

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

Reference: **18/5483/FUL** Received: 10th September 2018
Accepted: 17th September 2018

Ward: Woodhouse Expiry 12th November 2018

Applicant: Avi Dodi

Proposal: Creation of additional floor at 7th floor level to provide two x 2B/3B self contained units, each with private outdoor amenity space. Alterations to fenestration and cladding of existing building

Recommendation: Approve subject to s106

AND the Committee grants delegated authority to the Service Director – Planning and Building Control 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)

RECOMMENDATION I:

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

1. Paying the council's legal and professional costs of preparing the Agreement and any other enabling agreements;
2. All obligations listed below to become enforceable in accordance with a timetable to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority;
3. Highways (traffic order) £2,022.00
A contribution towards the cost of required changes to an existing traffic order or creation of a new order related to the development.
4. Monitoring of the Agreement £100.00
Contribution towards the Council's costs in monitoring the obligations of the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION II:

That upon completion of the agreement specified in Recommendation I, the Service Director – Planning and Building Control or Head of Strategic Planning approve the planning application subject to the following conditions and any changes to the wording of

the conditions considered necessary by the Service Director – Planning and Building Control or Head of Strategic Planning:

1 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: 359/PL/405, 359/PL/408, 359/PL/409, 359/PL/410, 359/PL/411, 359/PL/400, 359/PL/406,

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 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).

4 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).

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

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

Reason: To ensure that the development does not prejudice the amenity of future occupiers or the character of the area in accordance with policies DM01 and DM02 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012), the Residential Design Guidance SPD (adopted October 2016) and the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted October 2016).

6 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.

7 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 policies 5.3, 5.18, 7.14 and 7.15 of the London Plan.

8 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.

9 Notwithstanding the provisions of any development order made under Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (or any Order revoking and re-enacting that Order) no installation of any structures or apparatus for purposes relating to telecommunications shall be installed on any part the roof of the building(s) hereby approved, including any structures or development otherwise permitted under Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 or any equivalent Order revoking and re-enacting that Order.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not impact adversely on the townscape and character of the area and to ensure the Local Planning Authority can control the development in the area so that it accords with Policies DM01 and DM18 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012).

10 a) No development other than demolition works shall take place until details of the materials to be used for the external surfaces of the additional seventh floor 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 2016.

11 Other than those areas named as 'terrace or balcony' on drawing 359/PL/406 Rev I, the roof of the building shall be used for maintenance and access only and not as a balcony, roof garden or similar amenity or sitting out area.

Reason: To ensure that the amenities of the occupiers of adjoining properties are not prejudiced by overlooking in accordance with policy DM01 of the Development Management Policies DPD (adopted September 2012).

12 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.

13 a) Notwithstanding the details submitted with the application and otherwise hereby approved, no development other than demolition works shall take place until 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).

14 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.

RECOMMENDATION III:

That if the above agreement has not been completed or a unilateral undertaking has not been submitted by 20/01/2019, unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Head of Development Management REFUSE the application under delegated powers for the following reason(s):

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

Informative(s):

- 1 In accordance with paragraphs 38-57 of the NPPF, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) takes a positive and proactive approach to development proposals, focused on solutions. The LPA has produced planning policies and written guidance to assist applicants when submitting applications. These are all available on the Council's website. A pre-application advice service is also offered. The LPA has negotiated with the applicant/agent where necessary during the application process to ensure that the proposed development is in accordance with the Development Plan.
- 2 The 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.

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.

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

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

- 3 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 4500.

Officer's Assessment

1. Site Description

The subject site is Britannia House, primarily a seven storey building, dating from the mid-1960s, on the corner of High Road and Britannia Road within the Woodhouse ward. The existing building is seven stories to the principal frontage and steps down to three storeys to the rear.

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

The applicant property is not listed nor located within a conservation area. There are no protected trees on or adjacent to the application site.

2. Site History

Reference: 17/1608/PNO

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

Decision: Prior Approval Required and Refused

Decision Date: 7 Apr 2017

Description: Change of use from Class B1 (Office) to Class C3 (Residential) (30 Units)

Reference: F/01895/14

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

Decision: Prior Approval Required and Approved

Decision Date: 4 Jun 2014

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

Reference: F/05325/13

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

Decision: Prior Approval Required and Approved

Decision Date: 9 Jan 2014

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

Reference: 16/6697/FUL

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

Decision: Approved following legal agreement

Decision Date: 15.08.2017

Description: Creation of additional floor above top floor (7th floor) which is under the level of the existing lift enclosure to provide one additional self-contained unit

Reference: 16/2568/FUL

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

Decision: Refused and Appeal dismissed

Decision Date: 25/05/2017

Description: Creation of additional floor above top floor level (7th floor) of existing building to provide 2 No self-contained flats

Reference: 17/5201/FUL

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

Decision: Refused

Decision Date: 28.03.2018

Description: The construction of an additional floor at 7th floor level to provide 2no self-contained 2bedroom/3 person residential units together with private outdoor amenity areas and balustrading.

Reference: 18/2499/FUL

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

Decision: Refused

Decision Date: 06.07.2018

Description: Construction of an additional floor at 7th floor level to provide 2no self-contained 2bedroom/3 person residential units together with private outdoor amenity areas and balustrading.

3. Proposal

The construction of an additional floor at 7th floor level to provide 2no self-contained 2bedroom/3 person residential units together with private outdoor amenity areas and balustrading. Flat 31 would be a 2B/3P unit of 65sqm and Flat 32 would be a 2B/3P unit of 61sqm. The additional floor would be 2.8 metres high following removal of the existing structures.

The proposal is essentially a further resubmission of the previous application (ref 18//FUL). This was refused at committee in March 2018 because of the inadequate provision of private outdoor amenity space and lack of a legal undertaking to enable an amendment to the Traffic Regulations Order. This amended scheme seeks to overcome the reasons for refusal.

The reasons:

1. The proposals provide inadequate amenity space for the occupiers of the proposed flats. This would be contrary to policy DM02 of the Adopted Barnet Development Management Policies 2012 and the SPD on Sustainable Design Construction and Residential Design Guidance.

2. The proposal fails to provide a legal undertaking to enable an amendment to the Traffic Regulations Order and contribution towards the associated monitoring costs to mitigate the on-street parking impact in the vicinity of the site, contrary to policy DM17 of the Development Management Policies DPD, policy CS9 of the Adopted Barnet Core Strategy 2012 and the Planning Obligations SPD.

4. Public Consultation

Consultation letters were sent to 286 neighbouring properties. A site notice was posted on the 27.09.2018. 4 responses have been received, comprising 4 letters of objection, including one from the Finchley Society.

The objections received can be summarised as follows:

- Over development
- loss of sunlight
- increased rubbish
- parking pressures
- an ugly addition, not sympathetic
- noise from building work
- overlooking
- where will the existing communication equipment go

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 24 July 2018. 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 London Plan is currently under review. 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 adopted 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.
- Relevant Development Management Policies: DM01, DM02, 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

Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (adopted October 2016)

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

Residential Design Guidance SPD (adopted October 2016).

North Finchley Town Centre Framework (adopted February 2018)

5.2 Main issues for consideration

The main issues for consideration in this case are:

- The principle of locating a residential use at this site
- 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.
- Whether the scheme would provide an adequate standard of accommodation for future residents.
- Highway and parking matters

5.3 Assessment of proposals

The principle of residential use at this site

Britannia House has a recent history of applications where approval for residential use has been consented, and this includes an approval in 2016 for an additional floor to provide a single flat (at the seventh storey). The principle of the use has therefore been established and its appropriateness should be assessed under 'standards' below. The North Finchley Town Centre Framework (adopted February 2018) recognises that the area to the north of North Finchley Town Centre is suitable for further residential use and already seeing a transition to residential development through piecemeal residential development and conversions from permitted development rights.

Impact on the character of the area

The principle of an additional set back storey has already been established under planning reference 16/6697/FUL. The Inspector acknowledged this in the statement regarding ref 16/2568/FUL because the amended scheme 16/6697/FUL had been granted planning permission.

It is accepted that Britannia House is already the tallest building within the immediate area. The proposed new floor would be slightly wider than that approved in 2016, extending a further 2 metres north and a further 1 metre south. The floor will be set back between 1.8 metres and 1 metre from the front (High Road) elevation.

The North Finchley Town Centre Framework (adopted February 2018) recognises that North Finchley is an appropriate location for tall buildings although the height and form should respect the character of the existing surrounding context.

The cladding system and the aluminium framed double glazed windows to the additional floor will match those to be installed in the lower floors. This will give a coherency to the block and improve its appearance. It is not considered that the additional floor which will be set back will be over dominant or over bearing within the streetscape and oblique views from either the High Road or Britannia Road.

Impact on the amenities of neighbours

Policy DM01 seeks to ensure that new development does not materially affect the amenity of adjacent occupiers. The proposed development is setback to all elevations. There would be no material loss of daylight or sunlight or an increase in the sense of enclosure to

existing residential occupiers of Britannia Road or the High Road. The roof terraces have been altered in their usable surface area to ensure that there will be no overlooking to adjacent property and the privacy of neighbours will be protected.

Whether the scheme would provide an adequate standard of accommodation for future residents

The London Plan and Barnet policy DM02 set out standards for internal and external amenity levels in new build residential schemes.

Internal Design Standards: The proposal will provide two x two bedroom/3 person flats. They will have internal floor areas of 61sqm and 65sqm respectively, and therefore accord with policy standards. The habitable room areas and dimensions also accord with policy standards.

Minimum Ceiling Height: The standards set a minimum ceiling height of 2.3 metres for at least 75% of the Gross Internal Area. The ceiling heights in this proposal are significantly higher in this proposal for the full site area.

External Design Standards: Policy requirement for external private open space for a two bedroom flat with three habitable rooms is 15sqm. The proposal would provide an outdoor private area of 17.5sqm for Flat 31 and 16sqm for Flat 32. The previous scheme presented to committee showed both units with an area of 15 sqm of private outdoor space, although these were relatively narrow. The present scheme has amended the layout to ensure the areas comply with amenity policy and will provide better quality space but without compromising on the internal standards of the flats.

Both residential units will have outlook to front and rear and will therefore be provided with natural through-ventilation. The units will have good outlook and aspect. Daylight and sunlight levels received by the two units will also be acceptable. Privacy between the two units will be secured by obscure glass screening.

The alterations made to this most recent proposal for the additional floor now ensure that the scheme accords with Barnet's sustainable design standards, addresses the amenity reason for refusal and the scheme will provide an acceptable standard of residential accommodation.

Highway and parking matters

Taking into consideration that the site is located within a town centre location close to local amenities, the site has a Public Transport Accessibility (PTAL) of 3 which considered as medium accessibility, the site is within an All Day Controlled Parking Zone which operates from Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm and Payment parking is in operation on roads in the vicinity of the site, this is acceptable.

The applicant has agreed to enter a legal agreement to exclude residents of the proposed development from qualifying for parking permits. To implement the necessary change to the Traffic Order a contribution of £2,022 is to be required under S106 Agreement.

Cycle Parking: Cycle parking needs to be provided in accordance with the London Plan Cycle Parking Standards. This can be secured by condition.

Accessibility and Sustainability

The application scheme is required by Policies 3.5 and 3.8 of the London Plan (2016 Minor Alterations to the London Plan) to meet Building Regulation requirement M4(2). The

applicant has confirmed that the proposed development would meet this requirement, and a condition is attached to ensure compliance with these Policies.

In respect of carbon dioxide emission reduction, the applicant has confirmed that the scheme has been designed to achieve a 6% CO₂ reduction over Part L of the 2013 building regulations. This level of reduction is considered to comply with the requirements of Policy 5.2 of the London Plan (2016 Minor Alterations) and the 2016 Housing SPG's requirements and a condition is attached to ensure compliance with the Policy

In terms of water consumption, a condition is attached to require each unit to receive water through a water meter, and be constructed with water saving and efficiency measures to ensure a maximum of 105 litres of water is consumed per person per day, to ensure the proposal accords with Policy 5.15 of the London Plan (2016 Minor Alterations).

The proposed development therefore would meet the necessary sustainability and efficiency requirements of the London Plan.

5.4 Response to Public Consultation

The objections and concerns from residents have been considered within the evaluation above

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

The proposal is considered to accord with the requirements of the Development Plan and is therefore recommended for approval and legal agreement.



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