

London Borough of Islington

Planning Sub Committee B - 30 April 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub Committee B held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 30 April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Donovan-Hart (Chair), Khan, Court, Kay and Fletcher

Councillor Alice Donovan-Hart in the Chair

348 INTRODUCTIONS (Item A1)

Councillor Donovan-Hart welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members of the Committee and officers introduced themselves and the Chair outlined the procedures for the meeting.

349 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A2)

There were no apologies for absence.

350 DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A3)

There were no declarations of substitute members.

351 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A4)

There were no declarations of interest.

352 ORDER OF BUSINESS (Item A5)

The order of business would be B1, B3 and B2.

353 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A6)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

354 27 CLERKENWELL ROAD, LONDON, EC1M 5RN (Item B1)

Erection of three storey extension to existing three storey (plus basement) host building at fourth, fifth and six floor levels and excavation at basement level to extend the existing floorplate to the rear of the building, and lowering of floor to form a full height basement. Erection of a setback plant room at roof level above the new sixth floor. Proposed extensions resulting in an uplift of 632 square meters of floor space. Change of use at basement to provide Class A3 café floor space and provision of bike store, refuse and recycle store. Change of use from Class A3 café floor space to Class B1 office floor space at first floor level; change of use from mixed Class B1 office floor space and ancillary Class A3 floor space at second and third floors to provide Class B1 office floor space across both floors. Provision of Class B1 office floor space at new fourth, fifth and six floors. Alterations to ground floor shopfront including installation of new double doors to provide access to the first-sixth floors; reinstatement of the missing corbel and the missing sash window to the front elevation at third floor level; three storey contemporary extensions at fourth-sixth floors to be formed of glazing and corten steel to comprise Class B1 floor space with reinstatement of existing saw-tooth roof form at sixth floor.

(Planning application number: P2017/4659/FUL)

In the discussion the following points were made:

- The application was policy compliant.
- The consistency of the roofline was welcomed as was the restoration of historic features.
- It was considered by some members that there was no harm caused.
- The business floorspace was welcomed in this strategic office location.
- The quality of the design was considered to be a question of taste.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions and informatives set out in Appendix 1 of the officer report and subject to the prior completion of a Deed of Planning Obligation made under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 securing the heads of terms as set out in Appendix 1 of the officer report.

355 **CULPEPER COMMUNITY GARDEN, 2 DIGNUM STREET, ISLINGTON, LONDON, N1 0FJ (Item B2)**

Erection of a single storey glazed extension (greenhouse) to the existing outbuilding (tea hut)(following removal of existing greenhouse).

(Planning application number: P2017/3427/FUL)

In the discussion the following points were made:

- The applicant was encouraged to apply for local initiative funding.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions and informatives set out in Appendix 1 of the officer report.

356 **LAND REAR OF 6 SHAFTESBURY ROAD, LONDON, N19 (Item B3)**

Proposal for demolition of the existing vacant buildings (previously used as storage/workshop) and construction of 2x2 bedroom two storey dwellings with associated amenity space, lowering of land levels plus installation of bike and refuse storage.

(Planning application number: P2015/3034/FUL)

In the discussion the following points were made:

- An update was provided by the planning officer confirming that additional responses had been received since the publication of the report, but that no new issues were raised that were not already addressed.
- The planning officer explained that the application had been due to be considered by a planning sub-committee in March 2017. However issues had come to light which required more investigation. Since then further documents had been received and some minor amendments had been made to the proposed scheme and the application was now ready to be considered.
- The planning officer was asked by members to identify on the plans the non-compliant (undersized and those with a lack of sunlight) private amenity spaces and the kitchen/living/dining room that failed the sunlight and daylight requirements.
- It was considered by members that the proposal provided poor quality accommodation.

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- Concern was raised that the lack of amenity space breached policy as did the daylight/sunlight levels and the design was considered defective.
- It was noted that should the dressing rooms be used as bedrooms, then the amenity space provision would be further below the minimum standard stipulated by policy.
- It was noted that the design was harmful to future occupiers as opposed to adjoining occupiers, where it was felt the scheme demonstrated an acceptable relationship.
- The recommendation was not considered to be finely balanced but clearly unacceptable on the above grounds.

Councillor Khan proposed a motion to refuse the application as it breached policies CS12, DM2.1, DM3.4 and DM3.5. This was seconded by Councillor Kay and carried.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be refused for the reasons outlined above.

REASON: The proposed residential units would fail to provide a good standard of accommodation for future occupiers, by virtue of inadequate levels of internal light, with poor levels of outlook, an oppressive sense of enclosure and undersized private amenity space together with inadequate degree of sunlight receipt to both private amenity spaces. The development failed to make efficient use of the site and buildings and failed to accord with policy DM2.1 and the residential units were considered not to comply with policies CS12 of the Islington Core Strategy (2011) and policies DM2.1, DM3.4 and DM3.5 of the Development Management Policies (2013).

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

CHAIR