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Major regeneration project approved by Lambeth Planning Committee

Muse Developments, one of the country's leading names in mixed-use development and urban regeneration, has received a resolution to grant planning permission for its 'Your New Town Hall' project in Lambeth.

The plans will deliver a modern and sustainable new civic office and customer service centre for Lambeth, as well as regenerating the current town hall and surrounding properties to provide new civic and community spaces. They will also provide 194 much-needed new homes for the borough, of which 40% will be affordable.

The Your New Town Hall project is part of a drive to transform civic facilities and buildings in central Brixton and reduce Lambeth's core office buildings from 14 to 2, saving taxpayers at least £4.5m a year.

Thomasin Renshaw, development director at Muse Developments, said: "We are delighted that the planning committee has resolved to grant planning permission for the 'Your New Town Hall' project. These plans will deliver a modern, energy-efficient civic office for Lambeth, and regenerate the current town hall and surrounding properties for new civic and community spaces.

"As well as saving the Council at least £4.5m in running costs by consolidating scattered services into the heart of Brixton, the project will also deliver 194 new homes, of which 40% will be affordable. We are looking forward to making a start on site in the coming months."

Speaking at the committee meeting, Cllr Paul McGlone, Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Finance said: "In years to come, I believe this will have been a good decision for Lambeth and Brixton in particular; it saves money, will boost homes, jobs and business and protects our shared heritage."

The approved redevelopment proposals, which cover the Town Hall Parade, Hambrook House and Olive Morris House along with the refurbishment of Ivor House and the Town Hall, will deliver:

- A preserved and enhanced Grade II listed Town Hall, more open and accessible to residents
- Quality office/ meeting spaces for local enterprise, start-ups and the community - twice the size of the Impact Hub project that is already based in the Town Hall - to encourage innovation and entrepreneurial spirit
- A new, 120,000 sq ft, energy efficient civic building with much improved customer centre and council offices
- 194 new homes including 40% affordable housing
- A car-free development (where parking permits will not be allowed) except for basement parking for wheelchair residents within the Olive Morris House development
- New landscaped public areas
- A new cycle hub with changing/ shower facilities and a cafe

The project will provide around 600 construction jobs including 35 apprenticeships and work placements. It is hoped that work can commence later this year, following the completion of the relevant legal agreements with Lambeth Council.