

**LOCATION:** East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill Road, Barnet, EN4 8SG

**REFERENCE:** 16/7633/FUL Received: 01.12.2016

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**WARD:** East Barnet Expiry: 26.01.2017

**APPLICANT:** London Borough of Barnet Council

**PROPOSAL:** Part change of use of library (Use Class D1) to provide 243 sqm of office floorspace (Use Class B1) along with associated minor alterations to the external facade of the existing building

### **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The application relates to a part change of use of an area of existing library floorspace (Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order, 1987: Class D1) to provide 243 sqm of office floorspace (Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order, 1987: Class B1) with a library being retained in the remaining floorspace .

The development forms part of a wider programme of works relating to the London Borough of Barnet's library service and it is intended that the change of use to provide B1 office floorspace would help generate income that would allow the library service to continue operating. Therefore, Whilst there would be a net reduction in community floorspace – the inclusion of the additional B1 use will actually enable the retention of the community facility and as such it is considered that the part change of use is acceptable in principle.

The development involves very minor external alterations which would not have a significant impact on the character of the building and are considered acceptable. The development would also be acceptable in transport terms as the part change of use would result in a reduced trip generation and would not require the provision of any additional car or cycle parking.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **APPROVE the application subject to the following conditions:**

- 1) This development must be commenced within three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004.

- 2) The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority:

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- BLI-CAP-EB-XX-DSP-AR-200512 Rev P00
- BLI-CAP-EB-XX-DSP-AR-200522 Rev P00
- BLI-CAP-EB-XX-DSP-AR-200510 Rev P00
- BLI-CAP-EB-XX-DSP-AR-200511 Rev P00

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- 4) Prior to the first occupation of the development, certification demonstrating compliance with Secured by Design standards (or any superseding accreditation) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of community safety in accordance with London Plan Policy 7.3, London Borough of Barnet's Local Plan Policy CS12 of Core Strategy (September 2012) and Policy DM02 Development Management Policies (September 2012).

- 5) The retained library premises shall be used as a library and for no other purpose (including any other purpose in Class D1 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.

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Reason: To ensure that cycle parking facilities are provided in accordance with the minimum standards set out in Policy 6.9 and Table 6.3 of The London Plan (2016) and 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.

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Reason: To safeguard the amenities of neighbouring occupiers and the general locality in accordance with policies DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012).

It is recommended that planning permission be granted subject to the conditions and informatives set out in Appendix 2 of this report and any changes to the wording of the conditions considered necessary by the Service Director for Development Management and Building Control.

## **1.0 MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Introduction**

- 1.1 Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) requires that development proposals be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. In this case, the development plan is The London Plan and the development plan documents in the Barnet Local Plan. These statutory development plans are the main policy basis for the consideration of this planning application.
- 1.2 Barnet's Local Plan is made up of a suite of documents, including the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies development plan documents. The Core Strategy and Development Management Policies documents were both adopted by the Council in September 2012.
- 1.3 A number of other planning documents, including national planning guidance and supplementary planning guidance and documents are also material to the determination of this application.
- 1.4 More detail on the policy framework relevant to the determination of this development and an appraisal of the proposal against the development plan policies of most relevance to the

application is set out in subsequent sections of this report dealing with specific policy and topic areas. This is not repeated here.

### **National Planning Guidance:**

- 1.5 National planning policies are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This 65 page document was published in March 2012 and it replaces 44 documents, including Planning Policy Guidance Notes, Planning Policy Statements and a range of other national planning guidance. The NPPF is a key part of reforms to make the planning system less complex and more accessible. The NPPF states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. The document includes a 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'. This is taken to mean approving applications which are considered to accord with the development plan. In March 2014 the National Planning Practice Guidance was published (online) as a web based resource. This resource provides an additional level of detail and guidance to support the policies set out in the NPPF.

### **The London Plan**

- 1.6 The London Plan (2015) is the development plan in terms of strategic planning policy for the purposes of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). The London Plan policies (arranged by chapter) most relevant to the determination of this application are:

#### *Context and Strategy*

- Policy 1.1 (Delivering the Strategic Vision and Objectives for London)

#### *London's Places:*

- Policy 2.6 (Outer London: Vision and Strategy)
- Policy 2.7 (Outer London: Economy)
- Policy 2.8 (Outer London: Transport)
- Policy 2.15 (Town Centres)

#### *London's People:*

- Policy 3.16 (Protection and Enhancement of Social Infrastructure)

#### *London's Economy:*

- Policy 4.1 (Developing London's Economy)
- Policy 4.2 (Offices)
- Policy 4.3 (Mixed Use Development and Offices)

#### *London's Transport*

- Policy 6.9 (Cycling)
- Policy 6.10 (Walking)
- Policy 6.13 (Parking)

*London's Living Places and Spaces*

- Policy 7.2 (Inclusive Environment)
- Policy 7.3 (Designing Out Crime)

**Barnet Local Plan**

- 1.7 The development plan documents in the Barnet Local Plan constitute the development plan in terms of local planning policy for the purposes of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). The relevant documents comprise the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies documents, which were both adopted in September 2012. The Local Plan development plan policies of most relevance to the determination of this application are:

*Core Strategy (Adopted 2012):*

- Policy CS1 (Barnet's Place Shaping Strategy – Protection, enhancement and consolidated growth – The three strands approach)
- Policy CS5 (Protecting and enhancing Barnet's character to create high quality places)
- Policy CS6 Promoting Barnet's Town Centres
- Policy CS10 (Enabling inclusive and integrated community facilities and uses)
- Policy CS11 (Improving health and well-being in Barnet)
- Policy CS12 (Making Barnet a safer place)

*Development Management Policies (Adopted 2012):*

- Policy DM01 (Protecting Barnet's character and amenity)
- Policy DM02 (Development standards)
- Policy DM03 (Accessibility and inclusive design)
- Policy DM06 (Barnet's Heritage and Conservation)
- Policy DM11 (Development principles for Barnet's town centres)
- Policy DM13 (Community and education uses)
- Policy DM14 (New and existing employment space)
- Policy DM17 (Travel impact and parking standards)

**2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION**

- 2.1 The application site comprises the existing East Barnet Library, a two storey purpose built building currently occupied solely as a library (Use Class D1). The building is set back from the road behind a grass verge and is located within a predominantly residential area.
- 2.2 Pedestrian access to the site is via main entrance on Brookhill Road whilst there is a small car park containing 8 car parking spaces that are shared by staff and visitors, accessed via Park Road.
- 2.3 The building is not listed and is not located in a conservation area.

### **3.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

3.1 Permission is sought for the part change of use of library (Use Class D1) to provide 243 sqm of office floorspace (Use Class B1) along with minor external alterations.

3.2 As an existing library, the whole of the building is currently in D1 use with a total floorspace of 605 square metres. The application seeks to subdivide the existing floorspace to provide an office with the ability to be let (Use Class B1) which would result in the following split of floorspaces:

- Library floorspace (Use Class D1) – 243 square metres
- Office floorspace (Use Class B1) – 350 square metres

3.3 As part of the internal reconfiguration, minor changes to built-in furniture and fittings would be undertaken. In addition, the existing bathroom will be demolished in order to reconfigure the library space and a new platform lift would be installed to enable inclusive access to the first floor lettable spaces. Externally, a WC would be demolished and an access control panel would be fitted adjacent to the entrance door.

3.4 The library would be run as a partnership library with the library being run by up to 5 of the council's partner's volunteers for a minimum of 15 hours per week.

### **4.0 RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY**

4.1 The following planning history is considered to be relevant to the consideration of the current application:

- N13105/02 - Erection of disabled WC and baby changing area. Approved subject to conditions: 24 April 2002.

### **5.0 CONSULTATIONS**

5.1 As consultation exercise 78 letters were sent to neighbouring occupiers in November 2016. The application was also publicised via a site notice. The consultation process carried out for this application is considered to have been appropriate for a development of this nature.

5.2 As a result of the consultation 3 responses were received, objecting to the application. A summary of the responses received is set out below.

<b>Objection</b>	<b>Response</b>
The change of use is likely to result in an increase in drivers using Doggetts Close for all-day parking (rather than quick visits to the library mainly outside working hours). This will not only	The application is accompanied by a Transport Assessment which sets out that the proposed development would not give rise to an increased number of vehicular trips. It is also outlined that the parking

<p>reduce parking for legitimate visitors to Doggetts Close but endanger the lives of the many schoolchildren who cross this road at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as residents' children who like to play in the close, which is normally relatively traffic-free.</p>	<p>needs of both the retained library and B1 unit could be accommodated within the existing off street and on street provision. The transport impact of the application is addressed fully in paragraphs 6.19-6.24 of this report.</p>
<p>The degradation of the library would result in a loss of educational services in this part of the borough to the detriment of local children.</p>	<p>The proposed change of use would allow the library to stay open and to protect its educational use by the community. Whilst accommodated within a smaller unit, the community function itself would be retained allowing continued use for educational purposes. The loss of the community floorspace is discussed fully within Section 6.1-6.8 of this report.</p>

5.3 Consultations were also undertaken with internal and external consultees, the responses received are set out below:

LBB Transport and Highways - No objection

LBB Environmental Health – No objection subject to noise limiting condition if any new plant machinery proposed

Metropolitan Police (Crime Prevention Officer) – The co-habitation of the office and library should be carefully considered. Access control to both units should accord with SBD standards. Various other measures should be incorporated to minimise risk to community safety and to minimise the likelihood of anti-social behaviour

## 6.0 PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

### Principle of Development

#### Loss of Community Floorspace

6.1 The existing building is a purpose built library which is currently occupied solely as a library and enjoys a D1 use class. The application seeks to subdivide the existing facility to provide 243 square metres of office floorspace (Use Class B1) in alongside the retention of a 350 square metre library. The subdivision and part change of use would thus result in the loss of 243 square metres of community floorspace and it is therefore necessary to assess the acceptability of this reduction in the context of London Plan and Barnet Policies.

6.2 Policy 3.16 of the London Plan supports the provision and enhancement of social infrastructure to meet the needs of London’s growing and diverse population. The policy states that development proposals which provide high quality social infrastructure will be supported and that proposals which would result in the loss of social infrastructure in areas of defined need for that type of social infrastructure without realistic proposals for re-provision should be resisted. Paragraph 3.87A of the supporting text goes on to state that

loss of social infrastructure in areas of defined need may be acceptable if it can be demonstrated that the disposal of assets is part of an agreed programme of social infrastructure re-provision (in health and community safety, for example) to ensure continued delivery of social infrastructure and related services

- 6.3 Policy CS10 of the Barnet Core Strategy states that the Council will work to ensure that community facilities including libraries are provided for Barnet's communities. The Council will support the enhancement and inclusive design of community facilities, ensuring their efficient use, and the provision of multi-purpose community hubs that can provide a range of services to the community at a single accessible location.
- 6.4 Policy DM13 of the Barnet Development Management Policies document states that the loss of a community or education use will only be acceptable in exceptional circumstances where
- i) New community or education use of at least equivalent quality or quantity are provided on the site or at a suitable alternative locations; or
  - ii) There is no demand for continued community or education use, and that the site has been marketed effectively for such use.
- 6.5 Having regard to the policy context set out above, it is clear that both London and Barnet policies seek to protect community facilities. It is important to recognise however that the development as proposed would not result in the complete loss of the community facility which would be retained, albeit within a reduced space. Whilst the physical floorspace of the library would be reduced, a more efficient layout would enable the retained library to offer the same level of service as currently offered.
- 6.6 The applicant has outlined that the Borough's library service is under severe financial pressure and the application seeks to avoid closures of libraries by allowing some of the floorspace within the libraries to change to a B1 use which would allow it to let the floorspace and to generate an income. The income generated from the letting of the B1 floorspace would thus allow the library to continue to operate.
- 6.7 As set out in supporting text of London Plan Policy 3.16, loss of social infrastructure may be acceptable if it can be demonstrated that such disposal ensure continued delivery of social infrastructure and related services. It has been outlined by the applicant that without the income generated from the B1 floorspace, the future viability and financial sustainability of the library would be doubtful and closure of the library would be likely.
- 6.8 A balanced judgement therefore has to be made and in this regard officers consider that the partial change of use of the library floorspace is acceptable given that it would enable the library to continue to operate and prevent closure. Given that the development would not involve the loss of the community use and would actually enable the continued use of the library for its intended use, it is considered that there is no conflict with London Plan or Barnet policies.

### Provision of Office Floorspace

- 6.9 Policy CS6 of the Barnet Core Strategy states that the council will ensure the efficient use of land and buildings in town centres, encouraging a mix of compatible uses including retail, workspace, leisure and residential. Policy CS8 states that in order to support small to medium sized enterprises, new employment provision should include a range of units' sizes and types, including flexible and affordable workspaces.
- 6.10 Policy DM11 of the Barnet Development Management Policies document states that the council will expect a suitable mix of appropriate uses as part of development within town centres. It also states that appropriate mixed use redevelopment will be expected to provide re-provision of employment use, residential and community use.
- 6.11 The co-location of the office with the retained library would provide a mixed use development making effective use of town centre resources, in line with the NPPF which seeks to encourage the shared use of existing community facilities with commercial organisations. The provision of the office floorspace in this location is considered to be entirely accordant with policy.

### Employment

- 6.12 The application documentation outlines that the retained library would be run as a partnership library and it is expected that the library would be staffed by up to 5 volunteers.
- 6.13 The library is protected as a community facility under policies CS10 and DM13 however for the purpose of planning assessment, it is not classified as an employment use. There is therefore no scope to resist the application on the basis of any loss of employment which would arise from the proposed development. The proposed change from a Council run library staffed by full time employees to a partnership library staffed by volunteers is thus outside of the scope of this planning application to assess.
- 6.14 Notwithstanding the absence of a policy requirement for assessment, the office floorspace being provided would equate to 243 square metres which could support between 18 and 24 full time employees according to HCA employment density figures. It is evident therefore that the development could result in a potential overall uplift in employment numbers across the site.

### Design

- 6.15 Core Strategy Policy CS5 states that developments within Barnet should respect local context and the distinctive local character creating places and buildings of high quality design. Developments should address Secure by Design principles whilst being safe, attractive and fully accessible.

- 6.16 Policy DM01 of the Barnet Development Management Policies document states inter alia that all development should represent high quality design and should be based on an understanding of local characteristics.
- 6.17 The proposed change of use would necessitate some external alterations consisting of the demolition of an external WC and the installation of an access control panel adjacent to the access door. It is considered that the changes are minor in nature and would not have a significant impact on the character or architectural integrity of the building.

## **Transport and Parking**

### Car Parking

- 6.18 The library is served by a small car park containing 8 car parking spaces located to the rear of the building with the spaces being shared by staff and visitors. The car park is accessed via Park Road.
- 6.19 For employment B1 uses, The London Plan states for outer London, 1 car parking space should be provided for every 100 to 600 square metres of gross floorspace. The development proposes to provide 243 sqm of B1 office space and thus the range for car parking spaces is between 0 (lower limit) and 1 (upper limit) car parking.
- 6.20 The existing site car park has 8 car parking spaces. As part of the partnership library approach, a maximum of 3 volunteer staff would be on site at any one time and as such it is considered that there is adequate provision within the existing car park to accommodate the staff requirements in addition to the needs of the B1 unit.
- 6.21 London Plan policy 6.13 states that disabled parking within workplaces should be provided at a ratio of 1 per disabled employee. The existing car park currently has 8 car parking spaces. None of the existing car parking spaces are designated for use by Blue Badge holders. In order to comply with London Plan policy, 2 additional Blue Badge holder car parking spaces would have to be provided within the existing car park and as such a condition is attached stating that the disabled spaces should be provided in line with the layout shown on drawing BLI-CAP-EBXX-DSP-AR-200522. In addition, the number of disabled car parking spaces should be reviewed once staff and office personal are known to determine if any additional disabled car parking spaces are required.

### Cycle Parking

- 6.22 Table 6.3 of the London Plan sets out that a minimum of 6 cycle parking spaces should be provided with the development. There is currently no cycle parking provision on site and as such a condition is attached stating that 3 cycle stands (6 cycle spaces) should be provided prior to the first occupation of the B1 unit, in accordance with drawing ref: BLI-CAP-EB-XX-DSP-AR-200522.

### Servicing and Deliveries

- 6.23 The existing library is serviced by deliveries on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with deliveries being undertaken before 2pm. The retained library would continue to be serviced through this arrangement which is considered to be acceptable.
- 6.24 The end user of the proposed B1 unit is not yet known and as such the detailed servicing and delivery requirements are not known at this stage. It is assumed that the unit would utilise similar servicing arrangements however it is considered prudent to attach a condition requiring the submission of a servicing and delivery plan for approval prior to the occupation of the B1 unit.

### **Crime Prevention / Public Safety**

- 6.25 Policy DM02 of the Barnet Development Management Policies document states inter alia that development will be expected to demonstrate compliance with the Secured by Design document.
- 6.26 The Metropolitan Police Designing out Crime officer was consulted on the application and outlined some specific areas of concern. These areas of concern relate specifically to the co-habitation of the B1 unit and the library and the need to ensure that access between the units which may compromise the safety of either or both of the units. If not managed carefully, there is potential for shared access points to allow tailgating if there located in close proximity to each other.
- 6.27 In addition, it was outlined that the lack of meaningful site presence, within the libraries other than CCTV would allow the unintended guest to capitalise on the lack of natural surveillance and facilitate possible criminal activity and anti-social behaviour.
- 6.28 Mitigation strategies have been outlined by the Metropolitan Police and it is considered that it is prudent to attach a condition to any planning permission requiring the scheme to adhere to these measures. The condition would require submission certification of SBD accreditation prior to occupation.

### **7.0 CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 In conclusion officers consider that, on balance, the reduction of the community floorspace is acceptable given that it would enable the library to continue to operate. Whilst operating in a unit with a reduced floorspace, a more efficient layout would ensure that the library would be able to offer the same level of the service. The provision of the office and the resultant income generated would secure the long term future of the community facility and as such officers consider that the development would bring benefit to the community.
- 7.2 Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires the Council to determine any application in accordance with the statutory development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. All relevant policies contained within the

development plan, as well as other relevant guidance and material considerations, have been carefully considered and taken into account by the Local Planning Authority. It is concluded that the proposed development generally and taken overall accords with the relevant development plan policies. It is therefore considered that there are material planning considerations which justify the grant of planning permission. Accordingly, **APPROVAL** is recommended subject to conditions as set out in Appendix 2 of this report.

**APPENDIX 1: Site Location Plan**



Application Site Boundary

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Date: 23/11/2016

Purpose of Issue: PLANNING

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Project: East Barnet Library

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Scale @ 1:500	Drawn	Checked	Approved
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Project No: CS\_085177 Date: 21/11/2016

Drawings Issued: BIL-CAP-EB-XX-DSP-AR-200512 P00

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## **APPENDIX 2:**

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Reason: To safeguard the amenities of neighbouring occupiers, and the general locality in accordance with policies DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012).

### **Informatives**

- 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 and the Applicant engaged with this prior to the submissions of this application. 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) With regards to Condition 4, the applicant is advised of the following:

- i) Access control system must be via an encrypted fob resistant to being copied easily.
- ii) Recommended use of LPS 1175 SR2 rated doors for all communal entrance.
- iii) Were possible to design out double-leaf communal doors, as singles doors (ensure DDA compliant) are more robust and preferable.
- iv) Approved SBD post boxes to be located within the secure communal lobby areas.
- v) All internal doors that are to be locked while open to the public should be constructed to a minimum of PAS 24 standard.
- vi) Utility meters, smart meters are preferred and meters are to be located as close to the communal entrance door as possible i.e. avoid locating meters that require reading by persons within individual rentable units.
- vii) All locations that utilise CCTV must display suitable information commissioner standards signage. (Data protection act).
- viii) All IT equipment that is designated for public use should be contained within bespoke furniture constructed to protect it from criminal damage and theft.

In discharging condition 4, the applicant is advised to liaise with Pc Karl Turton (Designing out Crime Officer – Metropolitan Police Service) - tel: 020 8733 3703 email: [karl.turton@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:karl.turton@met.pnn.police.uk)

- 3) The applicant is advised that planning permission would be required for the installation of any additional plant machinery required for the new commercial unit.
- 4) The applicant is advised that the disabled parking requirements of the future uses should be monitored and if necessary, additional spaces should be provided within the existing car park.