Location Former Garage Site Back Lane Edgware HA8

Reference: 16/3818/FUL Received: 10th June 2016

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Ward: Burnt Oak Expiry 11th August 2016

Applicant: Ms Sally Young

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey building comprising of 4no. self-contained flats

with associated amenity space and refuse storage

Recommendation: Approve subject to conditions

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

Design and access statement (HTA)

Planning Statement (HTA)

Daylight and Sunlight Statement (HTA)

Transport Statement (Vectos)

Sustainability Statement (BBS)

Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AGB)

Foul Sewage Statement

Ground Contamination Statement (AGB)

Utilities Record Search (Premier Energy)

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A BA2-S10 DR 0001 rev A

A BA2-S10 DR 0202 rev B

A BA2-S10 DR 0300 rev A

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Roof Block Plan-REV A

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Lane Block

Elevations 2B4PF Type A1-REV B

LBB-SMP-200 HTA-A BA2-S10 DR 0401 Back

Lane Block

Elevations 2B4PF Type A1-REV C

LBB-SMP-200 HTA-A BA2-S10 DR 0102 Back Lane Privacy Study 2-REV A

LBB-SMP-200_HTA-A_BA2-S10_DR_0202_Back Lane_Proposed First Floor and

Roof Block Plan-REV A

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

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.

- a) No development except demolition and exploratory works shall take place until details of the levels of the building(s), road(s) and footpath(s) in relation to the adjoining land and highway(s) and any other changes proposed in the levels of the site have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - b) The development shall thereafter be implemented in accordance with the details as approved under this condition and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development is carried out at suitable levels in relation to the highway and adjoining land having regard to drainage, gradient of access, the safety and amenities of users of the site, the amenities of the area and the health of any trees or vegetation in accordance with policies CS NPPF, CS1, CS5 and CS7 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012), Policies DM01, DM04 and DM17 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), and Policies 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.21 of the London Plan 2015.

- a) No development other than demolition works shall take place until details of the materials to be used for the external surfaces of the building(s) and hard surfaced areas hereby approved have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - b) The development shall thereafter be implemented in accordance with the materials as approved under this condition.

Reason: To safeguard the character and visual amenities of the site and wider area and to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with Policies CS NPPF and CS1 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012), Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and Policies 1.1, 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 of the London Plan 2015

- a) Prior to the occupation of development details of (i) A Refuse and Recycling Collection Strategy, which includes details of the collection arrangements and whether or not refuse and recycling collections would be carried out by the Council or an alternative service provider, (ii) Details of the enclosures, screened facilities and internal areas of the proposed building to be used for the storage of recycling containers, wheeled refuse bins and any other refuse storage containers where applicable, and (iii) Plans showing satisfactory points of collection for refuse and recycling, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - b) The development shall be implemented and the refuse and recycling facilities provided in full accordance with the information approved under this condition before the development is first occupied and the development shall be

managed in accordance with the information approved under this condition in perpetuity once occupation of the site has commenced.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance for the development and satisfactory accessibility; and to protect the amenities of the area in accordance with Policy CS14 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012), Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013).

a) A scheme of hard and soft landscaping, including details of existing trees to be retained and size, species, planting heights, densities and positions of any soft landscaping, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the commencement of above ground construction work.

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- b) All work comprised in the approved scheme of landscaping shall be carried out before the end of the first planting and seeding season following occupation of any part of the buildings or completion of the development, whichever is sooner, or commencement of the use.
- c) Any existing tree shown to be retained or trees or shrubs to be planted as part of the approved landscaping scheme which are removed, die, become severely damaged or diseased within five years of the completion of development shall be replaced with trees or shrubs of appropriate size and species in the next planting season.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development in accordance with Policies CS5 and CS7 of the Local Plan Core Strategy DPD (adopted September 2012), Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013) and 7.21 of the London Plan 2015.

- a) The site shall not be brought into use or first occupied until details of the means of enclosure, including boundary treatments, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - b) The development shall be implemented in accordance with the details approved as part of this condition before first occupation or the use is commenced and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the appearance of the locality and/or the amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties and to confine access to the permitted points in the interest of the flow of traffic and conditions of general safety on the adjoining highway in accordance with Policies DM01, DM03, DM17 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), and Policies CS NPPF and CS1 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012).

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).

Prior to the first occupation of the new dwelling(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.

Notwithstanding the details shown in the drawings submitted and otherwise hereby approved, prior to the first occupation of any of the new dwellings (Use Class C3) permitted under this consent, the two ground floor units shall 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). All other dwellings shall have been constructed to meet and achieve all the relevant criteria of Part M4(1) 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) prior to the first occupation of any of the new dwellings (Use Class C3) permitted under this consent. 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.

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 35% in carbon dioxide emissions when compared to a building constructed to comply with the minimum Target Emission Rate requirements of the 2013 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 Polices document (2012), Policies 5.2 and 5.3 of the London Plan (2015) and the 2016 Mayors Housing SPG.

The approved development shall make provision for cycle parking and cycle storage facilities in accordance with a scheme that shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Such spaces shall be permanently retained thereafter.

Reason: In the interests of promoting cycling as a mode of transport in accordance with London Borough of Barnet's Local Plan Policy CS9 of Core Strategy (Adopted) September 2012 and Policy DM17 of Development Management Policies (Adopted) September 2012.

- No site works or works on this development including demolition or construction work shall commence until a Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be implemented in full accordance with the details approved under this plan. The Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan submitted shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - i. details of the routing of construction vehicles to the site, hours of access, access and egress arrangements within the site and security procedures;
 - ii. site preparation and construction stages of the development;
 - iii. details of provisions for recycling of materials, the provision on site of a storage/delivery area for all plant, site huts, site facilities and materials;
 - iv. details showing how all vehicles associated with the construction works are properly washed and cleaned to prevent the passage to mud and dirt onto the adjoining highway;
 - v. the methods to be used and the measures to be undertaken to control the emission of dust, noise and vibration arising from construction works;
 - vi. a suitable and efficient means of suppressing dust, including the adequate containment of stored or accumulated material so as to prevent it becoming airborne at any time and giving rise to nuisance;
 - vii. noise mitigation measures for all plant and processors;
 - viii. details of contractors compound and car parking arrangements;
 - ix. Details of interim car parking management arrangements for the duration of construction:
 - x. Details of a community liaison contact for the duration of all works associated with the development.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties and in the interests of highway and pedestrian safety in accordance with policies CS9, CS13, CS14, DM01, DM04 and DM17 of the Barnet Local Plan and polices 5.3, 5.18, 7.14 and 7.15 of the London Plan.

14 Part 1

Before development commences other than for investigative work:

a) A desktop study (Preliminary Risk Assessment) shall be carried out which shall include the identification of previous uses, potential contaminants that might be expected, given those uses, and other relevant information. Using this

information, a diagrammatical representation (Conceptual Model) for the site of all potential contaminant sources, pathways and receptors shall be produced. The desktop study (Preliminary Risk Assessment) and Conceptual Model shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority. If the desktop study and Conceptual Model indicate no risk of harm, development shall not commence until approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

- b) If the desktop study and Conceptual Model indicate any risk of harm, a site investigation shall be designed for the site using information obtained from the desktop study and Conceptual Model. This shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority prior to that investigation being carried out on site. The investigation must be comprehensive enough to enable:
 - a risk assessment to be undertaken,
 - refinement of the Conceptual Model, and
- the development of a Method Statement detailing the remediation requirements.

The risk assessment and refined Conceptual Model shall be submitted, along with the site investigation report, to the Local Planning Authority.

c) If the risk assessment and refined Conceptual Model indicate any risk of harm, a Method Statement detailing the remediation requirements, using the information obtained from the site investigation, and also detailing any post remedial monitoring shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority prior to that remediation being carried out on site.

Part 2

d) Where remediation of contamination on the site is required completion of the remediation detailed in the method statement shall be carried out and a report that provides verification that the required works have been carried out, shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the development is occupied.

Reason: To ensure the development can be implemented and occupied with adequate regard for environmental and public safety in accordance with Policy CS NPPF of the Local Plan Core Strategy DPD (adopted September 2012), DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013) and 5.21 of the London Plan 2011.

No site works (including any temporary enabling works, site clearance and demolition) or development shall take place until the scheme of temporary tree protection as shown on the tree protection plan approved under Condition 1 of this permission has been erected around existing trees on site and/or at neighbouring sites. This protection shall remain in position until after the development works are completed and no material or soil shall be stored within these fenced areas at any time. The development shall be implemented in accordance with the protection plan and method statement as approved under this permission.

Reason: To safeguard the health of existing tree(s) which represent an important amenity feature in accordance with Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), Policies CS5 and CS7 of

the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012) and Policy 7.21 of the London Plan 2015.

- a) No site works or works on this development including demolition or construction work shall commence until details of the temporary means of enclosure, including boundary treatments to neighbouring properties, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - b) The development shall be implemented in accordance with the details approved as part of this condition before site works including demolition and construction work commence, and retained as such throughout the demolition and construction period of the development.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the appearance of the locality and/or the amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties and to confine access to the permitted points in the interest of the flow of traffic and conditions of general safety on the adjoining highway during the demolition and construction work in accordance with Policies DM01, DM03, DM17 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), and Policies CS NPPF and CS1 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012).

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details, recommendations and measures of the submitted Tree Survey/Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement (agb Environmental Ltd).

Reason: To safeguard the health of existing trees which represent an important amenity feature in accordance with Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), Policies CS5 and CS7 of the Local Plan Core Strategy DPD (adopted September 2012) and Policy 7.21 of the London Plan 2011.

- a) No development other than demolition works shall take place on site until a noise assessment, carried out by an approved acoustic consultant, which assesses the likely impacts of noise from the adjoining premises and surrounding environment on the development and measures to be implemented to address its findings has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall include all calculations and baseline data, and be set out so that the Local Planning Authority can fully audit the report and critically analyse the content and recommendations
 - b) The measures approved under this condition shall be implemented in their entirety prior to the commencement of the use/first occupation of the development and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the amenities of occupiers are not prejudiced by rail and/or road traffic and/or mixed use noise in the immediate surroundings in accordance with policies DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013) and 7.15 of the London Plan 2011.

19 Prior to the commencement of the development, details of any works proposed on public highway to facilitate the development shall be submitted to and approved by

the Highway Authority and highway works shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved plans.

Reason: To ensure that the access is satisfactory in terms of highway safety and in accordance with London Borough of Barnet's Local Plan Policy CS9 of Core Strategy (Adopted) September 2012 and Policy DM17 of Development Management Policies (Adopted) September 2012.

20 Prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, details and statutory orders of any highways required to be stopped up to facilitate the development shall made under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. These shall be submitted to and agreed with the Local Planning and Highway Authority.

Reason:

To ensure that adequate public access is provided throughout the development.

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).

- 22 a) No development other than demolition works shall take place until details of all extraction and ventilation equipment to be installed as part of the development, including a technical report have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The equipment shall be installed using anti-vibration mounts. The report shall include all calculations and baseline data, and be set out so that the Local Planning Authority can fully audit the report and critically analyse the content and recommendations.
 - b) The development shall be implemented in accordance with details approved under this condition before first occupation or the use is commenced 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 Policy DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and Policy CS13 of the Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted September 2012).

a) No development other than demolition works shall commence on site in connection with the development hereby approved until a report has been carried out by a competent acoustic consultant that assesses the likely noise impacts from the development of the ventilation/extraction plant, and mitigation measures for the development to reduce these noise impacts to acceptable levels, and has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The report shall include all calculations and baseline data, and be set out so that the Local Planning Authority can fully audit the report and critically analyse the content and recommendations.

b) The measures approved under this condition shall be implemented in their entirety prior to the commencement of the use/first occupation of the development and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the amenities of occupiers of neighbouring properties in accordance with Policy DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013) and Policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2015.

- a) No development other than demolition works shall take place on site until a noise assessment, carried out by an approved acoustic consultant, which assesses the likely impacts of noise on the development and measures to be implemented to address its findings has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall include all calculations and baseline data, and be set out so that the Local Planning Authority can fully audit the report and critically analyse the content and recommendations
 - b) The measures approved under this condition shall be implemented in their entirety prior to the commencement of the use/first occupation of the development and retained as such thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the amenities of occupiers are not prejudiced by rail and/or road traffic and/or mixed use noise in the immediate surroundings in accordance with Policy DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013) and 7.15 of the London Plan 2015.

The level of noise emitted from the mechanical extracton ventilation and filtration plant that may be added to the building shall be at least 5dB(A) below the background level, as measured from any point 1 metre outside the window of any room of a neighbouring residential property.

If the noise emitted has a distinguishable, discrete continuous note (whine, hiss, screech, hum) and/or distinct impulse (bangs, clicks, clatters, thumps), then it shall be at least 10dB(A) below the background level, as measured from any point 1 metre outside the window of any room of a neighbouring residential property.

Reason: To ensure that the proposed development does not prejudice the amenities of occupiers of neighbouring properties in accordance with Policies DM04 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and 7.15 of the London Plan 2015.

- a) No site works or development (including any temporary enabling works, site clearance and demolition) shall take place until a dimensioned tree protection plan in accordance with Section 5.5 and a method statement detailing precautions to minimise damage to trees in accordance with Section 6.1 of British Standard BS5837: 2012 (Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction Recommendations) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - b) No site works (including any temporary enabling works, site clearance and demolition) or development shall take place until the temporary tree protection shown on the tree protection plan approved under this condition has been erected around existing trees on site. This protection shall remain in position until after the development works are completed and no material or soil shall be stored within these fenced areas at any time. The development shall be implemented in accordance with the protection plan and method statement as approved under this condition.

Reason: To safeguard the health of existing trees which represent an important amenity feature in accordance with Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), Policies CS5 and CS7 of the Local Plan Core Strategy DPD (adopted September 2012) and Policy 7.21 of the London Plan 2015.

- a) No development shall take place until a scheme of hard and soft landscaping to the front forecourt area, including details of existing trees to be retained and size, species, planting heights, densities and positions of any soft landscaping, has be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - b) All work comprised in the approved scheme of landscaping shall be carried out before the end of the first planting and seeding season following occupation of any part of the buildings or completion of the development, whichever is sooner, or commencement of the use.
 - c) Any existing tree shown to be retained or trees or shrubs to be planted as part of the approved landscaping scheme which are removed, die, become severely damaged or diseased within five years of the completion of development shall be replaced with trees or shrubs of appropriate size and species in the next planting season.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development in accordance with Policies CS5 and CS7 of the Local Plan Core Strategy DPD (adopted September 2012), Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted April 2013) and 7.21 of the London Plan 2015.

a) No development shall take place until the implementation of a programme of archaeological evaluation has been secured in accordance with a written scheme which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing and a report on that evaluation has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

- b) If heritage assets of archaeological interest are identified by the evaluation under a) above, then before development (other than demolition to present ground level) commences the implementation of a programme of archaeological investigation shall be secured in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved by the local planning authority in writing.
- c) No development or demolition shall take place other that in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under b).
- d) The development shall not be first occupied or brought into use until the site investigation and post investigation assessment has been completed in accordance with the programme set out in the Written Scheme of Investigation approved under b), and the provision for analysis, publication and dissemination of the results and archive deposition has been secured.

Reason: To enable archaeological investigation of the site in accordance with Policy DM06 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD and Policy 7.8 of the London Plan 2015.

Before the development hereby permitted commences details of dry risers shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority. In addition, an emergency access strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be implemented in accordance with such details as approved.

Reason: To protect the safety of future and neighbouring residents

Prior to the first occupatin of the proposed development, details of a lighting strategy for Back Lane shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority which shall indicate the siting, design and illuminance of lighting which shall be installed within the curtilage of the site to improve the safety of the access and approaches to the site.

Reason: In the interests of community safety and to ensure that the proposed development is able to provide a safe means of access for users of Back Lane and occupiers of the site. Policy CS1, CS NPPF and CS12 of the Adopted Local Plan Core Strategy (2012) and policies DM01 and DM02 of the Adopted Local Plan Development Management Policies DPD (2012)

The proposed development shall demonstate compliance with the relevant Secured by Design standards.

Reason: In the interests of community safety and to ensure that the proposed development is able to provide a safe means of access for users of Back Lane and occupiers of the site. Policy CS1, CS NPPF and CS12 of the Adopted Local Plan Core Strategy (2012) and policies DM01 and DM02 of the Adopted Local Plan Development Management Policies DPD (2012)

Informative(s):

- 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. 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.
- 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.

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 £11340 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 £43740 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.

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.

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
- 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

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

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 or by telephoning 0208 359 7294.

- 4 Applicants and agents are encouraged to sign up to the Considerate Contractors Scheme (www.ccscheme.org.uk) whereby general standards of work are raised and the condition and safety of the Borough's streets and pavements are improved.
- Applicants and agents are advised that this development should be designed to achieve an average water consumption target of 105 litres per head per day.
- The applicant is advised that the provisions of The Party Wall etc. Act 1996 may be applicable to this scheme. This relates to work on an existing wall shared with another property; building on the boundary with a neighbouring property; or excavating near a neighbouring building. Further information can be found at https://www.gov.uk/party-wall-etc-act-1996-guidance.
- In complying with the contaminated land condition parts 1 and 2, reference should be made at all stages to appropriate current guidance and codes of practice. This would include:
 - 1) The Environment Agency CLR & SR Guidance documents (including CLR11 'Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination');
 - 2) National Planning Policy Framework (2012) / National Planning Practice Guidance (2014);
 - 3) BS10175:2011 Investigation of potentially contaminated sites Code of Practice;
 - 4) Guidance for the safe development of housing on land affected by contamination, (2008) by NHBC, the EA and CIEH;
 - 5) CIRIA report C665 Assessing risks posed by hazardous ground gases to buildings:
 - 6) CIRIA report C733 Asbestos in soil and made ground: a guide to understanding and managing risks.

Please note that in addition to the above, consultants should refer to the most relevant and up to date guidance and codes of practice if not already listed in the above list.

- 8 Demolition should be carried out by an approved contractor and residents notified at least seven days before commencement.
- 9 The applicant is advised to engage a qualified acoustic consultant to advise on the scheme, including the specifications of any materials, construction, fittings and equipment necessary to achieve satisfactory internal noise levels in this location.

In addition to the noise control measures and details, the scheme needs to clearly set out the target noise levels for the habitable rooms, including for bedrooms at night, and the levels that the sound insulation scheme would achieve.

The Council's Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document requires that dwellings are designed and built to insulate against external noise so that the internal noise level in rooms does not exceed 30dB(A) expressed as an Leq between the hours of 11.00pm and 7.00am, nor 30dB(A) expressed as an Leq between the hours of 7.00am and 11.00pm (Guidelines for Community

Noise, WHO). This needs to be considered in the context of room ventilation requirements.

The details of acoustic consultants can be obtained from the following contacts: a) Institute of Acoustics and b) Association of Noise Consultants.

The assessment and report on the noise impacts of a development should use methods of measurement, calculation, prediction and assessment of noise levels and impacts that comply with the following standards, where appropriate:

- 1) BS 7445(2003) Pt 1, BS7445 (1991) Pts 2 & 3 Description and measurement of environmental noise:
- 2) BS 4142:2014 Method for rating industrial noise affecting mixed residential and industrial areas:
- 3) BS 8223: 2014 Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings: code of practice;
- 4) Department of Transport: Calculation of road traffic noise (1988);
- 5) Department of Transport: Calculation of railway noise (1995);
- 6) National Planning Policy Framework (2012)/ National Planning Policy Guidance (2014).

Please note that in addition to the above, consultants should refer to the most relevant and up to date guidance and codes of practice if not already listed in the above list.

The Air Quality Stage 4 Review and Assessment for the London Borough of Barnet has highlighted that this area currently experiences or is likely to experience exceedances of Government set health-based air quality standards. A list of possible options for mitigating poor air quality is as follows: 1) Use of passive or active air conditioning; 2) Use of acoustic ventilators; 3) Altering lay out so habitable rooms are sited away from source of poor air quality; 4) Non residential usage of lower floors; 5) Altering footprint by siting further away from source of poor air quality.

For developments that require an Air Quality report; the report should have regard to the air quality predictions and monitoring results from the Stage Four of the Authority's Review and Assessment available from the LPA web site and the London Air Quality Network. The report should be written in accordance with the following guidance: 1) Environmental Protection UK Guidance: Development Control: Planning for Air Quality (2010); 2) Environment Act 1995 Air Quality Regulations; 3) Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance LAQM.TG(09); 4) London Councils Air Quality and Planning Guidance (2007).

Please note that in addition to the above, consultants should refer to the most relevant and up to date guidance and codes of practice if not already listed in the above list.

Informative: If the development is carried out it will be necessary for any existing redundant vehicular crossover(s) to be reinstated to footway by the Highway Authority at the applicant's expense. You may obtain an estimate for this work from the Environment, Planning and Regeneration Directorate, Building 4, North London Business Park (NLBP), Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP.

Informative: The Highway Authority will require the applicant to give an undertaking to pay additional costs of repair or maintenance of the public highway in the vicinity of the site should the highway be damaged as a result of the construction traffic. The construction traffic will be deemed "extraordinary traffic" for the purposes of Section 59 of the Highways Act 1980. Under this section, the Highway Authority can recover the cost of excess expenses for maintenance of the highway resulting from excessive weight or extraordinary traffic passing along the highway. It is to be understood that any remedial works for such damage will be included in the estimate for highway works.

Informative: Any highway approval as part of the planning process for the alteration to the existing access/crossovers or new access/crossovers will be subject to detailed survey by the Crossover Team in Development and Regulatory Services as part of the application for access/crossover under Highways Act 1980 and would be carried out at the applicant's expense. Please note, reinstatement of redundant crossovers, any relocation of street furniture, lighting column or amendments to parking bays affected by the proposed works would be carried out under a Highways works agreement. An estimate for this work could be obtained from London Borough of Barnet, Development and Regulatory Services, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ.

Informative: The applicant is advised that for construction works adjacent or affecting the public highways, the council's First Contact should be contacted on 0208 359 2000 for any necessary Highways Licenses or any highway approvals deemed necessary.

Informative: The applicant should apply for a Habitual Crossing License for construction vehicles to use the existing crossover. An application for this license could be obtained from London Borough of Barnet, Development and Regulatory Services, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone N20 0EJ.

Informative: Refuse collection point should be located at a ground floor level and within 10m of the refuse vehicle parking bay. Levelled access should be provided for the refuse collection personnel to collect the bins. The refuse collection personnel are not expected to push the bins on an inclined surface to safeguard their Health and Safety requirements. If the refuse vehicle is expected to travel over an unadopted road then the applicant will be expected to sign a Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement indemnifying the Council. Alternatively, the dustbins will need to be brought to the edge of the refuse vehicle parking bay on day of collection. The applicant is advised that the Council's refuse collection department is consulted to agree a refuse collection arrangement.

Informative: The applicant is advised that any works required on public highway to facilitate the development will require a separate agreement with the Highways Authority under S184 or S278 of the Highways Act 1980.

Officer's Assessment

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1. Site Description

The site subject to this application consists of previously developed land which formerly consisted of garages within Back Lane. Back Lane is a service road to the rear of retail use (with upper floor residential units) on Watling Avenue. The previous garages have been demolished on the site and the site is closed off. The site is located on the northwestern side of Back Lane and falls within the predominantly residential character situated within Barnfield Road which runs parallel to both Watling Avenue and Back Lane. The site is located within the Watling Estate Conservation Area however, there are no listed buildings or locally listed buildings close to the site. Dwellings within Barnfield Road largely follow the orientation of the street for most of its length from Watling Avenue to Burnt Oak Broadway, however to the northwest of the site, the building line turns 90 degrees and travels towards Back Lane. As such, properties within Back Lane come close to the application site and then run parallel to Back Lane.

Back Lane is a largely run down and derelict street, which runs down hill from Bunt Oak Broadway to its junction with Barnfield Road. It is heavily parked and is of restricted width. Access to the rear of commercial properties as well as access to the upper floor flats is gained from Back Lane.

A number of mature trees are located at each end of the site and given the site's inclusion within the Burnt Oak Conservation Area, these trees benefit from the protections afforded to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

It should be noted that only one property in the retail parade to Watling Avenue is in use as a hot food and drink premises which is located at 43 Watling Avenue. This is not directly adjacent to the site.

Neither Back Lane or Barnfield Road are subject to a Controlled Parking Zone. There is a bus stop on Watling Avenue and Burnt Oak underground station is located 225metres away from the site.

2. Site History

11.09.1996 - Conditional planning permission granted for the change of use of the Labour Hall to a fitness centre (D2) W10949.

No planning applications have been submitted in relation to the application site.

3. Proposal

Planning permission is sought for the redevelopment of this site involving the erection of a two storey building incorporating four self contained two bed four person flats with a frontage to Back Lane. The proposed development would have a width of 24.64m and a footprint depth of 8.85m. The site is set back from the edge of the highway by a distance of 1.21m. The building has a height of 7.6m to the ridgeline.

The proposed development has a plot depth of 17.6m

In order to facilitate the construction of the proposed dwelling, an excavation into the bank will be required. This will facilitate level access from the street, throughout the building and into the rear garden. A boundary fence on Pine Road would prevent overlooking into the rear of the property. The proposed development at site C would involve the demolition of the existing garages the laying out of six car parking spaces and the retention of the existing means of access.

4. Public Consultation

Consultation letters were sent to 276 neighbouring properties on two occasions.

1 comment has been received from a local residents association advising the Council that the site is located in an Archaeological Priority Area and as such, appropriate conditions should be imposed were planning permission approved.

Highways and transport: No objections subject to conditions

Historic England: Although there is some archaeological potential in which mainly follows the route of the A5 which is a Roman Road, it is considered that the site is located too far from this route to have any archaeological value.

Environmental Health: No objections subject to conditions relating to contaminated land, air quality and noise pollution.

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, CS5.
- Relevant Development Management Policies: DM01, DM02.

Supplementary Planning Documents

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

Principle of development and redevelopment of the site

For areas such as the application site policies CS1 and CS3 of the Barnet Core Strategy expect new developments to protect and enhance the character and quality of the area and to optimise housing density to reflect local context, public transport accessibility and the provision of social infrastructure.

The proposed development would result in the redevelopment of a site that has previously been used as garages but which have now been demolished within a residential area.

The application site has not been identified for any specific use in development plan planning policies, is previously developed land and is situated in an area characterised by residential housing.

In such circumstances, Planning Officers find that there is nothing to specifically preclude the redevelopment of the site in the broadest sense, subject to the scheme proposed being compliant with the relevant development plan policies.

As such the principle of redevelopment of the site is deemed acceptable

Affordable housing

The National Planning Policy Framework and the National Planning Policy Guidance states that where small scale development of less than 11 units come forward for determination, they should not need to make a contribution towards either affordable housing or other tariff style obligations.

Policy CS4 of the Core Strategy DPD (2012) seeks to ensure a mix of housing products in affordable and market sectors to provide choice for all households. Policy DM08 (Ensuring a variety of sizes of new homes to meet housing need) states that development should where appropriate provide a mix of dwelling types and sizes in order to provide choice within the Borough, having regard to the borough wide target of 40% affordable housing

provision. Policy DM10 (Affordable housing contributions) seeks the maximum reasonable amount of affordable housing to be provided on all new sites that provide 10 or more units, having regard to the Borough wide target for 40% affordable housing provision.

Policy 3.10 of the Mayor's London Plan (2015) states that affordable rented housing should meet the criteria outlined in Policy 3.10 and be let by local authorities or private registered providers of social housing to households who are eligible for social rented housing. Affordable Rent is subject to rent controls that require a rent of no more than 80% of the local market rent (including service changes, where applicable).

During the pre-application phase and within the application documentation, Barnet Homes have advised that the proposed residential accommodation coming forward for all the sites for both the DCLG defined categories of major and minor applications would be delivered as affordable housing. These units would be brought forward as affordable rent with a rent level indicated as being 65% of the market rent. Based on this commitment, the provision of affordable housing constituted a significant material consideration which was dominant in the planning balance evaluation if there were any disbenefits associated with particular schemes.

The applications which have been submitted by Barnet Homes are at present a mixture of small schemes of less than 11 units (so far forming the greater majority) and a small number of major schemes delivering 11 or more units. Nevertheless, all the applications which have been put forward to the Planning and Environment Committees on 14 and 27 July, contained a planning condition which the applicant to enter into a legal agreement to secure affordable housing on an affordable rent basis at 65% of market rent. The planning consultants representing Barnet Homes are firmly of the view that the amendment to the NPPG following the West Berkshire District Council and Reading Borough Council v Secretary of State for DCLG means that the Council should not be seeking to secure affordable housing by condition or by legal agreement for the smaller schemes. In addition, the applicant is of the view that the imposition of a requirement to enter into a legal agreement to secure affordable housing would have an impact on the ability of the developer to secure the levels of further funding to provide more homes in the future.

Barnet Homes is a wholly owned subsidiary of Barnet Council, responsible for the management and maintenance of the Council's 15,000 rental properties. Barnet Homes is in the process of setting up a new Registered Housing Provider known as Open Door Homes as a further subsidiary, committed to providing affordable housing. Utilising a loan from Barnet Council, the first programme of homes will be let at affordable rents. This position will be protected by the terms of the loan agreement and by the transfer of the sites from Barnet Council. Barnet Homes are therefore contractually obliged to provide affordable (rent) housing.

With respect to the larger sites where both Local Plan Policy DM10 supported by the London Plan and the NPPF states that there is a Borough wide target to bring forward 40% of new dwellings in a tenure that meets the definition of affordable housing in the NPPF. Barnet Homes is willing to enter into a legal agreement to secure these units. Barnet Homes and subsequently Opendoor have indicated their willingness to enter into a legal agreement in order to deliver a policy compliant affordable housing level. However, as stated, an onerous legal agreement would reduce the ability of Opendoor to raise future funds to continue the development cycle. Barnet Homes have a programme to deliver 326 affordable homes in order to alleviate homelessness in the borough. However, some sites may not be able to deliver the 100% provision on all sites and the monies raised will enable Barnet Homes to deliver more than the identified 326 units.

Barnet Homes recognises the concern that affordable housing secured outside of a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Planning Act, would be susceptible to disposal through Right to Buy, however the monies raised will be recycled for further investment and further build.

The overarching aim of Opendoor Homes is to build 750 units by 2020. Some dwellings will be delivered on the open market which will not be possible if the land value is based on having to provide affordable housing above policy. However, despite the absence of a legal agreement, Opendoor have every intention to provide affordable housing at affordable rent levels based on a local nominations agreement.

Ultimately, the provision of no affordable housing units on the smaller sites and the provision of at least 40% of units in affordable tenure on the larger sites would be policy compliant in respect of all the relevant tiers of policy. Nevertheless, an interpretation of the NPPF and NPPG would suggest that contributions or provision should not be sought, as opposed to must not be sought. As such, the Council could be entitled to secure affordable housing through a legal agreement on the smaller schemes. Furthermore a Council may be able to seek affordable housing at a proportion greater than 40% just as a developer may choose to deliver housing in affordable housing on a small scheme or at a ratio of greater than 40% on larger schemes.

Undoubtedly, the position promoted by Barnet Homes since their engagement with planning officers in December 2015 has been based entirely on a 100% affordable housing provision. Supporting planning documents including the planning statement and the application form has been clear in stating that it is the intention to provide this. The applications came before Committee carrying a condition seeking a legal agreement.

Nevertheless, there is a clear intention to provide affordable housing through other means and securing this for at least the first occupants under a Barnet Nominations procedure. The schemes, both small and large are policy compliant. Barnet Homes will be providing affordable rented housing on these sites although Members are being asked to consider these schemes purely on the basis of them being new dwellings only. Barnet Homes will be able to secure and raise funding on more advantageous site values allowing them to invest and earn greater sums of money. This would enable Barnet Homes to deliver effectively the stated aim of 326 units in this next phase and 750 in total by 2020. In a holistic view, this is a tangible planning benefit and it is considered that there would be an inherent risk to the programme that could be compromised.

On balance, the amended approach is considered to be acceptable and it is considered that the proposed development would provide a compelling factor in the consideration of all the relevant matters in the planning balance.

In summary, the unit would provide affordable housing for future occupiers above and beyond affordability levels set out in regional policy, and would contribute to providing a mix of housing products for all households.

Design, appearance and character matters

The National Planning Policy Framework (published in 2012) makes it clear that good design is indivisible from good planning and a key element in achieving sustainable development.

Local Plan Policy DM01 states that all development should represent high quality design that is based on an understanding of local characteristics, preserves or enhances local character, provides attractive streets and respects the appearance, scale, mass, height and pattern of surrounding buildings, spaces and streets.

Planning permission is sought for the redevelopment of the existing garage site and the erection of a two storey building comprising of four flats. The proposed building would have a frontage to Back Lane would continue the building line expressed by 18 - 24 Barnfield Road. The proposed development would have a width of 24.6m, a depth of approximately 8.6m and a height of 7.8m to the eaves. There would be a generous area of private garden space around the site enclosed by a significant existing and retained boundary wall to the site.

The proposed development would be set back from the edge of the highway by just over 1.2m and would incorporate an strip of planting to form defensible space for the ground floor flats and the communal door for the building.

The proposed development would be constructed from brick and would have a hipped roof at each end and a two storey flat roof rear projection. There would be balconies to each end which would have a privacy screen to its northeastern and southwestern end for the purposes of amenity protection.

This design would be consistent with the character of the wider area and the spatial pattern of development around Barnfield Road and the Watling Estate Conservation Area in general. The Watling Estate was designed and created in the late 1920s and early 1930s to accommodate people moving out from the slum clearance in inner London. The Watling Estate Conservation Area Appraisal was published in 2007 and identified positive characteristics inherent within the residential areas. These included an estate design and layout which was cohesive and comprehensive. Buildings were all of a similar scale, form and height. Although there was a significant uniformity within the overall development, there were also opportunities for variety including semi detached pairs being interspersed among terraces. In addition, interest is generated by asymmetry within developments. Also found to be positive, were the creation of landscaped areas between dwellings and the highway for communal benefit.

It is considered that the proposed development in the form or appearance of a short terrace would respect and respond to these positive characteristics of the conservation area set out in the conservation area appraisal which correspond to the local character. The use of a predominantly brick would combine the two most common building materials in the estate. The use of hipped roofs would also accord with local character. The building would respond to the established roof lines within the street.

Within residential areas, the conservation area retains a degree of spaciousness expressed by gardens and also through amenity spaces within the public realm. The proposed development occupies a much smaller footprint than the existing garages, enhances and improves the site and provides a generous area of communal garden within the red line site outline.

The proposed development introduces a new frontage and activity within Back Lane which is characterised by unattractive and negative quality back of retail development with anonymous residential entrances to upper floor flats. The proposed development would be set back slightly from the street and would be framed by mature trees at each of the site. It is considered that the proposed development would not unduly affect the character and appearance of Back Lane and nor would it appear unduly imposing within the street.

There are three trees close to the site which all appear to be located outside of the site outline and in the rear gardens of 24 Barnfield Road and 58 Barnfield Road. However, each tree has a significant canopy spread. The proposed development would result in minor crown management works for tree T1 which is situated close to the corner of 24 Barnfield Road where its site boundary meets the road and the application site. The arboricultural report suggests that this is for the purpose of construction. Crown management has occurred before to this tree because of its relationship with the road. Nevertheless, it is considered that the proposed development would not harm the setting, viability and visual and landscape character of these trees subject to the protection measures set out in the submitted report.

Quality of accommodation for future occupants

Policy DM01 states that proposals should be designed to allow for adequate daylight, sunlight, privacy and outlook for potential occupiers. Policy DM02 identifies standards that development will be expected to meet in relation to a number of matters, including the internal floorspace of new dwellings and outdoor amenity space.

The London Plan contains a number of policies relevant to the provision of adequate amenities for future occupiers of new residential accommodation. The council also has adopted SPD's (entitled Sustainable Design and Construction and Residential Design Guidance) providing more detailed guidance on a range of matters related to creating new residential accommodation in addition to the Mayors adopted SPG's (entitled Housing).

The units proposed would have gross internal areas which would meet the requirements of the London Plan for a dwelling of that type. The ground floor dwellings would feature private terraces which would exceed the thresholds set out in the Adopted SPD (Sustainable Design and Construction). This private amenity area would be defensible space to both front and rear. It would be functional space. The communal garden space would also exceed the requirements for four units within the proposed development.

Development plan policy requires that new dwellings are provided with adequate outlook. The design approach proposed maximizes the outlook of occupiers of the new dwellings, while also taking account of the need to prevent unacceptable levels of overlooking from neighbouring properties. In this flatted block it would vary from 8.5m to 11.3m.

It is considered that each of the units proposed in this instance have an acceptable degree of outlook with the main living areas being served by windows on three elevations. The main outlook for the living areas would be situated to the rear of the site. Bedrooms would therefore face onto Back Lane. Although these room uses would be the most sensitive particularly in relation to lower night time background noise levels, it is considered that the proposed activity that might take place adjoining these rooms would take place by day. Nevertheless, it is considered appropriate that adequate sound proofing and insulation should be installed within the development. In order to ensure that there is adequate sound proofing, there may need to be mechanical ventilation, details of which would need to be secured. Finally, Environmental Health have advised that the air quality in the area is poor which would further justify non opening windows close on the Back Lane frontage and the use of mechanical ventilation. There is only one hot food takeaway in the parade opposite. This does not adjoin the site, however, this is a material consideration to ensure that protection against noise and air pollution is robust.

Whether harm would be caused to the living conditions of neighbouring residents.

The proposed development would face directly towards the rear elevation of properties at first floor and above on Watling Avenue. The proposed development would also be situated close to 24 - 30 Barnfield Road and the rear gardens of 38 - 58 Barnfield Road would all adjoin the rear boundary of the site.

The rear elevation of the terrace in Watling Avenue is approximately 20m distant from the facing front elevation of the proposed development and it is considered that the impact would be limited and would not be harmful to the occupiers of these existing residential occupiers in relation to privacy, overlooking, light and outlook.

24 Barnfield Road would not be affected by the proposed development following an amendment to the scheme to include a privacy screen for the depth of the balcony and the elimination of any harm through overlooking. The proposed development is nearly 18m distant and it is considered that the building in conjunction with the proximity of the tree would not affect the light for this property or the visual amenity of the occupiers.

With respect to 30 to 58 Barnfield Road, the proposed development would be situated too far from either the rear elevation or the adjoining garden to give rise to any impact on the amenity of the occupiers of these properties. By way of illustration, the proposed development would be 34 m to the rear of 38 Barnfield Road and would be 22m to the side boundary with 30 Barnfield Road. As such, the most affected properties would be 26 and 28 Barnfield Road. Due to land level changes, the building will be built on a level lower than the garden of 26 and 28 Barnfield Road and the rear garden of the site. The boundary wall is already of a height approaching three metres. The application proposes a minor increase adding a trellis and climbing plants which would result in a boundary wall of at least 3.1m. Due to the land level change, the height of an average eyeline above the garden of 26 and 28 Barnfield Road would be in the region of 4.2m. A 3.1m boundary wall would prevent overlooking into the rear garden of 26 Barnfield Road and the distance to 28 Barnfield Road garden would be 16m. With respect to windows at the rear of 26 Barnfield Road, the closest window at the first floor level is a bathroom and therefore the nearest bedroom window is 18.6m away at an oblique angle from the balcony which would significantly limit the impact on the amenity of this property.

A daylight and sunlight assessment has been provided in respect of this planning application and it is demonstrates that the impact in respect of the receipt of daylight and sunlight would not be unduly affected, although it is situated to the south and east of an easterly facing building.

Whether the proposals would have an acceptable impact on highway and pedestrian safety

Policy DM17 states that for one and two bedroom units, parking should be provided at a ratio of up to 1 space per unit. This would result in the need to provide at least one car parking space. Each unit would be provided with an off street car parking space within a dedicated parking area a short distance away.

All the garages previously on the site have already been demolished and as such no parking would be relocated to the surrounding highway network as a result of this proposed development. The site provides for no car parking on site. The site is located

within 225 m of Burnt Oak underground station and there are bus stops on both Watling Avenue and Burnt Oak Broadway to offset the demand from car ownership and usage. This is reflected by the PTAL 5 score for this site.

Based on the PTAL score and local car ownership demographics in the context of affordable rent/social housing, the applicant's transport consultants have established that the site would generate approximately 0.7 spaces per unit which based on a four unit scheme would provide three spaces. The applicants have undertaken a parking stress survey of surrounding streets within a 200m radius of the site and have established that there would be up to 40 car parking spaces available on street which would be able to accommodate the proposed parking demand. Back Lane is an adopted road and there is limited parking control along this site. However, parking is possible for much of its length and as a result, some parking could take place in this location with overspill moving to adjoining streets.

Sufficient cycle parking to meet London Plan standards will be provided and this will be secured through planning condition.

Given the narrow width of the street, limited access for construction traffic would be permissible. As a result, the proposed development will be subject to a construction management and logistics plan to ensure that access to the site for construction and the carrying out of the construction process can be undertaken without harm to the servicing and access demands of Back Lane and other users in the locality. Refuse storage will be kept on the site and it is expected that this will be moved to Barnfield Road on refuse collection days. A refuse collection strategy will be secured by condition which will be required to be approved prior to the occupation of the development.

Access for fire brigade and ambulance will also be necessary and at present, it is considered that the road width would be too narrow for a fire brigade vehicle to attend the site, although dry risers could be installed within the site. In light of previous concerns expressed by members surrounding fire brigade and rescue access, it is considered that it would be necessary for this access to be further considered by way of details provided and approved by planning condition.

Sustainability

The applicant's energy strategy has demonstrated that the proposed development would result in a decrease of over 35% in respect of Carbon Dioxide above and beyond the 2013 building regulations. A large part of this saving arises from the use of photovoltaics at roof level.

Changes to the accessibility standards which replace Lifetime Homes, which were introduced in 2015 now require developments to provide step free access to dwellings. Where these entrances are above the ground level access, these should then be provided with a lift to provide access. Each dwelling house would be provided with step free access from the street and would therefore qualify as M4(2) accommodation which would be acceptable. Both properties would also have toilets on the ground floor.

The applicant has advised that the inclusion of lifts in small blocks such as this has an impact on viability of the development. As such, the remaining four units on the upper floors of the buildings will meet the requirements of M4(1) of the 2013 Building Regulations.

Taking into consideration the merits of the proposed scheme, this is deemed acceptable.

The planning statement confirms that the proposed development would accord with the London Plan Standard in relation to water usage per occupant.

CIL

The Mayor of London is empowered to charge a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Levy is intended to raise £300 million towards the delivery of Crossrail.

The Mayoral CIL will take effect on developments that are granted planning permission on or after 1 April 2012 setting a rate of £35 per sqm on all 'chargeable development' in Barnet.

Barnet has adopted its own CIL Charging schedule chargeable on liable development granted permission on or after 1st of May 2013 at £135 per sqm.

However, as the development is for social housing floorspace, the CiL regulations (2010) exempt such development from being liable.

5.4 Response to Public Consultation

None

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 supports 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.

