

## **Note of meeting between Cllrs Cowan, Cartwright, Jones and Vincent, Council officers and National Grid regarding Fulham Gasworks – 25 November 2014**

### **Attendees:**

Councillors: Cowan, Cartwright, Jones and Vincent

Council Officers: Juliemma McLoughlin and John Finlayson

National Grid: Richard Alden, Charlie Connolly, Jeremy Castle (Deloitte) and Peter Elms (Local Dialogue)

### **Agenda:**

The meeting was arranged to allow National Grid to introduce their proposals for the Fulham Gas Work. Items put forward for discussion were:

- LBHF priorities
- Overview of National Grid property
- Joint venture and Fulham.
- Hazardous Substances licence

### **Meeting Record:**

- LBHF priorities

Councillor Cowan provided an overview of the new administration's manifesto commitments as they apply to the proposed regeneration scheme. In response to a housing crisis and London's demand for affordable homes greatly increased emphasis and priority on delivery of more affordable housing with housing types and tenures to be genuinely affordable to a range of incomes in line with the London Plan. Expressed concern about a number of regeneration schemes that appear not to be occupied – 'lights out issue' and an expectation that marketing of new homes would be targeted at local people and Londoners rather than foreign investors

- National Grid Property

-Responsible for redundant sites and surplus land  
-Expertise in site clean up  
-Manage commercial tenants  
-Disposals

- Joint Venture and Fulham

Recent announcement of a joint venture partnership 'St William' with the Berkeley Group. The Fulham site may be redeveloped by the joint venture.

Site clean-up, demolition of the gas holders and relocation of operational gas pipes and kit will be undertaken by National Grid. It is currently estimated that it will therefore be 3-4 years before the site is ready for development.

Will be further detailed discussion on the Fulham site once a development partner is in place and the Council would want to discuss partners to deliver affordable housing and low cost home ownership.

- Hazardous Substances Consent

This is currently hindering redevelopment of nearby sites. The recent planning permission for demolition of the gasholders provides a degree of certainty re future re-development to enable the revocation of the Hazardous Substance Consent licence. Agreed in this instance the Council should formally request National Grid to revoke the licence.

End of meeting record.