

APPENDIX 5 – Public Consultation Responses

Neighbour consultation	Neighbour response	Officer response
Ben Rider, 30a Truro Road, N22 8EL	<p>Objection: While the provision of spaces for community groups is welcome, it's a shame that more budget can't be allocated to other community assets such as the provision for public swimming pools (which are sorely lacking in Wood Green)</p>	<p>The consolidation of office use on this site will allow for more efficient use of other existing sites and provide for the needs of the community and Haringey as a whole.</p>
Jack Grant, 1 Rycroft Way	<p>Objection: In the council chambers I have two objections</p> <p>1) the balance of observer seating in the usual arrangement (the setup for council events) is 100 for able bodied residents and 3 for wheelchair users, the wheelchair users are also separated from the main body of observers- a classic sign of them being an after thought and othered- particularly as they will be placed in the ground floor with the councillors where there is usually security present and will likely have to be ushered in and out. it would be simple to fix seating style of the gallery (as done by thousands of cinemas in this country) remove the last row of seats and extend the level ground at the back to create enough space for wheelchair users at a higher ratio than 3/103. Haringey council has put forward a target of 20% for housing so don't see why 20% wheelchair adaptable seating couldn't be achievable in the seating arrangements of the councils political body.</p> <p>2) it says in the application that the whole of the ground floor of the council chamber is wheelchair accessible, does that include the podium? from the drawings i think the current setup of stair access would be continued - a lazy non solution that excludes people in wheelchair from the podium which will be used for cabinet and council leader seating during usual running- the size and</p>	<p>There are flexible spaces available in addition to the spaces designated. The council chamber will be fully accessible to wheelchair users. However, the Public Gallery will not have level access as this would require substantial structural changes to allow level access, which would be detrimental to the heritage value.</p>

	<p>shape of the room would not have prevented one or both of the stair access to the podium being converted into a ramp, they aren't high steps. This redesign will presumably not be changed for decades and the design put forward would inherently treat any wheelchair user who enters the cabinet or leadership of the council as lesser in the inherent design of the political chambers of the council. architecture and design should reflect the priorities and political will of the council.</p>	
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