

TO: Executive Board – 28 February 2005

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES

North Area Committee - Thursday 3rd February 2005

131. TELECOMMUNICATIONS MASTS – SS PHILIP AND JAMES CHURCH

Peter Baguley informed the Committee that under delegated powers, officers had refused Listed Building Consent on application number 04/02035/LBC and that the refusal notice had been issued on 2nd February 2005.

Councillor Fooks said that the only reason the mast had been publicised was because it required Listed Building Consent. She said that all masts should have planning permission as the previous report by Sir William Stewart had recommended. She further added that details should be given on the radiation levels from handsets, and that consideration should be given to the possible banning of masts next to schools as happens in other countries.

Councillor Armitage said that the radiation from handsets was 500 times stronger than from masts. Councillor Brundin added that masts had different power levels and so it would not be easy to have a blanket ban on the siting of them.

The Committee agreed to REQUEST THE EXECUTIVE BOARD on behalf of the Council to lobby the government to adopt the following recommendations from the Stewart Committees report of some years ago:

- (a) All installations to require planning permission;
- (b) Handsets to be labeled with information on their power output;
- (c) A clear understandable leaflet setting out the installation requirement and the latest position on the possible health risks to be distributed to everyone by the Government;
- (d) The reconsideration of a whether there should be a ban on installations near schools.

Central South and West Area Committee – 8th February 2005

147. THAMES TOWPATH – BANK EROSION AT FIDDLERS ISLAND

The Built Environment Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved: -

- (1) to note the report;
- (2) to ASK THE EXECUTIVE BOARD to ensure that a decision is taken as soon as possible as to whether the Council should continue to be responsible for carrying out highway maintenance under Section 42 as the lack of a resolution of this issue has implications for the repair of the towpath.

East Area Committee – 16th February 2005

UNION STREET MULTI USE GAMES AREA

The Area Co-ordinator reported that although the Area Parliament had set aside £26k in its capital budget for resurfacing the Union Street Multi Games Area (MUGA), he had now been advised that it was revenue expenditure. There was an urgent need to identify revenue funding for this work or the MUGA may have to be closed for safety reasons.

Resolved to ASK the Executive Board to allow an exchange between the Area Parliament's capital budget and a suitable revenue budget.