

## **REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION AT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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**Ward:** Tottenham Hale

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**Address:** 596 - 606 High Road N17

**Proposal:** Conservation Area Consent for demolition of existing buildings and erection of part 3 / part 4 storey buildings to provide 186 sqm of A1 / A2 / A3 floor space and 48 residential units together with formation of new vehicle access to High Road.

**Existing Use:** Vacant (Previously club and A2)

**Proposed Use:** A1 and residential

**Applicant:** Rock One

**Ownership:** Private

### **PLANNING DESIGNATIONS**

UDP 2006 Archeological Importance  
Conservation Area  
Road Network: Classified Road

**Officer Contact:** Stuart Cooke

### **RECOMMENDATION**

REFUSE CONSENT

### **SITE AND SURROUNDINGS**

The application site is located on the east side of Tottenham High Road just south of Scotland Green. It comprises the former CIU Club building and surrounding land and the sites and buildings of Nos 596-602 Tottenham High Road.

The site falls within the Bruce Grove conservation area and is within an area of archaeological importance as identified in the Unitary Development Plan 2006.

It is also directly adjacent to the Tottenham/Bruce Grove District Centre and primary shopping area.

The site generally fronts onto Tottenham High Road which is characterised by mixed use commercial and residential development. Directly to the north of the site are Nos. 608-610 High Road which are part 2, part three storey Victorian buildings in mixed use, with A3 use on the ground floor and residential above. Adjacent to these buildings is the Prince of Wales PH, (No. 612), on the corner of Tottenham High Road and Scotland Green. This is a substantial 3-storey Victorian building which is currently undergoing refurbishment. Directly to the south of the site is Nos. 600-602 High Road, a modern 2-storey building, currently vacant and formerly a Betting Office. Adjacent to this are Nos 596 and 598 High Road, both locally listed buildings. No. 598 was demolished without consent approximately 2 years ago. No. 596 remains and is currently vacant. Adjacent to these buildings is No. 504, the Friends Meeting House, another 2-storey, relatively modern building forming the end of this group of buildings to which the application site is central.

The site is bounded to the north by the terrace of modest, generally 2-storey, mixed use, mid-Victorian buildings in Scotland Green. To the north of this terrace fronting Tottenham High Road is the former Blue School building, currently undergoing refurbishment.

To the east of the site are the rear gardens of the 2-storey semi-detached houses in Parkhurst Road and the buildings and playgrounds of Parkhurst Infants and Junior Schools and the Mulberry Nursery.

Tottenham High Road itself is a busy north-south route through the borough served by a number of bus routes, with Bruce Grove and White Hart Lane rail stations within half a mile of the application site and Seven Sisters underground station within one mile.

## **PLANNING HISTORY**

Various planning applications have been submitted in the past for changes of use or extensions to the existing buildings.

In 2005, retrospective conservation area consent was granted, (HGY2005/1428), to demolish No. 598 Tottenham High Road which had been demolished without consent, based on a satisfactory replacement scheme having been submitted and approved, (HGY2005/1426).

A parallel planning application is submitted for the mixed use redevelopment of the site, (HGY2007/2583).

## **DETAILS OF PROPOSAL**

This application seeks conservation area consent to demolish the existing buildings on the site. The demolition is required to allow the redevelopment of the site for a mixed residential/commercial scheme.

## CONSULTATION

Ward Councillors

Conservation Team  
Tottenham Conservation Area Advisory Committee

## RESPONSES

Conservation Team object on the basis that a satisfactory replacement scheme is not in place.

## RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

PPG15 Planning and the Historic Environment

Policy CSV7 – Demolition of buildings in conservation areas – Unitary Development Plan 2006.

## ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION

Advice in PPG15 states:

*“4.26 In exercising conservation area controls, local planning authorities are required to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the area in question; and, as with listed building controls, this should be the prime consideration in determining a consent application. In the case of conservation area controls, however, account should clearly be taken of the part played in the architectural or historic interest of the area by the building for which demolition is proposed, and in particular of the wider effects of demolition on the building's surroundings and on the conservation area as a whole.*

*“4.27 The general presumption should be in favour of retaining buildings which make a positive contribution to the character or appearance of a conservation area. The Secretary of State expects that proposals to demolish such buildings should be assessed against the same broad criteria as proposals to demolish listed buildings (paragraphs 3.16-3.19 above). In less clear-cut cases - for instance, where a building makes little or no such contribution - the local planning authority will need to have full information about what is proposed for the site after demolition. Consent for demolition should not be given unless there are acceptable and detailed plans for any redevelopment. It has been held that the decision-maker is entitled to consider the merits of any proposed development in determining whether consent should be given for the demolition of an unlisted building in a conservation area.”*

It is clear from this advice that Local Planning Authorities should not grant conservation area consent for demolition where an acceptable scheme for the replacement development is not in place. In the light of the fact that the

planning application for the redevelopment of this site is recommended for refusal, it is not considered appropriate for this application for conservation area consent to demolish the existing buildings should be agreed.

Policy CSV7 of the Unitary Development Plan reflects this advice and seeks to protect buildings within conservation areas by refusing applications for their demolition where that demolition would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area. As no replacement scheme is in place in this case, the demolition would have an adverse impact and therefore it is considered inappropriate to grant conservation area consent.

## **SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

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For the following reason:

1. The proposed demolition of the buildings would be premature in that the Local Planning Authority has not received an application and/or granted planning permission for a suitable replacement development. Premature demolition would not be in the interests of preserving the character and appearance of the Bruce Grove Conservation Area contrary to Policy CSV7 'Demolition in Conservation Areas' of the Unitary Development Plan 2006.

