

**Location**                                **Britannia House 958 - 964 High Road London N12 9RY**

**Reference:**                                **16/2602/FUL**                                Received: 20th April 2016  
Accepted: 24th May 2016

Ward:                                         Woodhouse                                        Expiry 19th July 2016

Applicant:                                    Aga Slecicka

Proposal:                                    Part single, part two storey rear extension (to the eastern wing) to provide an additional 5no self contained flats at third and fourth floor levels

**Recommendation:** Approve subject to s106

#### RECOMMENDATION I:

That the applicant and any other person having a requisite interest be invited to enter by way of an agreement into a planning obligation under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any other legislation which is considered necessary for the purposes seeking to secure the following:

1. Paying the council's legal and professional costs of preparing the Agreement and any other enabling agreements;
2. All obligations listed below to become enforceable in accordance with a timetable to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority;
3. 3. Highways (traffic order)                                £2,000.00  
A contribution towards the cost of required changes to an existing traffic order or creation of a new order related to the development.
4. Monitoring of the Agreement £100.00  
Contribution towards the Council's costs in monitoring the obligations of the agreement.

#### RECOMMENDATION II:

That upon completion of the agreement the Service Director of Development Management and Building Control approve the planning application under delegated powers subject to the following conditions:

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans:

359/PL/400; 359/PL/401; 359/PL/402 Rev B; 359/PL/403; 359/PL/404 Rev D; 359/PL/405; 359/PL/406 Rev B; 359/PL/407; 359/PL/408 Rev B; 359/PL/409; 359/PL/410 Rev C; 359/PL/411 Rev D; 359/PL/412; 359/PL/413 Rev A; 359/PL/414 Rev A

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning and so as to ensure that the development is carried out fully in accordance with the plans as assessed in accordance with Policies CS NPPF and CS1 of the Local Plan Core Strategy DPD (adopted September 2012) and Policy DM01 of the Local Plan Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012).

2 This development must be begun within three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

3 The materials to be used in the external surfaces of the building(s) shall match those used in the existing building(s).

Reason: To safeguard the visual amenities of the building and surrounding area in accordance with Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and Policies CS NPPF and CS1 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012).

4 a) No development or site works shall take place on site until a 'Demolition & Construction Method Statement' has been submitted to and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority.

The Statement shall provide for: access to the site; the parking of vehicles for site operatives and visitors; hours of construction, including deliveries, loading and unloading of plant and materials; the storage of plant and materials used in the construction of the development; the erection of any means of temporary enclosure or security hoarding and measures to prevent mud and debris being carried on to the public highway and ways to minimise pollution.

b) The development shall thereafter be implemented in accordance with the measures detailed within the statement.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and good air quality in accordance with Policies DM04 and DM17 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013) and Policy 5.21 of the London Plan (2015).

5 a) Before the development hereby permitted is first occupied, details of enclosures and screened facilities for the storage of recycling containers and wheeled refuse bins or other refuse storage containers where applicable, together with a satisfactory point of collection shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

b) The development shall be implemented in full accordance with the details as approved under this condition prior to the first occupation and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance for the development and satisfactory accessibility; and to protect the amenities of the area in accordance with policies DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012) and CS14 of the Adopted Barnet Core Strategy DPD (2012).

6 Prior to the first occupation of the units, copies of Pre-completion Sound Insulation Test Certificates shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority, confirming compliance with Requirement E of the Building Regulations 2010 (or any subsequent amendment in force at the time of implementation of the permission).

Reason: To protect the amenities of future and neighbouring residential occupiers in accordance with Policies DM02 and DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013).

7 The property shall be used as self-contained units as shown in the hereby approved drawings under Class C3(a) and no other purpose (including any other purpose in Class C3 or C4 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987, or in any provision equivalent to that Class in any statutory instrument revoking and re-enacting that Order, with or without modification).

Reason: To enable the Local Planning Authority to exercise control of the type of use within the category in order to safeguard the amenities of the area.

8 No construction work resulting from the planning permission shall be carried out on the premises at any time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays, before 8.00 am or after 1.00 pm on Saturdays, or before 8.00 am or after 6.00pm pm on other days.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties in accordance with policy DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012).

9 Prior to the first occupation of the new dwellinghouse(s) (Use Class C3) hereby approved they shall all have been constructed to have 100% of the water supplied to them by the mains water infrastructure provided through a water meter or water meters and each new dwelling shall be constructed to include water saving and efficiency measures that comply with Regulation 36(2)(b) of Part G 2 of the Building Regulations to ensure that a maximum of 105 litres of water is consumed per person per day with a fittings based approach should be used to determine the water consumption of the proposed development. The development shall be maintained as such in perpetuity thereafter.

Reason: To encourage the efficient use of water in accordance with policy CS13 of the Barnet Core Strategy (2012) and Policy 5.15 of the March 2016 Minor Alterations to the London Plan and the 2016 Mayors Housing SPG.

10 Notwithstanding the details shown in the drawings submitted and otherwise hereby approved, prior to the first occupation of the new dwellinghouse(s) (Use Class C3) permitted under this consent they shall all have been constructed to meet and achieve all the relevant criteria of Part M4(2) of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010 (or the equivalent standard in such measure of accessibility and adaptability for house design which may replace that scheme in future). The development shall be maintained as such in perpetuity thereafter.

Reason: To ensure the development meets the needs of its future occupiers and to comply with the requirements of Policies 3.5 and 3.8 of the March 2016 Minor Alterations to the London Plan and the 2016 Mayors Housing SPG.

11 Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved it shall be constructed incorporating carbon dioxide emission reduction measures which achieve an improvement of not less than 6% in carbon dioxide emissions when compared to a building constructed to comply with the minimum Target Emission Rate requirements of the 2010 Building Regulations. The development shall be maintained as such in perpetuity thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development is sustainable and minimises carbon dioxide emissions and to comply with the requirements of policies DM01 and DM02 of the Barnet Development Management Policies document (2012), Policies 5.2 and 5.3 of the London Plan (2015) and the 2016 Mayors Housing SPG.

12 a) Before the development hereby permitted is first occupied, details of enclosures for the storage of bikes shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

b) The development shall be implemented in full accordance with the details as approved under this condition prior to the first occupation and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance for the development and satisfactory accessibility; and to protect the amenities of the area in accordance with policies DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012) and CS14 of the Adopted Barnet Core Strategy DPD (2012).

13 a) Before the development hereby permitted is first occupied, details of privacy screens to be installed shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

b) The screens shall be installed in accordance with the details approved under this condition before first occupation or the use is commenced and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not prejudice the amenity of future occupiers or the character of the area in accordance with policies DM01 and DM02 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Residential Design Guidance SPD (adopted April 2013) and the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013).

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That if the above agreement has not been completed or a unilateral undertaking has not been submitted by 20/11/2016, unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Service Director of Development Management and Building Control REFUSE the application under delegated powers for the following reason(s):

1. The development fails to provide a legal undertaking to enable an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order and contribution towards the associated monitoring costs to mitigate the on-street parking impact in the vicinity of the site, contrary to policy DM17 of the Development Management Policies DPD and the Planning Obligations SPD.

### **Informative(s):**

- 1 In accordance with paragraphs 186 and 187 of the NPPF, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals, focused on solutions. The LPA has produced planning policies and written guidance to assist applicants when submitting applications. These are all available on the Council's website. A pre-application advice service is also offered. The LPA has negotiated with the applicant/agent where necessary during the application process to ensure that the proposed development is in accordance with the Development Plan.
- 2 The applicant is advised that any development or conversion which necessitates the removal, changing, or creation of an address or addresses must be officially registered by the Council through the formal 'Street Naming and Numbering' process.

The London Borough of Barnet is the Street Naming and Numbering Authority and is the only organisation that can create or change addresses within its boundaries. Applications are the responsibility of the developer or householder who wish to have an address created or amended.

Occupiers of properties which have not been formally registered can face a multitude of issues such as problems with deliveries, rejection of banking / insurance applications, problems accessing key council services and most importantly delays in an emergency situation.

Further details and the application form can be downloaded from: <http://www.barnet.gov.uk/naming-and-numbering-applic-form.pdf> or requested from the Street Naming and Numbering Team via [street.naming@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:street.naming@barnet.gov.uk) or by telephoning 0208 359 7294.

- 3 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applies to all 'chargeable development'. This is defined as development of one or more additional units, and / or an increase to existing floor space of more than 100 sq m. Details of how the calculations work are provided in guidance documents on the Planning Portal at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/cil](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/cil).

The Mayor of London adopted a CIL charge on 1st April 2012 setting a rate of £35 per sq m on all forms of development in Barnet except for education and health

developments which are exempt from this charge. Your planning application has been assessed at this time as liable for a payment under Mayoral CIL.

The London Borough of Barnet adopted a CIL charge on 1st May 2013 setting a rate of £135 per sq m on residential and retail development in its area of authority. All other uses and ancillary car parking are exempt from this charge. Your planning application has therefore been assessed at this time as liable for a payment under Barnet CIL.

Please note that Indexation will be added in line with Regulation 40 of Community Infrastructure Levy.

Liability for CIL will be recorded to the register of Local Land Charges as a legal charge upon your site payable should you commence development. Receipts of the Mayoral CIL charge are collected by the London Borough of Barnet on behalf of the Mayor of London; receipts are passed across to Transport for London to support Crossrail, London's highest infrastructure priority.

You will be sent a 'Liability Notice' that provides full details of the charge and to whom it has been apportioned for payment. If you wish to identify named parties other than the applicant for this permission as the liable party for paying this levy, please submit to the Council an 'Assumption of Liability' notice, which is also available from the Planning Portal website.

The CIL becomes payable upon commencement of development. You are required to submit a 'Notice of Commencement' to the Council's CIL Team prior to commencing on site, and failure to provide such information at the due date will incur both surcharges and penalty interest. There are various other charges and surcharges that may apply if you fail to meet other statutory requirements relating to CIL, such requirements will all be set out in the Liability Notice you will receive. You may wish to seek professional planning advice to ensure that you comply fully with the requirements of CIL Regulations.

If you have a specific question or matter you need to discuss with the CIL team, or you fail to receive a 'Liability Notice' from the Council within 1 month of this grant of planning permission, please email us at: [cil@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:cil@barnet.gov.uk).

Relief or Exemption from CIL:

If social housing or charitable relief applies to your development or your development falls within one of the following categories then this may reduce the final amount you are required to pay; such relief must be applied for prior to commencement of development using the 'Claiming Exemption or Relief' form available from the Planning Portal website: [www.planningportal.gov.uk/cil](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/cil).

You can apply for relief or exemption under the following categories:

1. Charity: If you are a charity, intend to use the development for social housing or feel that there are exception circumstances affecting your development, you may be eligible for a reduction (partial or entire) in this CIL Liability. Please see the documentation published by the Department for Communities and Local Government at

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/6314/19021101.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6314/19021101.pdf)

2. Residential Annexes or Extensions: You can apply for exemption or relief to the collecting authority in accordance with Regulation 42(B) of Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2010), as amended before commencement of the chargeable development.

3. Self Build: Application can be made to the collecting authority provided you comply with the regulation as detailed in the [legislation.gov.uk](http://legislation.gov.uk)

Please visit <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/applications/howtoapply/whattosubmit/cil> for further details on exemption and relief.

- 4 The applicant is advised this planning permission only conveys approval of the proposed rear extension at 3rd and 4th floor levels only and not for any associated replacement windows in the main building. Replacement of windows in the main building would require planning permission under a separate full planning application.

## **Officer's Assessment**

### **1. Site Description**

The site is Britannia House, a seven storey building on the corner of High Road and Britannia Road within the Woodhouse ward. The existing building is seven stories to the front and steps down to three storeys to the rear.

The site is not located within a town centre. Britannia Road has office and community buildings on the south side however the north side is generally residential. The High Road has a mixture of uses with shopping parades to the south and opposite, and residential properties to the north.

### **2. Site History**

Reference: 15/07451/FUL

Address: Ground Floor, Britannia House, 958 - 964 High Road, London, N12 9R

Decision: Refused

Decision Date: 29 Feb 2016

Description: Roof extension to existing building adding seventh and eight floors, extending the third and fourth floors to the eastern wing to provide a of total 9no additional self-contained units with associated parking and refuse. New communal terrace to fourth floor. Changes to fenestration. With associated extension to lift shaft.

The above application was refused for the following reasons:

1. The proposals would result in the creation of a tall building in a strategically inappropriate location that would cause harm to the character and appearance of the area, being contrary to policy DM05 of the Adopted Barnet Development Policies DPD (2012) and policy CS5 of the Adopted Core Strategy (2012).
2. The extensions to the building, by reason of their height and design, would appear out of scale with neighbouring buildings, appearing obtrusive and incongruous. The proposals would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the streetscene and general locality and be contrary to policy DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012), policy CS5 of the Core Strategy (2012), and policies 7.4 and 7.6 of the Mayor's London Plan 2015 and Adopted Barnet 'Residential Design Guidance' SPD (2013).
3. The proposed development would result in a harmful level of overshadowing to the rear windows and garden of no.972 High Road. This would be contrary to policy DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012) and Adopted Barnet 'Residential design Guidance' and 'Sustainable Design and Construction' SPDs (2013).
4. The proposed development would appear overbearing, oppressive and visually dominating as perceived from the rear windows and garden of no.5 Brtiannia Road and no.972 High Road. This would be contrary to policy DM01 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012) and Adopted 'Residential Design and Construction' and 'Sustainable Design and Construction' SPDs (2013)
5. The proposals would result in the harmful overlooking of the rear gardens of neighbouring residential properties at no.972 High Road and no.5 Britannia Road, being



contrary to policies DM01 and DM02 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012), and 'Residential Design Guidance' and 'Sustainable Design and Construction' SPDs (2013).

6. Insufficient car parking is provided which would be likely to lead to overspill parking on the public highway contributing to increased kerbside parking to the detriment of the free flow of traffic and highway and pedestrian safety contrary to policies DM01 and DM17 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012).

Reference: F/01895/14

Address: Britannia House, 958 - 964 High Road, London, N12 9R

Decision: Prior Approval Required and Approved

Decision Date: 4 Jun 2014

Description: Change of use (5th and 6th Floor) from B1 office to C3 residential (18 Units)

Reference: F/05325/13

Address: Britannia House, 958 - 964 High Road, London, N12 9R

Decision: Prior Approval Required and Approved

Decision Date: 9 Jan 2014

Description: Change of use from B1 office (first, second, third & fourth) to C3 residential

### **3. Proposal**

This application seeks consent for a part single, part two storey rear extension (to the eastern wing) to provide an additional 3 no self-contained flats at third and fourth floor levels.

It should be noted that the proposed development has been amended since its original submission and now shows a reduction in the number of units from 5 to 3 in order to ensure that all units are no longer single aspect and to accommodate a set back away from the existing living room windows of units 15 and 22.

It should also be noted that there are 2 other separate applications currently still under determination for further extensions to create additional units on Britannia house.

### **4. Public Consultation**

134 consultation letters were sent to neighbouring properties.

9 objections have been received

The views of objectors can be summarised as follows;

- Loss of light
- Loss of privacy
- Proposed height
- Out of character
- Overlooking
- Insufficient amenity space
- Position outside of main town centre is not suitable for such a tall building
- Impact on parking and congestion
- Detrimental to visual amenity

Other / internal consultations:

Highways: The proposed development is acceptable on highways grounds subject to the comments and the suggested conditions and informatives and S106 contributions of £2,000 would be required towards the amendment of Traffic Order for exemption of Purchase of permits.

## **5. Planning Considerations**

### **5.1 Policy Context**

#### National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Practice Guidance

The determination of planning applications is made mindful of Central Government advice and the Local Plan for the area. It is recognised that Local Planning Authorities must determine applications in accordance with the statutory Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise, and that the planning system does not exist to protect the private interests of one person against another.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published on 27 March 2012. This is a key part of the Governments reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible, and to promote sustainable growth.

The NPPF states that 'good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people'. The NPPF retains a presumption in favour of sustainable development. This applies unless any adverse impacts of a development would 'significantly and demonstrably' outweigh the benefits.

#### The Mayor's London Plan 2015

The London Development Plan is the overall strategic plan for London, and it sets out a fully integrated economic, environmental, transport and social framework for the development of the capital to 2031. It forms part of the development plan for Greater London and is recognised in the NPPF as part of the development plan.

The London Plan provides a unified framework for strategies that are designed to ensure that all Londoners benefit from sustainable improvements to their quality of life.

#### Barnet's Local Plan (2012)

Barnet's Local Plan is made up of a suite of documents including the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Documents. Both were adopted in September 2012.

- Relevant Core Strategy Policies: CS NPPF, CS1, CS4, CS5, CS9, CS15.
- Relevant Development Management Policies: DM01, DM02, DM08, DM17.

The Council's approach to extensions as set out in Policy DM01 is to minimise their impact on the local environment and to ensure that occupiers of new developments as well as neighbouring occupiers enjoy a high standard of amenity. Policy DM01 states that all development should represent high quality design and should be designed to allow for adequate daylight, sunlight, privacy and outlook for adjoining occupiers. Policy DM02 states that where appropriate, development will be expected to demonstrate compliance to minimum amenity standards and make a positive contribution to the Borough. The

development standards set out in Policy DM02 are regarded as key for Barnet to deliver the highest standards of urban design.

### Supplementary Planning Documents

#### Residential Design Guidance SPD (adopted April 2013)

- Sets out information for applicants to help them design an extension to their property which would receive favourable consideration by the Local Planning Authority and was the subject of separate public consultation. The SPD states that large areas of Barnet are characterised by relatively low density suburban housing with an attractive mixture of terrace, semi-detached and detached houses. The Council is committed to protecting, and where possible enhancing the character of the borough's residential areas and retaining an attractive street scene.
- States that extensions should normally be subordinate to the original house, respect the original building and should not be overly dominant. Extensions should normally be consistent in regard to the form, scale and architectural style of the original building which can be achieved through respecting the proportions of the existing house and using an appropriate roof form.
- In respect of amenity, states that extensions should not be overbearing or unduly obtrusive and care should be taken to ensure that they do not result in harmful loss of outlook, appear overbearing, or cause an increased sense of enclosure to adjoining properties. They should not reduce light to neighbouring windows to habitable rooms or cause significant overshadowing, and should not look out of place, overbearing or intrusive when viewed from surrounding areas.

#### Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013)

- Provides detailed guidance that supplements policies in the adopted Local Plan, and sets out how sustainable development will be delivered in Barnet

## **5.2 Main issues for consideration**

The main issues for consideration in this case are:

- Whether harm would be caused to the character and appearance of the existing building, the street scene and the wider locality;
- Whether harm would be caused to the living conditions of neighbouring residents.

## **5.3 Assessment of proposals**

Proposed siting, character and appearance

The Borough has an attractive and high quality environment that the Council wishes to protect and enhance. It is therefore considered necessary to carefully assess both the design and form of new development to ensure that it is compatible with the established character of an area that is defined by the type and size of dwellings, the layout, intensity, and relationship with one another and their surroundings. Proposals involving the development of sites in residential localities are required to reflect the particular character of the street in which the site is located and the scale and proportion of the building.

This proposal has been considered against Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies (Adopted) 2012 states that all development should represent high quality design and should be designed to allow for adequate daylight, sunlight, privacy and outlook for adjoining occupiers and seek to ensure that proposals are of high quality design, respect the scale of surrounding buildings, and harmonise with local townscape and character. The pattern of surrounding buildings should be respected.

To accord with Policy D3 the size, shape, position and detail of spaces around new building should enhance development and be in keeping with the character and quality of the area, and Policy D4 expects new development to respect the constraints of the site to accommodate development, and that it should not result in overdevelopment. Council's policies and guidelines in respect of alterations to residential properties seek to ensure that they respect the scale, character and design of any building on which they are to be placed and are compatible with the character of the locality. Alterations will not be permitted if they do not have regard to the amenities enjoyed by neighbours.

Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies (Adopted) 2012 states that all development should represent high quality design and should be designed to allow for adequate daylight, sunlight, privacy and outlook for adjoining occupiers.

Policy DM06 of the Development Management Policies (Adopted) 2012 states that development proposals must preserve or enhance the character and appearance of 16 Conservation Areas in Barnet.

It is recognised that each planning application should be considered on its own merits nevertheless it is considered that if it is determined that the proposal would not harm the character, it would be difficult for the Local Planning Authority to justify refusal. It is considered that the general design, bulk and massing of this proposal would be in keeping with the size and scale of the adjoining block of flats and would preserve the character and appearance of the established residential developments.

This application seeks consent to erect rear extensions at part third floor and part 4th floor level of the eastern wing of Britannia House, providing three additional units.

The design of the proposed extensions matches that of the existing block using matching materials and following the same fenestration detailing. As such it is considered that the design and appearance of the proposed extension is in keeping with the host building and will not appear out of character in the street scene.

The proposed development has been amended since the original submission to show a reduction in the number of units proposed from five to three in order to ensure the proposed new units meet the requirements of the London Plan and adopted Design Guidance which stipulates that new development should not provide solely aspect outlook to future occupiers. The amended scheme ensures the proposed new units are at least dual-aspect to afford the future occupiers with a better outlook and greater level of amenity.

The footprint of the proposed scheme has also been amended to introduce a cut-back away from the living room windows of flats 15 and 22 of the existing block. This ensures that the outlook from these windows is not detrimentally affected by the proposed development.

In the interest of clarity, this application does not convey granting of planning permission for a new replacement windows in the main building. The applicant is advised any associated new replacement windows will require planning permission under a separate full planning application.

Living conditions of future occupiers

It is considered that the current application complies with the space standards for new development outlined in Policy 3.5 (table 3.3) of the London Plan 2015 and is considered to provide adequate internal space for future occupiers.

The proposed development would provide the following accommodation:

#### Third Floor

F31- 2b3p: 68sqm

F32- 1b2p: 60sqm

#### Fourth Floor

F33- 3b5p: 114sqm

These dwellings would exceed the minimum gross internal areas as required. The proposed dwellings are also compliant with Part 2.2 part of the Council's Sustainable Design and Construction SPD in regard to the size of bedrooms having a minimum floor area of 8 sq. Furthermore the proposed development meets the requirement that glazing to all habitable rooms should not normally be less than 20%.

Table 2.3 within the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD indicates that for flats outdoor amenity space should be 5sqm per habitable room. Flat 32 would have access to a roof terrace of 12sqm and Flat 33 would have access to a roof terrace of 20sqm. Also it should be noted the development has good access to green open spaces at Friary Park and Coppetts Wood located a few minutes' walk south east of the site it is therefore considered to be acceptable.

Details of privacy screening would need to be submitted to ensure there would be no overlooking of neighbouring properties from the proposed terracing area therefore a condition is attached to ensure details of this condition is discharged to the satisfaction of the local planning authority.

An appropriate area for the storage of recycling and refuse bins has been suggested at the ground floor and it is recognised that space exists for such a facility, however, no details of a proposed enclosure have been provided and therefore a condition requiring its details is suggested. No details of a proposed cycle store have been provided; this too is required through the imposition of a condition.

#### Highways

The proposal is for a two storey side extension to provide additional 3no self-contained flats.

The proposed development would require parking provision of between 0 and 3 parking spaces in accordance with the parking standards as set out in the Development Management Policy DM17.

Although it is mentioned in the Design and access statement that there is parking available on site, no parking provision has been identified for the proposed development.

However, taking into consideration the following:

- o The site is located within a town centre location and close to local amenities.
- o The site is within an All Day Controlled Parking Zone.

Development without parking provision could be acceptable if the occupants of the new development are exempted from purchasing parking permits for the CPZ. S106 contributions of £2,000 would be required towards the amendment of Traffic Order for exemption of Purchase of permits.

Cycle parking:

No cycle parking has been provided. A condition will be placed on the application for the provision of cycle parking.

Refuse:

Refuse storage facilities are provided at ground floor level in accordance with the Councils' standards.

Impact on neighbours

The proposed extensions are sited set in at 3rd and 4th floor levels. It is considered that sufficient distance have been maintained from the boundaries of the neighbouring properties. It is not considered the proposed extensions would result in unacceptable overlooking and a loss of privacy to neighbouring occupiers.

The proposals are considered to be acceptable. It is considered that subject to compliance with the attached conditions, the proposed development would have an acceptable impact on the character and appearance of the application site, the street scene and the locality. The development is not considered to have an adverse impact on the amenities of neighbouring occupiers. This application is therefore recommended for approval.

#### **5.4 Response to Public Consultation**

In regard to the concerns raised regarding potential loss of light, overlooking and loss of privacy to neighbouring occupiers the proposals are not considered to detrimentally impact on the amenity of neighbouring occupiers in this manner due to the distance away from neighbouring occupiers the proposed extensions are sited. Although they introduce an extension at third and fourth floor levels, these are set back from the outer edge of the main building.

In regards to the parking issues raised, it should be noted that the Highways department have raised no objection to the proposed development.

In regard to the design of the proposed extensions, as detailed previously the design of the proposed extensions matches that of the existing block using matching materials and following the same fenestration detailing. As such it is considered that the design and appearance of the proposed extension is in keeping with the host building and will not appear out of character in the street scene.

#### **6. Equality and Diversity Issues**

The proposal does not conflict with either Barnet Council's Equalities Policy or the commitments set in the Equality Scheme and support the Council in meeting its statutory equality responsibilities.

## 7. Conclusion

Having taken all material considerations into account, it is considered that subject to compliance with the attached conditions, the proposed development would have an acceptable impact on the character and appearance of the application site, the street scene and the locality. The development is not considered to have an adverse impact on the amenities of neighbouring occupiers. This application is therefore recommended for approval.

