halpenny, Ballymore; Simon Wigzell, CLS; David Twohig, BPSDC.

Supported by:

Helen Fisher and Keith Trotter, Nine Elms Delivery Team; Colin Wilson and Samantha Wells, GLA; Caroline Cole, Colander.

Apologies: Councillor Heather Acton, Westminster City Council; Alex Williams and Michele Dix, TfL; Debbie Jackson and Stewart Murray, GLA.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Cllr Govindia welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies from those previously notified.
CC and KT displayed the single-image A2 boards of all entrants to the competition for everyone's information.
2. COMPETITION PROGRESS UPDATE AND FUTURE TIMETABLE
CC provided an update on the competition process. There had been 75 entrants to the competition with one of these subsequently rejected when one partner withdrew (thus meaning the practices remaining in that partnership did not meet the resilience criteria). 74 qualifying entries had therefore been received.
Each team had submitted two A2 boards (one image and one technical) as well as a supporting paper.
The Residents' Review Panel (RRP) and Technical Panel (TP) were meeting next week. Reports of their comments would be collated by Colander and shared with the Jury Panel which meets on 4 March. The Jury Panel would then shortlist the 74 entrants down to a maximum of four.
3. THE STAGE TWO BRIEF
CC then took the group through the arrangements for the Stage 2 brief. It was agreed that the brief would be supplied to the shortlisted teams at the end of purdah after the forthcoming May elections. CC would draft up a revised competition schedule and advise on future meeting dates.
CC circulated the draft brief and asked for comments from all.
HF reminded the group that the key design criteria to be addressed would include heights, public realm impact and landing points.
DT asked when the decision would be made regarding the preferred location. PM also asked CC whether this issue had been raised by any of the entrants.
CC explained that there had been many comments regarding this issue and each team had been referred to the TfL feasibility report.
Cllr Govindia stated that for Stage 2 there would need to be one preferred option given.

SW asked if the design options for the bridge would be able to include self-funding elements such as residential development within the structure.
CC said that issues such as this and other funding / design solutions could be fleshed out in the Stage 2 design development work.
In response to a question from PM, CC stated that the quantity surveying feasibility of each design would be tested by the TP at this stage and in more detail in Stage 2.
PH suggested that be added to the brief. CC confirmed it would be included.
4. JURY PANEL AND TECHNICAL PANEL ARRANGEMENTS
Next, CC went through the arrangements for the JP and TP, confirming the panel representatives. She confirmed that the TP would be focussing on four main issues – engineering, accessibility, construction and maintenance and planning and placemaking.
DT suggested that confidentiality and copyright be clarified so that entrants cannot use their images during the competition process and that suitable wording be well understood.
PM asked whether 'likes' and 'dislikes' could be used on the webpage gallery and at exhibitions. CC said she would look into this but that it may prove problematic given that entrants could 'like' their own scheme.
5. COMMUNICATIONS (EXHIBITIONS, SCHOOLS COMPETITION, ANNOUNCEMENTS)
CC outlined the exhibition details. She also requested that partners link through from their own websites to the competition website.
KT said that six Wandsworth and Lambeth schools (4 in Wandsworth, 2 in Lambeth) had expressed interest in the schools competition and that Westminster schools were still welcome to be put forward by Westminster Council should they want them to take part. Design students from the RCA had also agreed to support the schools competition. More details of this would be supplied in due course. Each school would submit a maximum of ten entries. Prizes would also be confirmed nearer the closing date of the competition.
Discussion followed regarding extending the exhibition given its large popularity. Wandsworth Town Hall, Phoenix House, the NLA, local venues and the walkway at City Hall were all mentioned as potential venues for both the main and schools competition entries. KT and CC would take this forward and SW would enquire as to the availability of City Hall.
6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
None.
7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
10:00am Wednesday 8 July 2015 – Leader's Office, Wandsworth Town Hall (unless otherwise notified).