

Location **104 Millway London NW7 3JJ**

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Ward: Mill Hill Expiry 7th December 2017

Applicant: Mr Ian Fletcher

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (Plans) pursuant to planning permission 16/8021/FUL dated 10/02/2017 for "Demolition of existing building and the erection of a two storey building with rooms in roof space to provide 6no self contained flats. Relocation of vehicular access and associated car parking and landscaping" Amendmends include changes to windows and door to all elevation and levels

Recommendation: Approve subject to conditions

AND the Committee grants delegated authority to the Head of Development Management or Head of Strategic Planning to make any minor alterations, additions or deletions to the recommended conditions/obligations or reasons for refusal as set out in this report and addendum provided this authority shall be exercised after consultation with the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice- Chairman) of the Committee (who may request that such alterations, additions or deletions be first approved by the Committee)

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

Location Plan

455716 - 1 (Existing Plans and Elevations)

455716 - 2 (Proposed Plans and Elevations)

455716 - 3 (Proposed Streetscenes)

455716 - 4 (Proposed Site Plan)

455716 - 5 (Existing Site Plan)

Environmental Statement (received 16.12.16)

Planning Statement (received 16.12.16)

Tree Survey (16.12.16)

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

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

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

- 3 a) No development 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.

- 4 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.

- 5 a) No development or site works shall take place on site until a 'Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan' has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan submitted shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 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.

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 Policies 5.3, 5.18, 7.14 and 7.15 of the London Plan (2016).

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

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

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

7 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 development hereby permitted is commenced.

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.

- 8 a) No site works (including any temporary enabling works, site clearance and demolition) or development shall take place until details of temporary tree protection 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 scheme of temporary tree protection as 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.

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.

- 9 Before the building hereby permitted is first occupied the proposed window(s) in the side elevation facing No.102 Millway shall be glazed with obscure glass only and shall be permanently retained as such thereafter and shall be permanently fixed shut with only a fanlight opening.

Reason: To safeguard the privacy and amenities of occupiers of adjoining residential properties in accordance with Policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and the Residential Design Guidance SPD (adopted April 2013).

- 10 Before the development hereby permitted is first occupied or the use first commences the parking spaces shown on Drawing No. 455716-4 (Proposed Site Plan) shall be provided and shall not be used for any purpose other than the parking of vehicles in connection with the approved development.

Reason: To ensure that parking is provided in accordance with the council's standards in the interests of pedestrian and highway safety, the free flow of traffic and in order to protect the amenities of the area in accordance with Policy DM17 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012) and Policies 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 of the London Plan 2015.

- 11 a) Before the development hereby permitted is first occupied cycle parking spaces and cycle storage facilities shall be provided in accordance with a scheme to be 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 the spaces shall be permanently retained thereafter.

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.

- 12 Before the development hereby permitted is occupied 20% active and 20% passive parking spaces shall be installed with electric vehicle charging points. Such spaces shall be permanently retained and maintained thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development makes adequate provision for electric vehicle charging points to encourage the use of electric vehicles in accordance with policy 6.13 of the London Plan.

- 13 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).

- 14 a) Before the development hereby permitted is first occupied, details of the subdivision of the amenity area(s) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

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

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

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

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

- 16 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 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).

- 17 Provisions shall be made within the site to ensure that all vehicles associated with the construction of the development hereby approved are properly washed and cleaned to prevent the passage of mud and dirt onto the adjoining highway.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not cause danger and inconvenience to users of the adjoining pavement and highway.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 21 Prior to the occupation of the units, copies of Pre-completion Sound Insulation Test Certificates shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority, confirming

compliance with Requirement E of the Building Regulations 2010 (or any subsequent amendment in force at the time of implementation of the permission).

Reason: To protect the amenities of future and neighbouring residential occupiers in accordance with policy DM02 and DM04 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies DPD (2012).

Informative(s):

- 1 The plans accompanying this application are:
- 2 In accordance with paragraphs 186-187, 188-195 and 196-198 of the NPPF, the Council takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals, focused on solutions. To assist applicants in submitting development proposals, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) has produced planning policies and written guidance to guide applicants when submitting applications. These are all available on the Council's website. A pre-application advice service is also offered.

The applicant did not seek to engage with the LPA prior to the submission of this application through the established formal pre-application advice service. The LPA has discussed the proposal with the applicant/agent where necessary during the application process. Unfortunately the scheme is not considered to accord with the Development Plan. If the applicant wishes to submit a further application, the Council is willing to assist in identifying possible solutions through the pre-application advice service.

Officer's Assessment

1. Site Description

The application site consists of a detached two storey dwelling within a large triangular shaped plot of land, located at the northern end of Millway, within the ward of Mill Hill.

2. Site History

Reference: W13618/04

Address: 104 Millway, London, NW7 3JJ

Decision: Refused

Decision Date: 14 April 2004

Description: Demolition of existing house and erection of two storey building (with rooms in roof) comprising 9no. self-contained flats with associated changes to landscaping and provision of off street parking accessed from Millway.

Appeal Decision: Appeal Dismissed

Appeal Decision Date: 04 April 2005

3. Proposal

Permission is sought to vary Condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission 16/8021/FUL (granted on 10 February 2017). Planning permission was granted in respect of a scheme to redevelop the site, involving the demolition of the existing building and the erection of a two storey building with rooms in the roofspace, comprising of 6no. self-contained units. The proposal also involves the relocation of vehicular access and the provision of associated off-street parking and landscaping.

This application proposes a small number of alterations to the building in respect of the fenestration and also the internal arrangement to increase the floorspace associated with a number of units. The application does not propose any addition to the consented number of flats within the building.

The principal changes are an additional 2.8m deep, full height projection at an inset distance of 3.612m from the flank of the building on the building's southern side and a similar projection depth on the northern side adjacent to the A41. On the front elevation a front projecting gable end at roof level is proposed instead of a dormer. On the rear elevation one less dormer is proposed and a pair of windows are replaced with a French door/Juliet balcony arrangement on the ground and first floor level.

In floorspace terms the existing building increases from 556sq.m to 611sq.m which constitutes an increase of 55sq.m (approximately 10%). Units 1, 3 and 5 stay the same, while unit 2 increases by 14sq.m and unit 6 increases by 16sq.m.

There is no change to car parking and no change to the overall height of the building nor the relationship with adjoining properties.

4. Public Consultation

Consultation letters were sent to 28 neighbouring properties.

19 responses have been received, comprising 14 letters of objection and 5 letters of support.

The objections received can be summarised as follows:

- Overbearing and out of character with houses on Millway;
- Large increase in footprint compared to existing building;
- Proposed development will result in overlooking;
- Loss of trees and green space;
- Insufficient parking spaces provided within the development; and
- Increased risk on highways safety through increase in vehicles

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 2016

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 2050. 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.

The Mayor's London Plan 2017 (DRAFT)

'Whilst capable of being a material consideration, at this early stage very limited weight should be attached to the Draft London Plan. Although this weight will increase as the Draft London Plan progresses to examination stage and beyond, applications should continue to be determined in accordance with the 2016 London Plan.'

Barnet's Local Plan (2012)

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

- Relevant Core Strategy Policies: CS NPPF, CS1, CS4, CS5, CS9, CS15.
- Relevant Development Management Policies: DM01, DM02, DM03, DM04, DM08, DM17

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

Supplementary Planning Documents

Residential Design Guidance SPD (adopted October 2016)

Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted October 2016)

5.2 Main issues for consideration

The main issues for consideration in this case are:

- The principle of redevelopment of the site for flats;
- 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.
- The provision of adequate living conditions for future occupiers;
- Highways safety and parking provision;
- Any other material considerations.

5.3 Assessment of proposals

Principle of development

In determining whether flats are appropriate, Policy DM01 of Barnet's Development Management Policies states that consideration should be given to the character of the road and that the loss of houses in roads characterised by houses will not normally be appropriate.

Assessing the context of the street and wider area, it is considered that Mill Way has a suburban setting of predominately large detached dwellings, with the exception of one flatted development (No.137 Mill Way) on the corner on the opposite side of the road. The pattern of development is of large houses in spacious and mature settings with both sides of the street having wide frontages. Running adjacent to the site is Watford Way, which leads to a large roundabout junction to the north-west. The houses along Watford Way are of a more substantial size and are set well back with wide grass verges to the front of the plot. At Apex Corner, approximately 200 metres from the pre-application site, there is a higher density and greater scale of built form, comprising of three-storey parades, flatted developments and a petrol station and fast food premises. Moving south away from Apex

Corner, there is a transition towards a distinct suburban character where properties are all of a similar style, form and size.

Taking into account that the site holds a corner plot, further investigation of development along the A1 highway, reveals that a number of other corner sites have been redeveloped for flats. While the street is predominately single family dwellings and policy DM01 is resistant to new flatted development in such cases, when assessing development proposals, the Planning Authority will take into account any relevant material considerations such as other similar patterns of approved development for flats along the A1 highway. On its own merits, the proposal would conflict with Policy DM01, however, when the Planning Authority considers the other relevant material considerations, it is considered that there is potential for a new flatted development on this site which takes into account the local pattern of development along Millway. The Planning Authority considers that an appropriate scheme which is of an acceptable design, scale and layout and reflective of the pattern of development, may not undermine the local character of the surrounding area.

With regards to density, Barnet's approach is to optimise housing density in order to achieve appropriate development. This is set within the context of the Sustainable Residential Quality Density Matrix in Table 3.2 of the London Plan. This matrix sets out appropriate density ranges for suburban, urban and central locations which reflect the setting of site in terms of its location, existing building form and massing and public transport accessibility level (PTAL). The Planning Authority considers that the site can be classed as having a suburban setting and has a PTAL level of 2. The proposal would provide 6 units with a total of approximately 22 habitable rooms. The site measures 0.15ha and the London plan would indicate an appropriate density of between 150-250 habitable rooms per hectare and 50-95 units per hectare. In this instance, the proposal would result in a density of approximately 146 hr/ha and 40 units per ha, which would be within the density ranges for a PTAL 2-3 (Suburban) location. As such this density is considered to be below the standard set out in the London Plan, but this would not harm the character of the area given the previously approved development, no change in unit numbers and the quality of development and amenity.

In floorspace terms the existing building increases from 556sq.m to 611sq.m which constitutes an increase of 55sq.m (approximately 10%). Units 1, 3 and 5 stay the same, while unit 2 increases by 14sq.m and unit 6 increases by 16sq.m. The increases in floorspace to three of the units would be acceptable and would provide more generous internal accommodation for the future occupiers. Although the increase in floorspace would be equivalent to an additional one bed unit, there would be no change in the number of bedspaces and development population and as such, the Council holds no objection to the principle of the development.

The proposed development would provide a mix of dwelling types, comprising, 3 x 2 bedroom units and 3 x 3 bedroom units. Policy DM08 states that homes with 3 bedrooms are a medium priority and therefore the proposal would help contribute towards this provision and the Borough's overall housing supply.

Character and appearance

In addition, Policy DM01 expects that development proposals should be based on an understanding of local characteristics and should respect the appearance, scale, mass, height and pattern of surrounding buildings, spaces and streets.

When analysing the street pattern, there is a rhythm of two-storey houses with a consistency of hipped roof design, spacing between properties, building heights and building lines. Each of the properties tends to have a large paved area to the front to accommodate off-street parking. There is some variety in design with Tudor style front gables, large bay windows and a mixture of white render and brick finishes.

The application seeks to demolish the existing detached dwelling and redevelop the site with a two-storey development with rooms in the roofspace. The proposed building would represent an increase in the footprint, width, depth and bulk compared to the existing, but would maintain the existing height and building line of the street. Overall, officers consider that the design and scale of the proposed building is representative of the local context and the characteristics of the properties along Millway. The additional width of the proposed new building is relatively minor and is to be added to the side elevation facing Watford Way. The proposed footprint of the new building will be moved further away from the neighbouring No102 which maintains an appropriate setting between the properties and maintains this common street characteristic.

On the front elevation, the application proposes an amendment to the existing left hand side front elevation projection by adding a gable end above eaves level to replace the existing dormer. This would appear to balance out the front elevation and enhance the quality of the proposed development.

At the sides of the proposed building, there would be an additional projection of 2.8m in depth to the full height of the building. It is considered that this would not harm the character and appearance of the building and would not give rise to unacceptable bulk, scale or massing that would be perceptible from the street or from neighbouring properties. The reduction of one dormer reduces clutter on the rear elevation and the alterations to the fenestration are considered to be minor.

Overall, the Planning Authority considers that the proposed scheme is reflective of the neighbouring properties, relates well to No.102 and the streetscene in terms of character and provides a suitable transition between the corner site and the houses on Millway.

Impact on amenity

Proposals for the site will need to respect and protect the amenities of the occupiers of neighbouring properties and meet the requirements of development plan policy in this respect (for example Barnet Local Plan policies CS5 and DM01). Privacy is an important design issue and the positioning of homes, including their windows and balconies, should be carefully considered to ensure that adequate privacy is maintained.

Despite the changes officers consider that the potential for any impacts on residential amenity is limited to the adjacent property No.102. As previously mentioned, there is a pattern of spacing between the properties along the street which serves to protect the amenity of each of the properties. While the proposed scheme would result in the existing garage being demolished, the overall footprint of the property will be moved away from No.102 and a single storey element would be retained on this side of the building. The proposed two storey element would not project any closer to No.102 than the existing building. As the proposal would maintain and increase the separation distance, officers are satisfied that the residential amenity of No.102 will not be adversely affected in terms of overbearing or loss of light by the footprint and bulk of the proposed building. The submitted plans note that the proposed windows on the side elevation facing No.102 would be fitted with obscure glazing and so officers are satisfied that the proposed will not

result in any impacts of overlooking. A condition will be applied to any planning permission to ensure that this implemented.

In terms of amenity for future occupiers, the individual flats proposed would each meet the minimum dimensions required by the nationally described space standard, as adopted by minor alterations to the London Plan in March 2016. Each of the flats would have dual aspects outlooks and so officers are satisfied that an adequate level of amenity would be provided for future occupiers of the site.

Highways safety and parking provision

Policy CS9 of the Barnet Core Strategy identifies that the Council will seek to ensure more efficient use of the local road network and more environmentally friendly transport networks, require that development is matched to capacity and promote the delivery of appropriate transport infrastructure. Policy DM17 of the Barnet Development Management Plan document sets out the parking standards that the Council will apply when assessing new developments.

Policy DM17 sets out parking standards as follows for the residential use:

For 2 and 3 bedroom units 1.0 - 1.5 spaces per unit

Based on the above parking standards, the parking requirement for the proposed development is calculated as follows:

3 x 2b = a range of (1.0 - 1.5) = 3.0 - 4.5 parking spaces required

3 x 3b = a range of (1.0 - 1.5) = 3.0 - 4.5 parking spaces required

This equates to a range of parking provision of between 6 to 9 parking spaces to meet the Barnet Local Plan parking standards contained in Policy DM17.

9 parking spaces including 1 disabled space are being provided. Therefore the proposal provides the necessary parking provision expected and would comply with the requirements of Policy DM17. The relocation of the existing of the access into the site is not considered to adversely affect the highways safety of the Millway.

Any other considerations

Ecology and Trees

The applicant has submitted an Ecology Report and a Tree Survey to assess any potential impacts of the proposed development. There Ecology report found there was no evidence of bats or nesting birds within the existing building and concluded that there was a negligible impact on protected species should the existing building and garage be demolished. On this basis, officers are satisfied with the conclusions of this report. The tree survey has indicated that a number of trees to the front and rear of the site would have to be removed in order to accommodate the proposed development. The trees identified for removal all appear to be Category C rated (trees of low quality), while the moderate to high quality trees would be retained. Officers are satisfied that the character of this corner site will be maintained through the retention of the trees in this corner and along the northern boundary.

There are no changes to these considerations following this application.

5.4 Response to Public Consultation

Issues raised in relation in the principle of development, design, layout and impact on residential amenity are addressed within the assessment section above.

While there will be the loss of trees, these have been identified as low quality and the number of trees to be unaltered will still preserve the character of this corner and could be suitably mitigated through an acceptable landscaping scheme which will be requested via condition.

It has been assessed that the proposal will be provide the required parking spaces to serve the development. The proposal is for a relatively minor residential development and there is not expected to result in significant highways issues.

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.

