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## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 at 7.30 pm Venue: Conference Room, The Civic Centre, Silver Street,

Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 3XA

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#### **MEMBERS**

Councillors: Toby Simon (Chair), Dinah Barry, Derek Levy, Ahmet Hasan, Jansev Jemal, George Savva MBE, Jason Charalambous, Dogan Delman, Christine Hamilton, Anne-Marie Pearce, Jim Steven and Katherine Chibah

N.B. Any member of the public interested in attending the meeting should ensure that they arrive promptly at 7:15pm

Please note that if the capacity of the room is reached, entry may not be permitted. Public seating will be available on a first come first served basis.

Involved parties may request to make a deputation to the Committee by contacting the committee administrator before 12:00 noon on 27/06/16

#### **AGENDA - PART 1**

## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members of the Planning Committee are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary, other pecuniary or non pecuniary interests relevant to items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016 (Pages 1 - 4)

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2016.

## 4. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION (REPORT NO. 43) (Pages 5 - 6)

To receive the covering report of the Assistant Director, Planning, Highways and Transportation.

- 4.1 Applications dealt with under delegated powers. (A copy is available in the Members' Library).
- 5. **15/05222/HOU 47 MEADWAY, LONDON, N14 6NJ** (Pages 7 18)

RECOMMENDATION: Approval subject to conditions

WARD: Southgate

6. 15/01063/FUL - BRIMSDOWN SPORTS CLUB, GOLDSDOWN ROAD, EN3 7RP (Pages 19 - 56)

RECOMMENDATION: Approval subject to conditions

WARD: Enfield Highway

7. 16/01197/RE3 - MERIDIAN WATER, WILLOUGHBY LANE AND MERIDIAN WAY, LONDON (Pages 57 - 128)

RECOMMENDATION: Approval subject to referral to the GLA, the Head of Development Management /Planning Decisions Manager be authorised to grant planning permission subject to conditions.

WARD: Upper Edmonton

## 8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

If necessary, to consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the press and public from the meeting for any items of business moved to part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006). (There is no part 2 agenda)

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE - 24.5.2016**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2016

### **COUNCILLORS**

PRESENT Dinah Barry, Katherine Chibah, Dogan Delman, Ahmet

Hasan, Jansev Jemal, Derek Levy, Anne-Marie Pearce,

George Savva MBE and Jim Steven

ABSENT Jason Charalambous, Christine Hamilton and Toby Simon

OFFICERS: Bob Griffiths (Assistant Director - Planning, Highways &

Transportation), Andy Higham (Head of Development Management), Andy Bates (Planning Decisions Manager), Catriona McFarlane (Legal Representative), Dominic Millen (Group Leader Transportation) and Kevin Tohill (Planning

Decisions Manager) Jane Creer (Secretary)

Also Attending: 1 agent representative

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## WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

In the absence of Councillor Simon (Chair), Councillor Levy welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular Councillors Chibah and Steven as new members of the committee.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Simon, Charalambous, and Hamilton and from Dennis Stacey (Chair, Conservation Advisory Group).

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Chibah.

## 2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Councillor Levy was elected Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year, and chaired this meeting in the absence of Councillor Simon.

Councillor Savva acted as Vice Chair for this meeting.

## 3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE - 24.5.2016**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE 26 APRIL 2016.

**AGREED** the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26 April 2016 as a correct record, subject to an amendment to Minute 531 to correct the declaration of interest by Councillor Delman in respect of application 15/05117/FUL: that he was president of Enfield North Conservative Association who were tenants of Enfield North Conservative Club which occupied the site.

# 5 REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION (REPORT NO. 6)

RECEIVED the report of the Assistant Director, Planning, Highways and Transportation (Report No. 6).

## 6 16/00654/RE4 - ELDON PRIMARY SCHOOL, ELDON ROAD, LONDON, N9 8LG

#### **NOTED**

- 1. The introduction by the Planning Decisions Manager, Kevin Tohill, clarifying the proposals.
- 2. Councillor Chibah arrived at the meeting, but having missed the beginning of the item was not permitted to vote on this application.
- 3. The unanimous support of the committee for the officers' recommendation.

**AGREED** that planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions set out in the report.

## 7 16/01228/HOU - 218 BURY STREET, LONDON, N9 9LG

#### **NOTED**

1. The introduction by the Planning Decisions Manager, Kevin Tohill, clarifying the proposals.

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#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE - 24.5.2016**

- 2. The application was brought to committee for determination in accordance with the scheme of delegation because the agent occasionally works for the Building Control team within Development Management.
- 3. The unanimous support of the committee for the officers' recommendation.

**AGREED** that planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions set out in the report.

## 8 16/00350/RE4 - GARAGES REAR OF 11-19 LEE VIEW AND ADJACENT TO 25-27 HEDGE HILL, ENFIELD, EN2 8RU

#### NOTED

- 1. The introduction by the Planning Decisions Manager, Andy Bates, clarifying the proposals.
- 2. The receipt of one additional objection to the officers' recommendation received yesterday online from the occupier of 29 Hedge Hill. All the concerns raised were dealt with in the report.
- 3. Members' debate and questions responded to by officers, including suggestions in respect of vegetation on Network Rail land and the security of the refuse storage facility.
- 4. The unanimous support of the committee for the officers' recommendation.

**AGREED** that planning permission be granted in accordance with Regulation 3 / 4 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992, subject to the conditions set out in the report, with officers granted delegated authority to finalise the precise wording of the conditions to cover the issues identified within the report, and Unilateral Undertaking.

## 9 PLANNING COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2016/17

#### **NOTED**

- 1. Members noted the meeting dates for Planning Committee for 2016/17.
- 2. Provisional dates had been scheduled for additional committee meetings and planning panels if required, but the intention was not to use provisional dates in excess and, where it was necessary, to give as much notice as possible to Members.
- 3. The provisional date of 14 June would not be required.



## MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/2017 - REPORT NO 43

**COMMITTEE:** 

PLANNING COMMITTEE 28.06.2016

#### **REPORT OF:**

Assistant Director, Planning, Highways and Transportation

## **Contact Officer:**

Planning Decisions Manager

Sharon Davidson Tel: 020 8379 3841

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#### 4.1 APPLICATIONS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

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- 4.1.1 In accordance with delegated powers, 337 applications were determined between 13/05/2016 and 16/06/2016, of which 244 were granted and 93 refused.
- 4.1.2 A Schedule of Decisions is available in the Members' Library.

## **Background Papers**

To be found on files indicated in Schedule.

## 4.2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS TO DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENTS

On the Schedules attached to this report I set out my recommendations in respect of planning applications and applications to display advertisements. I also set out in respect of each application a summary of any representations received and any later observations will be reported verbally at your meeting.

## **Background Papers**

- (1) Section 70 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that the Local Planning Authority shall have regard to the provisions of the development plan, so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations. Section 54A of that Act, as inserted by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, states that where in making any determination under the Planning Acts, regard is to be had to the development, the determination shall be made in accordance with the plan unless the material considerations indicate otherwise. The development plan for the London Borough of Enfield is the London Plan (March 2015), the Core Strategy (2010) and the Development Management Document (2014) together with other supplementary documents identified in the individual reports.
- (2) Other background papers are those contained within the file, the reference number of which is given in the heading to each application.



## **LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: 28 June 2016

Report of

Assistant Director, Planning, Highways & Transportation

Contact Officer: Andy Higham Sharon Davidson Mr Francis Wambugu

Ward: Southgate

**Ref:** 15/05222/HOU **Category**: Householder

LOCATION: 47 Meadway, London, N14 6NJ,

**PROPOSAL:** Single storey side, part single, part two storey rear and first floor side/front, front dormer and conversion of garage.

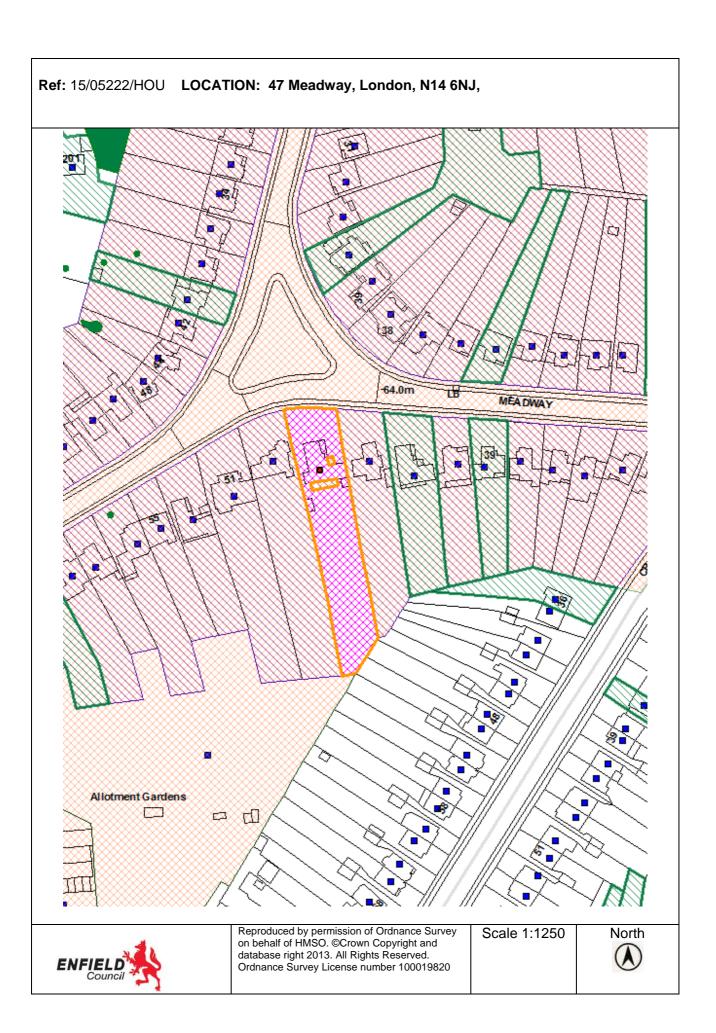
**Applicant Name & Address:** 

Mr & Mrs P Dongba 47 Meadway N14 6NJ United Kingdom Agent Name & Address:

Mr Seumas Moran 30 Riverway Palmers Green London N13 5LJ United Kingdom

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the application be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to conditions.



#### Site and Surroundings

- 1.1 The subject site is located on the south side of Meadway directly opposite its junction with Bourne Avenue. The site is spacious and generally regular in shape and is occupied by a part single storey, part two-storey detached dwelling.
- 1.2 The site is located within an established residential area and within the Meadway Conservation Area which was designated in November 2008; the updated Conservation character appraisal was recently approved in June 2015. The property is recognised in the Meadway Conservation Area Character Appraisal as a building which contributes to the special interest of the area and the green island it overlooks on the street also recognised as a focal point within the conservation area.

## 1. Proposal

- 1.1 The application seeks planning permission for; single storey side and first floor side extension, part single, part two-storey rear extension, a front dormer and conversion of garage to habitable room.
- 1.2 **Single storey rear extension**: would be stepped on both sides projecting 4m deep close to the boundaries (reduced from 4.6m) and extending 1m further at the middle part, it would be 13m wide and 4.1m high to pitched roof (3.1m to eaves).

**Single storey side extension**: would be an infill to the front of the existing utility/store on the west side. It measures 2.4m wide, 15.6m deep and 3.3m high to pitched crown roof.

**First floor side extension**: measures 2m wide (reduced from 2.8m) by 5.9m deep, it has an associated front dormer 1m wide by 1.2m high.

**First floor rear extension** would be approximately 2m deep by 10.35m wide with pitched crown roof.

## 2. Relevant Planning Decisions

2.1 None.

#### 3. Consultations

#### Neighbours:

3.1 Letters were sent to 11 adjoining and surrounding properties. The consultation period elapsed on 24.12.16. No objections were received.

#### Internal:

3.2 Conservation Officer: no objection to the revised plans; previously considered the 'floating' pillar in front of the existing garage to be an awkward architectural detail requiring further details. Extensions should be concentrated to the rear and views and original features should be preserved.

#### External:

4.3 Meadway Conservation Area Study Group: objection. Issues raised summarised as follows:

- Ground floor rear extension should be limited to 4m depth and the first floor to 2m:
- No comprehensive roof plan;
- No dimensions given to the extensions;
- First floor side extension would close the gap between the adjacent property and reduce views through leading to 'terracing' effect;
- Loss of the original gable chimney feature and alcove windows this is the only house with its original front elevation intact; and
- Hope the proposals can be adjusted accordingly.
- 4.4 Conservation Advisory Group: objections to both the original drawings and the revised drawings. Issues raised in response to the revised drawings summarised as follows:
  - Poor quality drawings;
  - Loss of original features; chimney stack and windows on the eastern elevation;
  - The extensions would be out of keeping with the front elevation;
  - The rear extension looks incongruous and does not reflect the style of the existing dwelling; and
  - The scale of the proposal is excessive and fails to maintain the style of the existing dwelling to the detriment of the conservation area.

#### 4. Relevant Policies

### Core Strategy

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Policy 31 Built & Landscape Heritage

#### **Development Management Document**

DMD 11	Rear Extensions
DMD 13	Roof Extensions
DMD 14	Side Extensions
DMD 37	Achieving high quality and design-led development
DMD 44	Conserving and Enhancing Heritage Assets

## London Plan 2015

Policy 7.4	Local character
Policy 7.6	Architecture

Policy 7.8 Heritage assets and archaeology

## Other Relevant Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework National Planning Policy Guidance Meadway Conservation Area Character Appraisal - June 2015

## 5. Analysis

- 5.1 Extensions to existing housing stock are generally acceptable in principle. However, proposals must also be assessed in relation to material considerations such as impact on the character of the surrounding area and impact on the neighbours' amenity.
- 5.2 The proposed development consists of a single storey side and first floor side extension, part single, part two-storey rear extension, a front dormer and conversion of garage to habitable room.
- 5.3 The proposals have been revised following extensive discussions with officers so that the ground floor rear extension is reduced in depth at 1.5m from the boundaries, the first floor extension above the garage reduced in width, the chimney and alcove windows retained and the pillar in front of existing garage removed.

Impact on character of surrounding area and amenity to neighbours

Ground and first floor side extension

- 5.4 The existing dwelling is one of a few similar detached dwellings on the Meadway but the only one retaining original architectural features.
- 5.5 DMD 14 states that extensions to the side of properties will only be permitted where they do not result in the creation of a continuous façade of properties or 'terracing effect' and the bulk is subordinate when viewed from the street scene.
- 5.6 The ground floor side extension would be an infill to the front of the existing utility/store on the west side. It measures 2.4m wide by 15.6m depth and 3.3m high to pitched crown roof. It is inset by 1.3-1.5m from boundary with No. 49. Given its size, design and location, no objection is raised with regard to this element.
- 5.7 With regard to the first floor side, the existing gap at first floor level between the flank wall and side boundary is approximately 3.7m. The proposals have been revised so that a 1.7m gap up from 1m previously proposed is retained. In addition the bulk of the extension would be reduced by lowering the ridge height by 1.3m.
- 5.8 If the current proposal were constructed, a 3.8m gap would be retained with No. 45 Meadway; this would safeguard the important views to the rear greenery above the garage. Although other properties in the area have had full extensions above the garage, it is considered that retaining a significant gap will preserve and enhance the character of the existing dwelling and that of the wider conservation area.
- 5.9 It is considered that the proposed side extension as revised would not harm the character of the existing dwelling and the conservation area, having regard to Policy DMD 44, and is therefore considered acceptable.
- 5.10 The Conservation Officer and the Conservation Advisory Group had objected to this element of the proposal in its original submission form due to closure of the gap above the garage; however the proposals have since been revised as discussed above so that a significant gap is now retained.
- 5.11 It is proposed to retain the existing chimney stack but the feature would be wrapped around by the side elevation and only the upper portion would be visible. The two alcove windows on the side elevation are to be replaced with four similar windows

ensuring these important architectural details are retained and enhanced. To the front, the garage doors have been retained and the pillar at the front removed.

Single storey rear extension

- 5.12 The proposed single storey rear extension would be stepped, extending 4m beyond the original rear wall of the dwelling at the sides (reduced from 4.6m) and the middle part extending 1m further; it would have a width of 13m wide with insets of 1.5m from boundaries with both neighbouring properties No. 45 to the east and 49 to the west. It has a pitched roof approximately 4.1m to the ridge (3.1m to the eaves).
- 5.13 Policy DMD 11 requires that single-storey rear extensions must not exceed 4m in depth beyond the original rear wall for detached dwellings and must not exceed a line taken at 45-degrees from the mid-point of the nearest original ground floor window to any of the adjacent properties.
- 5.14 The extension by projecting 4m beyond the original rear wall at the edges would be within the limits on depth and height set by policy for such extensions. However, as the middle part would project by a further 1m, this would exceed the limits set by policy but given its siting with significant distances of 1.5m from the boundaries, it would not result in any undue adverse impact on the neighbouring properties or the surrounding area and is therefore considered acceptable.

First floor rear extension

- 5.15 The proposed first floor rear extension would be approximately 2m deep by 10.35m wide with pitched crown roof. It would be located inset by 2.2m and 4.1m from the east and west boundaries respectively.
- 5.16 Given its siting to the rear and its design and appearance proposed, this element of the proposals is considered acceptable having regard to Policies DMD 11 and 44.

Front dormer

5.17 Policy DMD 13 requires that roof extensions must be of an appropriate size and location within the roof plane and, in the case of roof dormers, inset from the eaves, ridge and edges of the roof (insets should normally be between 500-750mm), be in keeping with the character of the property, and not dominant when viewed from the surrounding area. The proposed front dormer is designed with a pitched roof matching that of the host dwelling. It appears subordinate and appropriately sited on the front facing roof slope leaving adequate distances from the sides, eaves and ridge and in terms of design and appearance would fit well within its context. The property already has a larger dormer to the front facing east. No objections raised with regard to this element.

Conversion of garage to habitable room

5.18 The proposals have been revised so that the garage doors have been retained in their current form although the interior of the garage has been altered to accommodate the new use for habitable accommodation. There is adequate space on the forecourt for parking 3+ vehicles and given there would be no alterations to the exterior, no objection is raised to this element.

Conclusion

- 5.19 There are no amenity impacts of the proposals with regard to overlooking, overshadowing and/or loss of outlook and the proposals are therefore considered acceptable.
- 5.20 Officers consider that the concerns raised by the Conservation Officer, the Meadway Conservation Area Study Group and the Conservation Advisory Group regarding loss of views above the garage, depth of rear extension and loss of original architectural features including the alcove windows and the chimney have all been satisfactorily addressed following revisions to the plans. The submitted plans include a roof plan and are to scale.

#### 6. Recommendation

- 6.1 In light of the above assessment, it is recommended that the application be GRANTED planning permission subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. Time Limits
  - 2. Approved Plans
  - 3. Materials to Match
  - 4. Restriction of Extension Roofs
  - 5. No Additional Fenestration







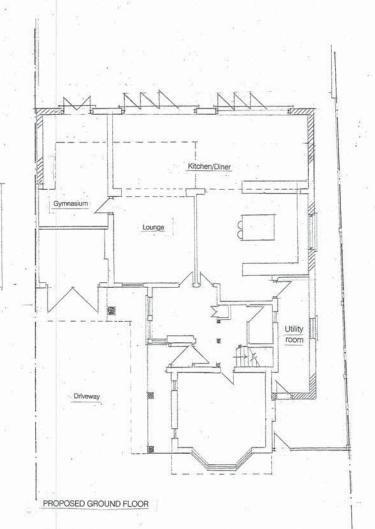
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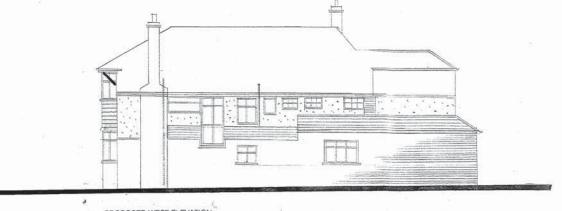


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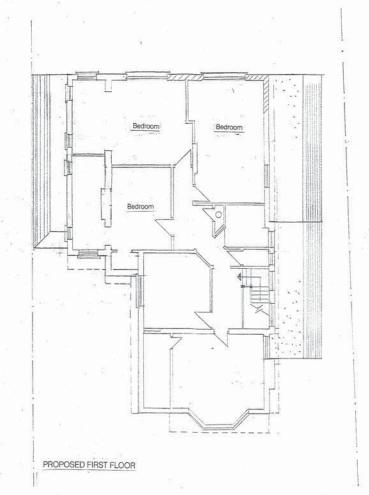


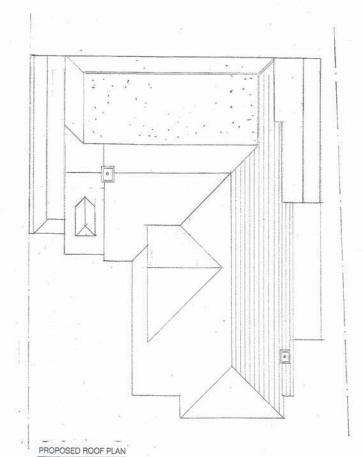


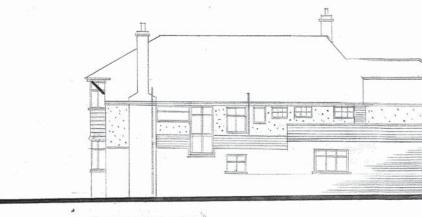
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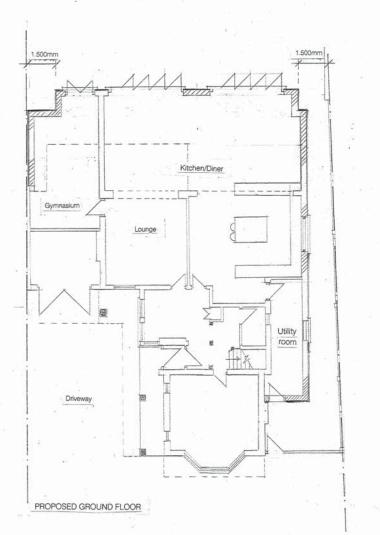




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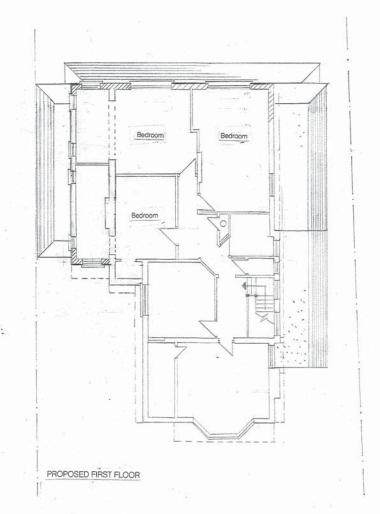


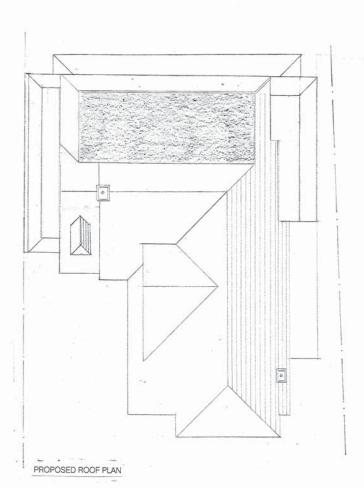




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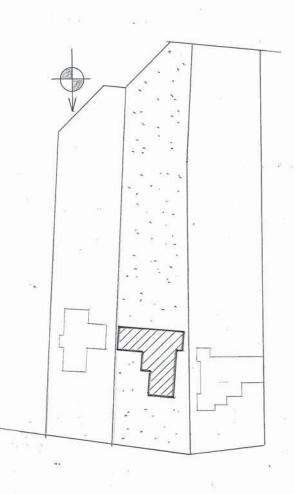


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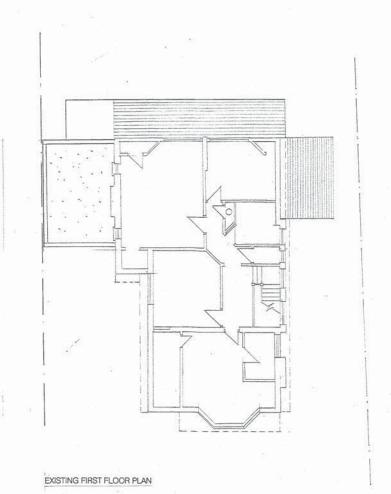
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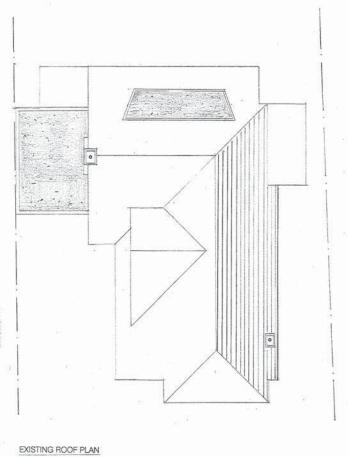
EXISTING GROUND FLOOR

Lounge



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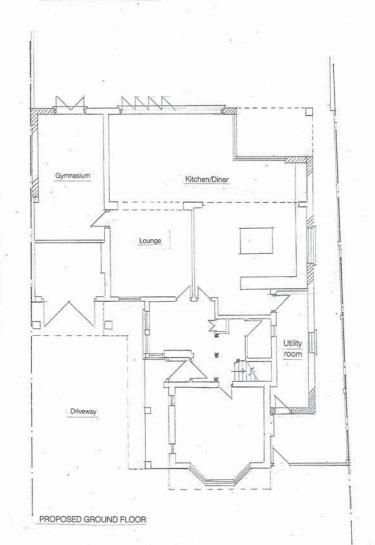
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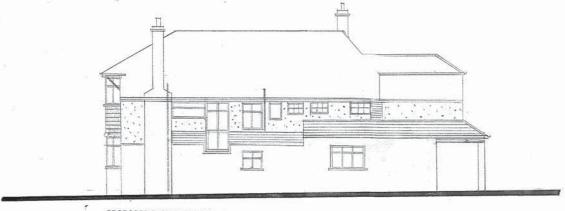


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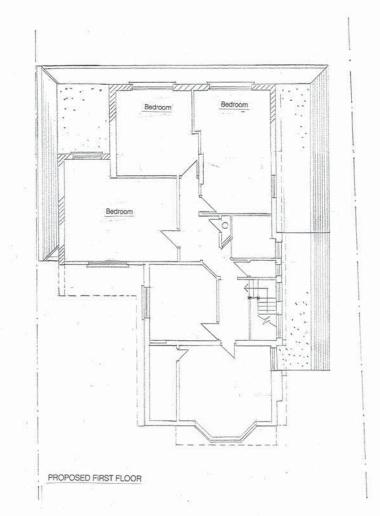


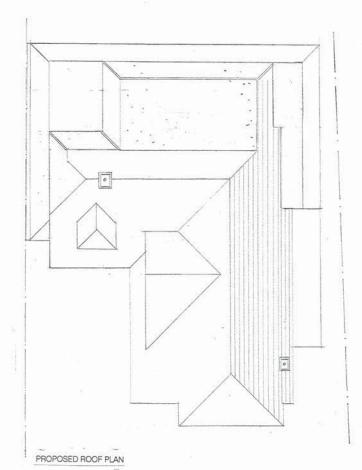


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PROPOSED WEST ELEVATION





## LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Date:** 28 June 2016

Report of

Assistant Director, Planning, Highways & Transportation Contact Officer: Andy Higham

Sharon Davidson Mr Sean Newton Ward:

**Enfield Highway** 

Ref: 15/01063/FUL

Category: Full Application

LOCATION: Brimsdown Sports Club, Goldsdown Road, EN3 7RP,

**PROPOSAL:** Part retrospective application for the redevelopment of site to include demolition of existing club houses and ancillary structures, erection of a 2 storey club house with viewing deck incorporating changing rooms, staff and conference room, retention of existing turf pitch, additional stands to main pitch, alteration to ground levels, creation of 2x turf football pitches, 1x full size artificial football pitch and 4x multi use games areas (MUGAs), upgrading of access roads, increase in parking, flood lighting and landscaping.

## **Applicant Name & Address:**

Brimsdown Sports Club, Goldsdown Road Enfield EN3 7RP

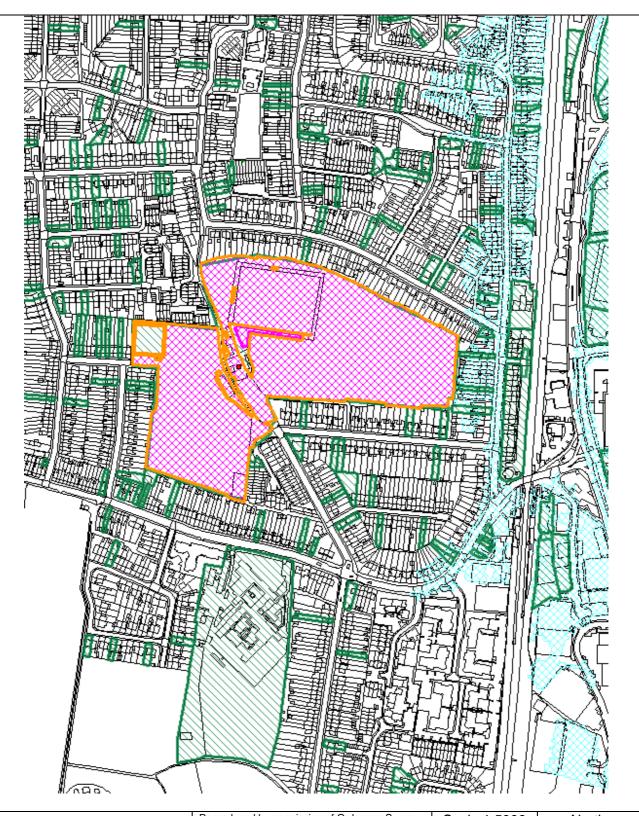
## **Agent Name & Address:**

Mr Duncan Paterson 106 3 High Street Precinct Egham Surrey TW20 9HN

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That planning permission is **GRANTED** subject to conditions.

Ref: 15/01063/FUL LOCATION: Brimsdown Sports Club, Goldsdown Road, EN3 7RP,





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#### Site and Surroundings

- 1.1. The site is an existing sports ground located on the northern side of Green Street, accessed off Goldsdown Road.
- 1.2. Between the site entrance and the first of the single storey structures which form a series of clubrooms (Yalova FC and Bush Hill Rangers FC) and ancillary structures is an informal parking area. Immediately to the east of the site entrance and connecting Goldsdown Road with Carterhatch Road to the north, is a public footpath. The footpath bisects the site into an eastern and western side.
- 1.3. The eastern side (also knowns as "The Stadium Site") is occupied by the aforementioned clubrooms and the main playing pitch, located within the north-west corner. The remainder of the this part of the site had been stripped of soil with large stockpiles of imported soil lying in various overgrown bunds.
- 1.4. Around the main pitch are four existing lighting columns and remnants of a covered stand on the northern side of the pitch and an uncovered, seated stand on the southern side. The player dugouts are located on the northern side of the pitch.
- 1.5. The western side (also known as "The Downs") has a single storey clubhouse facing towards a football pitch. Unlike the Stadium Site, the whole of this part of the site would appear to still be in use.
- 1.6. The site is surrounded by residential developments consisting of a mixture of semidetached, terraced and purpose-built flats on Carterhatch Road to the north, Brimsdown Avenue to the east, Osborne Road to the south and Bowood and Mayfield Roads to the west.
- 1.7. On the southern side of Green Street is Durants Park where there are a number of pitches and MUGA.

## 2. Amplification of Proposal

- 2.1. Part retrospective application for the redevelopment of site to include demolition of existing club houses and ancillary structures, erection of a 2 storey club house with viewing deck incorporating changing rooms, staff and conference room, retention of existing turf pitch, additional stands to main pitch, alteration to ground levels, creation of 2x turf football pitches, 1x full size artificial football pitch and 4x multi use games areas (MUGAs), upgrading of access roads, increase in parking, flood lighting and landscaping.
- 2.2. Ground levels have been altered through the stripping away of some soil and the unlawful importation of soil. Some of the imported soil will be formed into bunds around the perimeter of the site and some will increase ground levels around the site generally.
- 2.3. The proposed new clubroom facilities will be sited nearer to the main pitch, approximately 40m north of the existing. Facilities to be provided will include:
  - 10 changing rooms
  - Male/female toilet facilities
  - Visitor's lounge bar with kitchen, servery and storage
  - Meeting room / crèche

- Gym
- Various offices
- Committee room
- Conference room
- Clubroom and bar
- Partially covered balcony viewing area
- 2.4. Car parking will be provided for 254 vehicles, primarily located to the east of the access road, 14 minibuses and 100 bicycles.
- 2.5. It is anticipated that local schools, clubs and the wider community will have access to the proposed facilities.
- 2.6. Four new spectator stands are proposed around the main pitch. These will include two 30m long touchline stands (approximately 6.5m in height) and two 20m long goal line stands (approximately 6.5m in height).

## 3. Relevant Planning Decisions

- 3.1. There is an extensive planning history associated with the site. The most relevant are provided below:
- 3.1.1. Outline planning permission (ref: TP/98/1411) was granted with conditions on 21/12/1998 for a new sports pavilion (including changing facilities) and extension to existing changing facilities adjoining sports and social club. The pavilion building was sited on the field to the east of the main clubhouse.
- 3.1.2. Planning permission (ref: TP/95/0824) was granted with conditions on 12/03/1995 for the erection of a bowls club pavilion and changing rooms.
- 3.1.3. Planning permission (ref: TP/89/1352) was granted with conditions on 21/05/1990 for the erection of a bowls club pavilion and changing rooms.
- 3.1.4. Planning permission (ref: TP/06/0441) was granted on 27/04/2006 for an extension to existing seating area to provide 100 additional seats with installation of turnstile.
- 3.1.5. Planning permission (ref: TP/02/0319) was granted on 06/11/2003 for an extension to existing seating area to provide 100 additional seats with installation of turnstile.

#### 4. Consultations

### 4.1. Statutory and non-statutory consultees

## **Environment Agency**

- 4.1.1. The following has been advised:
  - A bespoke environmental permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 will be required because there is not currently enough information within the planning application submission to know if the proposed development can meet our requirements to prevent, minimise and/or control pollution and therefore establish whether or not the applicant will be successful in securing a permit for the proposed use.

 No objections are raised subject to the inclusion of various conditions to deal with contamination. This includes a remediation strategy, verification reports, surface water drainage, piling / foundations.

## **Environmental Health**

4.1.2. No objections are raised subject to conditions being imposed to secure floodlighting, sound and contamination remediation details.

#### Sport England

4.1.3. It has been advised that there are no objections subject to the imposition of conditions relating to the construction and management of the artificial pitches and hours of use.

### Greater London Authority

- 4.1.4. The local planning authority is required to consult with the Mayor's Office where an application falls within one of the categories of potential strategic importance. Consultation with the Mayor's Office, is a two stage process, unless otherwise informed by the Mayor.
- 4.1.5. The stage one consultation response confirms that the Mayor considers that the application does not raise any strategic planning issues and that the application can be determined without further reference to the Mayor.
- 4.1.6. The council is however reminded that electric vehicle charging points should be provided and should therefore be subject to a condition. A construction logistics plan should also be secured by condition. It is requested that a copy of the decision notice and any S106 agreement is sent to the Mayor.

#### SUDS Officer

- 4.1.7. The following has been advised:
  - There are no source control SuDS measures from the runoff from the club house and it's car park. There is therefore unrestricted runoff containing silts from the roof and hardstanding areas that encourage silting of the attenuation tank. This is not acceptable.
  - 23 L/s discharge rate off site is acceptable based on the 1.5ha site area
  - There has been no rationale behind the type of SuDS utilised in the drainage plan.
    Again, there is no source control SuDS measures (green roof, rain garden or
    permeable paving) utilised for the runoff generated by the club house and associated
    car park. There has been no reason given for the use of the tank as opposed to
    above ground SuDS measures such as ponds, detention basins etc.
  - It was mentioned in the FRA that there is contaminated ground so full infiltration SuDS will not be used. However, partial infiltration can occur, and above ground SuDS (lined swales, basins, ponds) can be utilised.
  - There are also no details of levels, cross sections and specifications of the drainage features.
  - A detailed management plan is required, outlining the specific actions required to maintain the drainage features

#### Traffic & Transportation

4.1.8. It has been advised that no objections are being raised.

## **Tree Officer**

4.1.9. It has been advised that there are a number of significant trees located around the boundary of both fields, particularly on the western field. No arboricultural reports have been submitted but it is likely that the construction of the bunds will have a detrimental effect on the root systems of the trees.

## 4.2. Public response

4.2.1. Letters were sent to 359 adjoining and nearby residents in addition to statutory site and press publicity. As a result, 10 letters of objection have been received raising some or all of the following points:

### Amenity Issues

- Loss of light to property on Bowood Avenue due to new stands
- Loss of privacy in north-west corner
- Current pitch is higher than gardens, players can look straight into garden
- Ground levels should be taken back to original to maintain privacy
- When matches are currently being played, unable to hold a conversation or hear tv / radio. This happens twice a week.
- Will the area encourage anti-social behaviour?
- Additional pitches with maximum of 88 players plus supporters will increase nuisance throughput week
- PA system currently too loud
- Floodlights installed in 2001 are supposed to be switched off by 22:15. This is contravened on numerous occasions. New lighting should have cut-off timer.
- lights from the playing fields will shine into my home and I have a young son who will need to concentrate on his studies without the distraction of noise and lights.

#### Highway Issues

- Increase in traffic
- Loss of parking
- Is it possible to have yellow lines on either side of entrance to cul de sac on Goldsdown Road to stop vehicles from blocking the road?

## Other matters raised

- Impact on property values because most owners bought into a quiet road / field at the back.
- Will the development impact on potential to sell property?
- Since erection of perimeter fence around the pitch, strip of land between that
  and houses from No.203 to north-west corner has been neglected and only
  cleared when previous work started. Used as a dumping ground, attracting
  vermin. Would like assurance that maintenance will be carried out regularly.
- Cannot tell how mounds relate to floor levels.
- What type of asbestos was found in the soil? Was imported soil tested?
- Will perimeter fence around main pitch be replaced?
- What is the capacity of the new stands?

- Will the floodlights be the same height as the existing?
- Why will light pollution documents only be done after plans agreed?
- What are the hours of proposed use of the lights?
- Will the grounds be secured when not in use?
- Increased danger from flooding
- When will works commence?
- All of the plans in this application show the private access from Mayfield Road ending at the boundary between nos 29 and 27 Mayfield Road. The access road actually ends on the boundary between nos 25 and 23. This may just be an error on the plans but if the perimeter fencing followed the current line shown in red on those plans, it would cut off rear access to numbers 27 and 25 Mayfield Road. This, of course, would be quite unacceptable

## 5. Relevant Policy

## 5.1. The London Plan

Policy 3.5	Quality and design of housing developments
Policy 5.1	Climate change mitigation
Policy 5.2	Minimising carbon dioxide emissions
Policy 5.3	Sustainable design and construction
Policy 5.5	Decentralised energy networks
Policy 5.6	Decentralised energy in development proposals
Policy 5.7	Renewable energy
Policy 5.8	Innovative energy technologies
Policy 5.9	Overheating and cooling
Policy 5.10	Urban greening
Policy 5.11	Green roofs and development site environs
Policy 5.13	Sustainable drainage
Policy 5.14	Water quality and wastewater infrastructure
Policy 5.16	Waste net self-sufficiency
Policy 5.18	Construction, excavation and demolition waste
Policy 5.19	Hazardous waste
Policy 5.21	Contaminated land
Policy 6.3	Assessing the effects of development on transport capacity
Policy 6.9	Cycling
Policy 6.12	Road network capacity
Policy 6.13	Parking
Policy 7.1	Building London's neighbourhoods and communities
Policy 7.2	An inclusive environment
Policy 7.3	Designing out crime
Policy 7.4	Local character
Policy 7.6	Architecture
Policy 7.14	Improving air quality
Policy 7.15	Reducing noise and enhancing soundscapes
Policy 7.19	Biodiversity and access to nature

## 5.2. Core Strategy

CP9: Supporting community cohesion

CP20: Sustainable energy use and energy infrastructure

CP21: Delivering sustainable water supply, drainage and sewerage infrastructure

CP22: Delivering sustainable waste management

CP24: The road network

CP25: Pedestrians and cyclists

CP26: Public transport

CP28: Managing flood risk through development

CP30: Maintaining and improving the quality of the built and open environment

CP32: Pollution CP36: Biodiversity

CP46: Infrastructure contributions

#### 5.3. **Development Management Document**

DMD37 Achieving High Quality Design-Led Development DMD38 **Design Process** Preserving and Enhancing Heritage Assets DMD44 Parking Standards DMD45 DMD47 New Roads, Access and Servicing **Transport Assessments** DMD48 Sustainable Design and Construction Statements DMD49 DMD50 **Environmental Assessment Methods** DMD51 **Energy Efficiency Standards** DMD53 Low and Zero Carbon Technology DMD54 Allowable Solutions DMD55 Use of Roof Space / Vertical Surfaces DMD56 Heating and Cooling Responsible Sourcing of Materials DMD57 DMD58 Water Efficiency Avoiding and Reducing Flood Risk DMD59 DMD60 Assessing Flood Risk DMD61 Managing Surface Water DMD64 Pollution Control and Assessment DMD65 Air Quality Land Contamination and Instability DMD66 Noise DMD68

DMD69 **Light Pollution** DMD70 Water Quality DMD78 Nature Conservation DMD79 **Ecological Enhancements** 

DMD81 Landscaping

#### 5.4. Other Relevant Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework National Planning Practice Guidance LBE S106 SPD

**Enfield Characterisation Study** 

Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010

North East Enfield Area Action Plan (NEEAP) (June 2016)

#### 6. **Analysis**

#### 6.1. **Principle**

6.1.1. The principle of the re-use of the site for sporting activity is acceptable having regard to the existing use as a sports ground and the desire at national and local levels to protect and even enhance the provision of open space, sports and recreational facilities.

6.1.2. However, the overall acceptability of the scheme must be assessed against the additional impact from a much greater intensity of use of the site through enlarged clubroom facilities, parking facilities and additional sports pitches.

## 6.2. Impact on the Character of the Area

#### **Design**

- 6.2.1. There is clear guidance on the approach to the matter of design. The NPPF (section 7) confirms that the Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment, with good design being a key aspect of sustainable development but Paragraph 59 of the NPPF confirms that design policies should "avoid unnecessary prescription or detail and should concentrate on guiding the overall scale, density, massing, height, layout, materials and access of new development in relation to neighbouring buildings and the local area more generally". Paragraph 60 further advises that "decision should not impose architectural styles or particular tastes... [nor] stifle innovation, innovation, originality or initiative through unsubstantiated requirements to conform to certain development forms or styles...[although it is] proper to seek to promote or reinforce local distinctiveness" while paragraph 61 advises that "...decisions should address...the integration of new development into the natural, built and historic environment".
- 6.2.2. London Plan policies 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 confirm the requirement for achieving the highest architectural quality, taking into consideration the local context and its contribution to that context. Design should respond to contributing towards "a positive relationship between urban structure and natural landscape features...". Policy DMD 37 (Achieving High Quality and Design Led Development") confirms the criteria upon which an application will be assessed. However, it also recognised there is a degree of subjectivity in the assessment of an acceptable design.
- 6.2.3. The proposed clubroom will be significantly larger than the existing as a result of consolidating the existing structures into one building and the desire to provide a facility to serve various other functions (as outlined above at para.2.3). The size of the proposed building is considered appropriate to the application site. Subject to securing appropriate details of the materials, the proposed clubroom will deliver a significant enhancement to the site.
- 6.2.4. The proposed layout is a more intensive use of the site however this is not without precedence, with aerial photographs as recent as 2013 clearly showing five pitches (including the main pitch) on the Stadium Site and one on the Downs Site. It should be noted that only the main pitch was floodlit. The four additional pitches on the Stadium Site are located nearer to the residential properties.
- 6.2.5. A key thrust of planning guidance is to optimise the potential of a site to accommodate development. It is considered that the proposed layout achieves this aim whilst still being sensitive to surrounding residential occupiers by maintaining sufficient distancing to boundaries.

#### 6.3. Impact on Neighbouring Properties

Loss of Light / Outlook

Clubroom Facilities

- 6.3.1. The site is surrounded by dwellings fronting Mayfield and Bowood Roads to the west, Carterhatch Road to the north, Brimsdown Avenue to the west, and Osborne and Goldsdown Roads to the south. As the development proposal incorporates works of varying degree / scale over the entire 7.68 hectare site, each adjoining property will potentially be affected to varying degrees.
- 6.3.2. The proposed clubrooms will be significantly larger in terms of footprint and height than the various existing single storey structures. Moreover, it would be positioned approximately 40m north of the existing. At its nearest point, the proposed clubrooms will be sited approximately 15m from the common boundary with No.105 Bowood Road (25m between buildings) but this would be at an acute angle. In addition, replacement trees are proposed along the common boundary, which will help to screen the site.
- 6.3.3. Having regard to all of the above, it is considered that the proposed clubrooms will not unduly impact upon the existing residential amenity of the neighbouring occupiers with regards to loss of light and outlook.

Spectator Stands

- 6.3.4. The nearest dwellings to the west (Bowood Road Nos.107 to 117 odd) of the enlarged stand on the western end of the main pitch are sited between 38m (No.107) and 50m (No.117) distant. At this distance, it is considered that there will not be any detrimental impact on the existing amenity of those adjoining occupiers with regard to loss of light and outlook.
- 6.3.5. The nearest dwelling to the stand on the eastern end of the pitch is approximately 40m away from the nearest dwelling (No.235 Carterhatch Road). Given the level of distancing, being sited south of the properties fronting Carterhatch Road, and with only the 6m deep flank elevation facing those dwellings, there are no concerns with regard to loss of light and outlook.
- 6.3.6. The touchline stand on the northern side of the pitch will be approximately 32m away from the nearest dwellings fronting Carterhatch Road (Nos.211 to 223, odd).

  Moreover, those dwellings are located north of the site. It is therefore considered that there would be no impact in relation to loss of light and outlook to the aforementioned occupiers.
- 6.3.7. The touchline stand on the southern side of the pitch is approximately 65m away from No.105 Road and will only present its flank elevation towards that property. There are no concerns with regard to loss of light and outlook from this replacement stand.

## Overlooking / Loss of Privacy / Distancing

Playing Surfaces

- 6.3.8. The development has involved the importation of a significant amount of soil which at present, are piled into various mounds around the site. Proposed plans show that ground levels will be raised and bunds will be formed around the perimeter of the site.
- 6.3.9. The main pitch will be raised approximately 1m, with the bund to the northern side rising approximately a further 0.5m. Neighbours on Carterhatch Road have advised

- that they currently experience some overlooking due the elevated ground level of the main pitch.
- 6.3.10. Observations on site and spot height data would suggest that the existing main pitch is at a similar level to those properties. However, the existing spectator stand near to that northern boundary does include an uncovered section, which when standing at the top level, does offer some views towards those properties (where outbuildings do not prohibit this).
- 6.3.11. The main pitch cannot be lowered because of the need to provide a capping layer as a result of the historic use of the site as an industrial landfill. Whilst the existing situation must be acknowledged, further screening could potentially be provided along the entire length of the northern boundary. This would need to be secured through the submission of a detailed landscaping scheme. It should also be noted that with regard to proposed stands, the details will need to be secured by condition and the design will need to ensure that there is no opportunity to overlook the properties to its rear.
- 6.3.12. The additional playing pitches (including MUGA) would sit approximately 1.5m above ground level to the properties fronting Osborne Road but would be sited between 30m and 40m from the common boundary. At this level of distancing, there should not be any overlooking and loss of privacy, however it is considered that the proposed landscaping could be improved / strengthened along this boundary to further reduce any potential for overlooking, to provide a better visual setting and to contribute to the ecological enhancement of the site.
- 6.3.13. Properties to the east, along Brimsdown Avenue, are sited approximately 100m from the nearest MUGA (70m to their rear boundary) and would be separated by a large area of landscaped bunding. The level of distancing involved together with the bund will not result in undue overlooking and loss of privacy to those occupiers.
- 6.3.14. It should also be noted that the majority of adjoining residential properties have outbuildings at the end of their respective gardens, thus helping to further reduce any opportunity for overlooking and loss privacy.

#### Clubroom Facilities

- 6.3.15. A viewing deck, recessed into the roof, is proposed, which will wrap around the northern and eastern ends of the building. Due to its design and being primarily eastward facing towards the main pitch and MUGAs, does not raise any concern with regards to overlooking and loss of privacy to neighbouring residential occupiers.
- 6.3.16. At the northern end of the proposed viewing deck, a staircase projects out to provide a level access to the main pitch and down to the changing rooms. This element of the scheme should not lead to any undue overlooking or loss of privacy, however, to further help prevent this, it is considered that additional trees could be provided along the common boundary with those properties fronting Bowood Road. As advised elsewhere, this could be secured through the submission of a detailed landscaping scheme.
- 6.3.17. The proposals indicate that the existing belt of vegetation along the common boundary with properties fronting Bowood Road will be replaced. It is considered that additional trees could be provided, in particular along that part of the boundary to the rear of the main pitch, to further strengthen boundary screening but this would be the subject of a detailed landscaping proposal to be secured by condition.

6.3.18. Rear-facing windows are proposed for the new clubroom however these all consist of rooflights. From cross-sectional drawings, the internal design of the building would not allow for any overlooking from these windows. Moreover, the orientation of the building to the nearest residential building would not lead to overlooking and a loss of privacy.

#### Noise

- 6.3.19. Paragraph 123 of the NPPF considers noise impacts of development. It confirms that policies and decisions should aim to:
  - avoid noise from giving rise to significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life as a result of new development;
  - mitigate and reduce to a minimum other adverse impacts on health and quality of life arising from noise from new development, including through the use of conditions:
  - recognise that development will often create some noise and existing businesses wanting to develop in continuance of their business should not have unreasonable restrictions put on them because of changes in nearby land uses since they were established; and
  - identify and protect areas of tranquillity which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for their recreational and amenity value for this reason.
- 6.3.20. A Noise Assessment has been provided and gives good consideration to the impact of the proposed development on residents and assesses the impact on the basis of hourly averaged noise levels. The greatest concern associated with such sites is the short-term events, known as Lmax. These short-term events generally cause problems as they are due to shouting during games and the use of PA systems and stand-out well above the general noise levels.
- 6.3.21. An acoustic bund is proposed, the details of which will need to be agreed in writing. It should be noted that proposed (and implemented) measures will not completely eliminate noise emanating from the use of the site. Regard must be given to the existing situation, which, notwithstanding the greater intensity of use proposed, should not be any worse.
- 6.3.22. Having regard to the above, it is considered that the development should not unduly impact on the existing amenity of neighbouring occupiers with regard to noise and disturbance. The development is considered to comply with Policy 7.15 of the London Plan, Core Policy 32, Policy DMD68 of the Development Management Plan.

## Lighting

## Playing surfaces

6.3.23. Given the sensitivities of the site, adjacent to residential dwellings, a lighting scheme should be designed to minimise the impact on these elements (light spillage / light trespass), whilst obviously providing the necessary level of lighting for functional use, and also having regard to existing lighting within the sports ground. For outdoor sporting provision, sports lighting can considerably extend the hours of use especially outside the summer months and is often critical to the viability of many facilities which rely on income from mid-week evening lettings to cover operating costs. Sports lighting is therefore essential if these sports facilities are to be used to their full

- capacity and justify the level of capital required to provide them. Without sports lighting, opportunities for sport would be significantly restricted.
- 6.3.24. The existing site has four lighting columns around the main pitch. The development proposal will include:
  - 4no. 15m high lighting columns around the main pitch
  - 4no. 15m high lighting columns around the senior artificial pitch
  - 18no. 8m high lighting columns around the 7no.5-a-side / MUGA pitches
- 6.3.25. With regard to the main pitch, although the proposed lighting columns will be taller than the existing (3m) and therefore more noticeable, modern directional floodlighting reduces the amount of light spillage beyond the immediate area. There should be no additional impact from the proposed replacement lighting columns around the main pitch.
- 6.3.26. Residents towards the eastern end of the site may notice more of an impact from the additional lights proposed for the senior training pitch and the 7no.5-a-side / MUGA pitches as this part of the site is currently undeveloped. However, the nearest facing windows to any of the additional 8m or 15 columns are approximately 56m distant. Retained and proposed trees (some atop bunds) will help screen some of the visual impact. It is considered however, that more could be achieved in terms of plantings but this could be subject to a more detailed landscaping condition.
- 6.3.27. The submitted Lighting Assessment is considered poor as it does not provide much in the way of detail for the proposed floodlights. The examples contained within it do not match the heights of the masts to be used, which are themselves not uncommon. The only variable should be the specific site circumstances which are dependent upon topography, existing screening and distancing to light sensitive receptors. Notwithstanding the submitted Lighting Assessment, full details of the proposed floodlights and impact from the chosen lights, (e.g. mitigation measures to further reduce spillage, number of lights per column, light hoods, wattage, illuminance plots etc) can be secured by condition. The hours of use for the lighting will also be subject to condition.
- 6.3.28. No lighting is proposed around the junior pitch in the south-west corner of the site.

### Car Parking Areas

- 6.3.29. Lighting will be required to provide a suitably safe environment for the car parking areas, with the main concern being the extensive parking proposed for the western part of the site. It has been indicated within the Lighting Assessment that low level bollard lighting will be used. This is a type of lighting solution is widely used and considered to be appropriate for light sensitive areas. The parking areas to the east of the retained public footway running through the site will raise no additional concern in terms of impact on neighbouring occupiers from lighting.
- 6.3.30. Details of the car park lighting scheme will be secured by an appropriately worded condition.
- 6.3.31. It should be noted that although the main car park will have its ground level raised by approximately 1m, the proposed perimeter bund along the western boundary will approximately be an additional 1.25m in height.

## 6.4. Traffic and Highway Considerations

#### Traffic Generation / Parking

- 6.4.1. Comparable sites (i.e. Power League) and associated trip generation data from the TRICS database have been used. The survey sites were chosen on the basis of similar operation, similar PTAL, scale of operation and nature of facilities. This approach is considered acceptable. However the assessment of visitor numbers / movements is weak and assumes a generally low, non-specific amount. The TA considers that the 254 parking spaces provided on site is more than adequate to cater for visitor parking although this excludes the anticipated level of parking / trip generation associated with visitors. The propensity for locally generated trips is good with this location and also considering the Site's extant use. With regard to DMD Policy 48, it is therefore considered that the trip generation is now considered sufficiently robust.
- 6.4.2. Access by pedestrians and cycles will need to be promoted because the site is located east of the A1010 Cycle Enfield proposals. It is therefore proposed that a condition or obligation is included to secure a PERS (Pedestrian Environment Review System) and CLoS (Cycle Level of Service) audit between A1010 and A1055 (including certain side routes, especially connecting to the Site). The Applicant will be required to contribute to identified and agreed improvements.
- 6.4.3. With regard to DMD Policy 45, parking provision should comply with the London Plan. It is noted that the anticipated level of parking is likely to be high given the site's intended use and comparatively low access to public transport (i.e. PTAL 2). The TA concludes that parking provision should be more than adequate for the purposes of the proposed development.
- 6.4.4. Cycle parking appears to be sufficient. All cycle storage will need to be secure, in a location with good natural surveillance and sheltered from the weather.
- 6.4.5. No swept-path analysis has been provided for either the access, parking or footpath crossing areas. The layout proposed appears to broadly accord with general design standards but the details will need to be finalised and secured through conditions or obligations.
- 6.4.6. Parking spaces will need to be reconfigured to suit minibus dimensions without obstructing movement around the site or jeopardising individuals' safety. Active and passive charging points should also be provided in accordance with London Plan and DMD Policy 45 requirements. These elements can be conditioned.

#### Access

- 6.4.7. The existing access location (in-out) is to remain similar to the existing, although with internal changes to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and cars. The existing footpath is being retained, and will continue on a largely unchanged alignment to the existing. Although it is noted that vehicles are proposed to cross the footpath in order to access the parking areas, it is also proposed that the design, configuration and operation of this interaction point will prioritise pedestrian movement.
- 6.4.8. Although the design appears to broadly accord with current standards, access for emergency services and coaches will need to be more fully demonstrated. As advised, swept path analysis will need to be undertaken and can be secured by condition.

6.4.9. Road Safety Audits will also be required as part of the detailed design, linked to potential s278 works where the proposed designs interact with public highway. This will also need to be secured by condition.

## Servicing

- 6.4.10. The proposed waste collection arrangement broadly complies with current design standards and is therefore considered acceptable, although details will need to be secured by condition / obligation.
- 6.4.11. The main concern relates to the volume of construction related trips. It is noted that the proposed works and high volume of imported fill provide a longer term environmental over the existing state of the Site. The immediate access points to the Site are currently covered by 5T weight limits although loading access is permitted. Again, the temporary nature of construction traffic is noted.
- 6.4.12. The TA notes that construction traffic may be focused on times outside the operation of nearby schools notably Brimsdown Primary School this is supported. The proposed construction routing is considered acceptable, although the introduction of a residents' / school / business consultation group is very strongly recommended.
- 6.4.13. A car park management plan would be beneficial in order to minimise the risk of overspill parking to eth surrounding residential streets where parking pressures can, and have been observed to, be high.
- 6.4.14. A Construction Management Plan has not been provided although it is acknowledged that reference is made to providing one should the development be approved. This will be secured by an appropriately worded condition..
- 6.4.15. Having regard to the above, it is considered that the development provides acceptable parking and servicing facilities having regard to Policy 6.13 of the London Plan, and Policy DMD45 of the Development Management Document.

## 6.5. Sustainable Design & Construction

## **Energy Efficiency**

6.5.1. The London Plan confirms that non-domestic buildings in the period 2013-2016 should be looking to achieve a 35% improvement on 2013 Building Regulations. A detailed Energy Strategy will need to be provided to clearly set out how the scheme will achieve (or exceed) the target savings. This information will be required prior to development commencing because the overall appearance of the building can be detrimentally affected, depending upon the measures proposed.

#### Biodiversity / Ecology

6.5.2. Policy 7.19 of the London Plan ("Biodiversity and access to nature") requires development proposals to make a positive contribution, where possible, to the protection, enhancement, creation and management of biodiversity. Core Policy 36 of the Core Strategy confirms that all developments should be seeking to protect, restore, and enhance sites. Policy DMD79 advises that on-site ecological enhancements should be made where a development proposes more than 100sqm of floor space, subject to viability and feasibility.

- 6.5.3. The western sector of the site is predominantly playing fields in current active use. The eastern sector generally comprises land stripped of soil (now grown over), with stockpiles of stripped material, along with a car park, stadium in current active use and associated club house and other ancillary buildings. The two sectors of the Site are variably bordered by hedgerow / tree belt and other peripheral vegetation
- 6.5.4. The initial appraisal indicates that whilst the majority of the site generally comprises playing fields or cleared land of minimal ecological interest, there are specific areas of mainly peripheral habitat to be retained, which could provide suitable habitat for a number of statutorily protected and other notable species eg. badgers and reptiles. There could also be a possible presence of roosting bats in buildings and/or a small number of trees within and close to the site. Parts of the site are also suitable for use by breeding birds. These possibilities have been assessed within the submitted Report and it has been established that:
  - there is no evidence of badgers;
  - there is no suitable habitat for Great Crested Newts;
  - some parts of the site (identified on the "Habitat Zonation Drawing") could have the potential to provide habitat for the slow worm, grass snake and common lizard, therefore a herpetological survey may be required should development occur in these areas.
  - None of the existing buildings provide suitable habitat for bats. Some of the existing trees have the potential (albeit, low) to provide roosts.
- 6.5.5. Whilst some perimeter trees and hedgerow will be retained, a substantial number will be removed to enable the redevelopment of the site. Vegetation clearance should only be permitted outside of the bird nesting season or if unavoidable within the nesting season, only under the supervision of an appropriately qualified ecologist. Should planning permission be granted, a condition could be reasonably imposed to secure this.
- 6.5.6. With regard to enhancements, the Ecological Appraisal recommends that a Nature Conservation Management Plan is produced for all new and retained habitat, to include replacement panting as necessary, establishment maintenance, and a management strategy / monitoring. This also includes the provision of bird and bat boxes.
- 6.5.7. Notwithstanding the above, there has been no discussion on the provision of a biodiverse / green roof and living walls, which would also contribute to flood risk alleviation. There are green roof systems which would enable their provision on pitched roofs. The issue is whether this will be feasible at all but to not have any regard is considered unacceptable and contrary to DMD59, 61 & DMD79.
- 6.5.8. The recommendations contained within the Ecological Appraisal will be conditioned. In addition, a further condition will be imposed to investigate the feasibility of providing a biodiverse / green roof. As discussed above, a lighting condition will be imposed to ensure that any proposed lighting is sensitive to the surrounding environment. From an ecological perspective, this will include wildlife habitat.

#### Trees / Landscaping

6.5.9. An Arboricultural Assessment has not been provided. As currently proposed, the toe of the bund will be in close proximity to some retained trees. Increasing ground levels around the base of a tree can potentially harm its long-term life expectancy, therefore

it is recommended that where the bund finishes in close proximity to an existing tree, as a minimum it should be no nearer than the outer extent of the root protection area of the relevant tree. Conditions are proposed to secure a revised detailed layout plan, an arboricultural constraints plan, and a tree protection plan.

6.5.10. Having regard to the above, it is considered that the development proposals should not unreasonably impact on the health of retained trees, and where existing planting will be removed, sufficient replacement planting is proposed.

### **Drainage**

- 6.5.11. London Plan policies 5.12 and 5.13 requires the consideration of the effects of development on flood risk and sustainable drainage respectively. Core Policy 28 ("Managing flood risk through development") confirms the Council's approach to flood risk, inclusive of the requirement for SuDS in all developments. Policies DMD59 ("Avoiding and reducing flood risk") confirms that new development must avoid and reduce the risk of flooding, and not increase the risks elsewhere and that Planning permission will only be granted for proposals which have addressed all sources of flood risk and would not be subject to, or result in unacceptable levels of flood risk on site or increase the level of flood risk to third parties. DMD61 ("Managing surface water") requires the submission of a drainage strategy that incorporates an appropriate SuDS scheme and appropriate greenfield runoff rates.
- 6.5.12. A Flood Risk Assessment / Sustainable Drainage Strategy has been submitted in support of the application. The Report concludes that the proposed development (within Flood Zone 1) is at a low risk of flooding. With regard to SuDS, infiltration based techniques are not considered appropriate due to site contamination issues.
- 6.5.13. Although the conclusions of the submitted Report are acknowledged, the points raised by the SuDS Officer are also noted. It is considered that a condition could be reasonably imposed to secure a drainage strategy and management plan to address the concerns of the SuDS Officer.

#### Site Waste Management

#### Construction Waste

- 6.5.14. Policy 5.16 of the London Plan has stated goals of working towards managing the equivalent of 100% of London's waste within London by 2031 (by 2026 as stated in FALP), creating benefits from waste processing and zero biodegradable or recyclable waste to landfill by 2031. This will be achieved in part through exceeding recycling and reuse levels in construction, excavation and demolition ("CE&D") waste of 95% by 2020.
- 6.5.15. In order to achieve the above, London Plan policy 5.18 confirms that through the Local Plan, developers should be required to produce site waste management plans to arrange for the efficient handling of CE&D. Core Policy 22 of the Core Strategy states that the Council will encourage on-site reuse and recycling of CE&D waste.
- 6.5.16. Details of a construction waste management plan have not been submitted with the application. This detail can be secured through an appropriately worded condition.

#### Operational Waste

6.5.17. To understand the potential waste generation of the facility whilst in operation, a Waste Management Plan ("WMP") should be provided detailing the waste minimisation proposals and the proposed strategy for dealing with waste generated from the use of the site. Whilst one has not been provided, a WMP can reasonably be secured by condition.

#### Contamination

- 6.5.18. Having regard to the existing use of the site as a nursery, and the former use as an orchard, consideration must be given to land contamination (London Plan policy 5.22 and DMD66). To enable an understanding of any potential contaminants and the likely impact on receptors from these former uses, a Land Appraisal and Contamination Report has been submitted.
- 6.5.19. The Report identifies that the site was previously used as an industrial landfill operated by Johnson Mathey between 1913 and 1958. As a result of this, near-surface contamination does exist, posing either a physical or chemical risk. A remediation strategy has been proposed which includes a 600mm capping layer, thickened to 1m because of the need to provide drains to a depth of 400mm to ensure adequate drainage of the playing surface.
- 6.5.20. Although capping could potentially result in landfill gas migration, it is considered that the risk from this is low due to the age and nature of the waste. However, it is proposed to install perimeter monitoring points during the remediation phase to record existing levels of methane and carbon dioxide.
- 6.5.21. A quantitative risk assessment will need to be provided and an assessment on the risk to controlled waters. The development should not commence until a scheme to deal with the contamination of the site including an investigation and assessment of the extent of contamination and the measure to be taken to avoid risk to health and the environment.
- 6.5.22. The importation of waste is governed by the Environment Agency's Permitting Regime.

### 6.6. Employment and Training

- 6.6.1. Core Policy 16 of the Core Strategy confirms the commitment of the Council to promote economic prosperity and sustainability in the Borough through a robust strategy to improve the skills of Enfield's population. One initiative is, through the collaboration with the Boroughs of Haringey, Broxbourne, Epping and Waltham Forest, to promote skills training for local people.
- 6.6.2. The Strategy will need to set out how the development will engage with local contractors / subcontractors, the number of trainees to be employed on site and the number of weeks training will be provided. Details of a Local Employment Strategy could be secured by condition.

#### 6.7. Community Infrastructure Levy

- 6.7.1. The development is not CIL liable as it is for a leisure / community use.
- 6.8. **Section 106**

- 6.8.1. Having regard to the contents of the content above, it is recommended that should planning permission be granted, the following obligations should be sought:
  - Securing the local sourcing of labour
  - Securing the local supply of goods and materials
  - Securing on-site skills training
  - Entering into a s278 Agreement for associated highways works

#### 6.9. Other Matters Raised

6.9.1. Boundary issues are a civil matter

#### 7. Conclusions

- 7.1. The development proposal is considered to make a more effective use of the site to provide additional sport, recreational and community facilities. Moreover, there would be no additional impact from the provision of the clubrooms than the existing despite its greater size.
- 7.2. Taking all material planning considerations into account it is considered that the development should be approved for the following reasons:
  - 1. The proposed development, having regard to its size, siting and design and by virtue of conditions imposed has appropriate regard to its surroundings, the character and amenities of the local area and those of adjoining occupiers in terms of loss of light, privacy, outlook, noise and disturbance, having regard to Policies 7.1, 7.4 & 7.6 7.15 of The London Plan, Core Policy 30, Policies DMD8, DMD10, DMD11, DMD68 of the Development Management Document.
  - 2. The development makes appropriate provision for access and servicing and should not lead to conditions detrimental to highway safety on having regard to Policy 6.3 of The London Plan, DMD47 of the Development Management Document.
  - 3. The proposed development, by virtue of the measures proposed and conditions imposed, should achieve an acceptable level of sustainable design and construction having regard to Policies 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 & 5.9 of the London Plan, Core Policies 20, 21, 22, & 26 of the Core Strategy, Policies DMD49, DMD51, DMD53, DMD55, DMD56, DMD58, DMD59, DMD60, DMD61, DMD69, DMD78, DMD79, DMD81 of the Development Management Document.

#### 8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That planning permission is GRANTED subject to conditions:
  - Approved Plans as Amended Unless required by any other condition attached to this permission, the development shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved plans, including plans that may have been revised, as set out in the attached schedule which forms part of this notice.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

2. Time Limited Permission

The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of the decision notice.

Reason: To comply with the provisions of S.51 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

#### 3. Details of Materials

Above ground construction works shall not commence until details of the external finishing materials to be used have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory external appearance.

#### 4. Levels

Unless otherwise approved in writing, the development hereby approved shall only be undertaken in accordance with the detailed levels as provided on Drawing No.101.

Reason: To ensure that levels have appropriate regard to the level of surrounding development, gradients and surface water drainage.

#### 5. Details of Hard Surfacing

Above ground construction works shall not commence until details of the surfacing materials to be used within the development including footpaths, access roads and parking areas and road markings have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The surfacing shall be carried out in accordance with the approved detail before the development is occupied or use commences.

Reason: To ensure that the development does not prejudice highway safety and a satisfactory appearance.

### 6. Highways Related Audits

The development hereby approved shall not commence until such time as the following audits have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:

- a. Stage 2 Road Safety Audit;
- b. PERS Audit between A1055 and A1010; and
- c. CLoS Audit between A1055 and A1010

The works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved detail before the development is occupied or use commences.

Reason: In the interest of highway safety.

## 7. Construction Methodology

Development shall not commence until a construction methodology has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The construction methodology shall contain:

a. a photographic condition survey of the roads, footways and verges immediately adjacent to the site;

- b. details of construction access, including any temporary heavy duty access, and associated traffic management to the site;
- c. details of the phasing of construction works;
- d. arrangements for the loading, unloading and turning of delivery, construction and service vehicles clear of the highway;
- e. arrangements for the parking of contractors vehicles;
- f. arrangements for wheel cleaning;
- g. arrangements for the storage of materials;
- h. hours of work;
- i. number and type of vehicle movements;
- j. Coordination with local schools to avoid peak school drop-off and pick up times;
- A construction management plan written in accordance with the 'London Best Practice Guidance: The control of dust and emission from construction and demolition';
- I. size and siting of any ancillary buildings.

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved construction methodology unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the implementation of the development does not lead to damage to the existing highway and to minimise disruption to neighbouring properties and the environment.

### 8. Parking / Turning Facilities

Notwithstanding the submitted proposed site layout plan, the development shall not commence until a revised plan has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing, detailing parking and turning facilities to be provided in accordance with the standards adopted by the Local Planning Authority, inclusive of suitable parking for minibuses and coaches. The parking facilities shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details before the development is occupied and shall be maintained for this purpose.

Reason: To ensure that the development complies with adopted standards and does not prejudice conditions of safety or traffic flow on adjoining highways.

#### 9. Loading / Unloading / Turning Facilities

The development shall not commence until details showing facilities for the loading, unloading and turning of vehicles clear of the highway have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The facilities shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details before the development is occupied and shall be kept free from obstruction and maintained for this purpose.

10. Reason: To ensure that the development complies adopted Policy and does not prejudice conditions of safety or traffic flow on adjoining highways.

#### 11. Details of Access and Junction

The development shall not commence until details of the construction of any access roads and junctions and any other highway alterations associated with the development (inclusive of pedestrian paths linking the car park to the clubrooms) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details before development is occupied or the use commences.

Reason: To ensure that the development complies with adopted Policy and does not prejudice conditions of safety or traffic flow on adjoining highways.

### 12. Swept Path Analysis

The development shall not commence until a swept path analysis demonstrating acceptable access and manoeuvring within the site for emergency vehicles and coaches has been provided to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing.

Reason: To ensure that the development complies adopted Policy and does not prejudice conditions of safety or traffic flow on adjoining highways.

# 13. Electric Charging Points

Prior to development commencing, details for electric vehicle charging points (no less than 10% active and 10% passive of the total parking provision proposed) shall be provided to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. All electric charging points shall be installed in accordance with the approved details prior to first use of the facilities approved and permanently retained and maintained thereafter.

Reason: To ensure that the development complies with the sustainable development policy requirements of the London Plan.

### 14. Cycle Parking

The details of the secure covered cycle parking facilities shall be submitted for approval in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The facilities shall be provided in accordance with the approved details prior to the first use of the development authorised by this permission.

Reason: To encourage sustainable means of transport and to ensure that the design, size, siting and materials of the cycle store are appropriate to the architectural and historic interest of the Listed Building.

# 15. Car Park Management Plan

Prior to the commencement of the development hereby permitted, details showing facilities and strategy to manage delivery/taxis/car and coach arrivals and departures clear of the highway shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The strategy shall be adopted and facilities shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details before the development is occupied and shall be kept free from obstruction and maintained for the duration of the use unless the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority is obtained to any variation. The Strategy should include:

- 1. Car park plan with clearly marked out bays;
- Contact details (telephone/ email ,name) of a person/company responsible for managing the car park;
- 3. Proposed parking controls proposed to keep clear the turning areas for delivery/service vehicles;
- 4. Management of the risk of overspill parking;
- 5. How will pedestrian access routes be kept clear?
- 6. How will visitors be accommodated;
- 7. What enforcement regime is proposed;
- 8. How often will the plan be reviewed and by whom (provide contact details);
- 9. Maintenance regime for apparatus/furniture –lighting etc;

- 10. Details of parking charges/fees;
- 11. Number of 'accessible'/disabled bays, disabled bays distribution and monitoring of take up and how it connects with the Travel Plan; and
- 12. Proposed type car parking spaces allocation across site (first come first served basis, etc.).

Reason: To ensure that the proposals do not prejudice conditions of safety or traffic flow on adjoining highways and does not adversely impact on operation and parking provision of the nearby uses and existing residents.

#### 16. Deliveries and Collections

Deliveries and collections to and from the premises shall only take place between the hours of 0700hours and 2000hours Monday to Saturday only and not at all on Sundays and Bank Holidays, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby residential properties.

# 17. Details of Refuse Storage

Within three months of commencement of the development approved, details of refuse storage facilities (design, size, siting) including facilities for the recycling of waste to be provided within the development, in accordance with the London Borough of Enfield – Waste and Recycling Planning Storage Guidance ENV 08/162, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The refuse storage facilities shall be provided in accordance with the approved details before the development is occupied or use commences.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and the recycling of waste materials in support of the Boroughs waste reduction targets.

### 18. Details of Fume Extraction

Prior to first use of the kitchen facilities, details of the specification and appearance of any fume extraction and/or ventilation plant required in connection with the use shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. The plant shall be installed in accordance with the approved details and permanently maintained.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance and safeguard amenity.

# 19. Contamination - Remediation Strategy

No development approved by this planning permission shall take place until a remediation strategy that includes the following components to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site shall each be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority:

- 1. A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:
  - a. all previous uses
  - b. potential contaminants associated with those uses
  - c. a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors
  - d. potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site.
- 2. A site investigation scheme, based on (1) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those off site.

- 3. The results of the site investigation and the detailed risk assessment referred to in (2) and, based on these, an options appraisal and remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken.
- 4. A verification plan providing details of the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in the remediation strategy in (3) are complete and identifying any requirements for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.

Any changes to these components require the express written consent of the local planning authority. The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To prevent both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of water pollution.

## 20. Contamination - Verification Report

No occupation of any part of the permitted shall take place until a verification report demonstrating completion of works set out in the approved remediation strategy and the effectiveness of the remediation shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the local planning authority. The report shall include results of sampling and monitoring carried out in accordance with the approved verification plan to demonstrate that the site remediation criteria have been met. It shall also include any plan (a "long-term monitoring and maintenance plan") for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action, as identified in the verification plan. The long-term monitoring and maintenance plan shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To prevent both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of water pollution.

#### 21. Contamination – Additional contamination

If, during development, contamination not previously identified is found to be present at the site then no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local planning authority) shall be carried out until the developer has submitted a remediation strategy to the local planning authority detailing how this unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with and obtained written approval from the local planning authority. The remediation strategy shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To prevent both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of water pollution.

### 22. Infiltration

No infiltration of surface water drainage into the ground is permitted other than with the express written consent of the local planning authority, which may be given for those parts of the site where it has been demonstrated that there is no resultant unacceptable risk to controlled waters. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approval details.

Reason: To prevent both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of water pollution.

#### 23. Sub-surface works

Piling or any other foundation designs / investigation boreholes / tunnel shafts / ground source heating and cooling systems using penetrative methods shall not be permitted other than with the express written consent of the local planning authority, which may be given for those parts of the site where it has been demonstrated that there is no resultant unacceptable risk to groundwater. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To prevent both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of water pollution. Piling or any other foundation designs / investigation boreholes / tunnel shafts / ground source heating and cooling systems using penetrative methods can result in risks to potable supplies from, for example, pollution / turbidity, risk of mobilising contamination, drilling through different aquifers and creating preferential pathways.

## 24. Restriction of Open Storage

No plant, machinery, goods, products or waste material shall be deposited or stored on any open part of the site unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interest of amenity and the appearance of the site.

# 25. Energy

Notwithstanding any submitted document, development shall not commence until an Energy Statement, detailing the measures to be implemented in order to meet with or exceed a 35% improvement over Part L of the 2013 Building Regulations, inclusive of the use of renewable energy technologies, has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. Where renewable energy technologies are to be utilised, for each of the renewable energy technologies that are considered feasible, the detail shall include:

- (a) The resulting scheme, together with any machinery/apparatus location, specification and operational details;
- (b) A management plan and maintenance strategy/schedule for the operation of the technologies:
- (c) A servicing plan including times, location, frequency, methodology.

The development shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the details so approved and shall be maintained as such thereafter.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable development and to ensure that the Local Planning Authority may be satisfied that CO2 emission reduction targets by renewable energy are met in accordance with adopted policy.

### 26. Energy Performance Certificate

Following practical completion of works a final Energy Performance Certificate shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. Where applicable, a Display Energy Certificate shall be submitted within 18 months following first occupation.

Reason: In the interest of sustainable development and to ensure that the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that CO2 emission reduction targets are met in accordance with adopted policy.

#### 27. Biodiverse / Green Roof

The development shall not commence until details have been provided to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing demonstrating the feasibility or otherwise of providing a biodiverse green / brown roof. The submitted detail shall include: design, substrate (extensive substrate base with a minimum depth 80-150mm), vegetation mix and density, and a cross-section of the proposed roof.

The biodiverse roof shall not be used for any recreational purpose and access shall only be for the purposes of the maintenance and repair or means of emergency escape.

The biodiverse roof shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to first occupation and maintained as such thereafter. Photographic evidence of installation is to be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To assist in flood attenuation and to ensure the development provides the maximum possible provision towards the creation of habitats and valuable areas for biodiversity in accordance with adopted Policy.

### 28. Living Walls

Details of the feasibility for providing "living walls" to the approved clubhouse shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing prior to first use commencing. The submitted details shall include:

- (a) Locations for planting of "living walls";
- (b) Type and density of native wildlife friendly plantings;

Should the Local Planning Authority consider that the provision of living walls is feasible, plantings shall be provided within the first planting season following practical completion of the development. Any planting which dies, becomes severely damaged or diseased within five years of completion of the development shall be replaced with new planting in accordance with the approved details or an alternative approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To enhance the ecological value of the site and to ensure the development provides the maximum possible provision towards the creation of habitats and valuable areas for biodiversity in accordance with adopted policy, and to ensure highway safety.

### 29. Landscaping

Notwithstanding any submitted plan, a landscaping plan shall be submitted to the Local planning Authority for approval in writing prior to any works commencing. The Landscaping plan shall include:

- a. Planting plans to include enhanced planting around the entire perimeter of the site;
- b. Written specifications (including cultivation, maintenance and other operations associated with plant and grass establishment);
- c. Schedules of plants and trees, to include native and wildlife friendly species and large canopy trees in appropriate locations (noting species, planting sizes and proposed numbers / densities);
- d. Implementation timetables;
- e. Wildlife friendly plants and trees of local or national provenance;
- f. Specifications for any boundary treatment demonstrating how hedgehogs and other wildlife will be able to continue to travel across the site.

Plantings shall be provided no later than the first planting season following practical completion of the development. Any planting which dies, becomes severely damaged or diseased within five years of completion of the development shall be replaced with new planting in accordance with the approved details or an alternative approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To enhance the ecological value of the site, to ensure the development provides the maximum possible provision towards the creation of habitats and valuable areas for biodiversity in accordance with adopted policy, to ensure highway safety and to safeguard the residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers.

#### 30. Tree Protection

No works or development shall take place until an Arboricultural Method Statement (BS5837:2012) has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. The Method Statement shall ensure, where necessary, that any retained tree is sufficiently protected from increased ground levels and no works are undertaken within the root protection area of the retained tree.

Reason - To ensure that the retained trees, shrubs and hedgerows on the site or in adjacent sites are not adversely affected by any aspect of the development, and to screen, preserve and enhance the development and ensure adequate landscape treatment in the interest of amenity, having regard to adopted Policy.

#### 31. Vegetation Clearance

All areas of trees, hedges, scrub or similar vegetation where birds may nest, which are to be removed as part of the development, are to be cleared outside the bird-nesting season (March - August inclusive) or if clearance during the bird-nesting season cannot reasonably be avoided, a suitably qualified ecologist will check the areas to be removed immediately prior to clearance and advise whether nesting birds are present. If active nests are recorded, no vegetation clearance or other works that may disturb active nests shall proceed until all young have fledged the nest.

Reason: To ensure that nesting birds are not adversely affected upon by the proposed development.

#### 32. Biodiversity Enhancements

The enhancement proposals as set out within section 4.2 of the Ecological Appraisal shall be implemented in accordance with details (design, size, number, location, as appropriate) to be provided to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. The submitted detail shall also include a Nature Conservation Management Plan for all new and retained habitat, to include plant replacement as necessary, establishment maintenance, followed by a strategy of low key, appropriate, conservation management and monitoring.

Reason: To enhance the site post development in line with Core Policy 36.

#### 33. Details of Spectator Stands

No spectator stand shall be erected until their details (inclusive of design and materials) have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. The spectator stands shall be erected in accordance with the approved detail and permanently maintained.

Reason: To ensure an acceptable appearance and in the interest of safeguarding the privacy of neighbouring residential occupiers.

# 34. Drainage

Development shall not commence until a revised drainage scheme has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. The drainage scheme shall dispose of surface water by means of a sustainable drainage (SUDS) scheme, in accordance with the principles of sustainable drainage systems set out in national planning policy guidance and statements, and the results of that assessment have been provided to the Local Planning Authority. The assessment shall take the following into account:

- a. Source control measures (e.g. green roofs, rain gardens, permeable paving);
- b. The use of lined swales, ponds, basins;
- c. Details of levels, cross sections and specifications of the drainage features;
- d. A design which allows for flows that exceed the design capacity to be stored on site or conveyed off-site with minimum impact
- e. A clear rational for the proposed SUDS measures;
- f. A Management Plan outlining the specific actions required to ensure longterm maintenance:
- g. the design storm period and intensity for a 1 in 100 year storm event with the allowance for climate change; and
- h. measures to prevent pollution of the receiving groundwater and/or surface waters

The approved drainage measures shall be implemented and permanently maintained.

Reason: To ensure that the proposal would not result in an unacceptable risk of flooding from surface water run-off or create an unacceptable risk of flooding elsewhere, and to reduce the risk of pollution.

#### 35. Drainage Verification

Prior to occupation of the development, a Verification Report demonstrating that the approved drainage / SuDS measures have been fully implemented shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. This report must include:

- a. As built drawings of the sustainable drainage systems
- b. Level surveys of completed works
- c. Photographs of the completed sustainable drainage systems
- d. Any relevant certificates from manufacturers/ suppliers of any drainage features
- e. A confirmation statement of the above signed by a chartered engineer

Reason: To ensure the sustainable management of water, minimise flood risk, minimise discharge of surface water outside of the curtilage of the property and ensure that the drainage system will remain functional throughout the lifetime of the development in accordance with Policy CP28 of the Core Strategy and Policies 5.12 & 5.13 of the London Plan and the NPPF

#### 36. Noise Attenuation

The development shall not commence until details of the design, size, siting and minimum density of an acoustic bund / barrier to limit sound generated from the use of the site being audible beyond the site boundary has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing.

Reason: To minimise any additional impact on neighbour amenity from noise generated by the approved development and to

# 37. Ongoing Noise Mitigation

The use of the development authorised by this permission shall not begin until a written scheme of ongoing noise monitoring and mitigation has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To protect the existing amenity of nearby residential occupiers and to ensure that any mitigation measures are effective.

### 38. Lighting – Car Park

No works shall commence on the provision and installation of external lighting along the access road and car park until their details have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. The details shall include:

- a. Design;
- b. Siting;
- c. Lux levels;
- d. Measures to limit the impact of light spillage onto light sensitive premises.

The approved lighting shall be provided before the development is occupied or first use commences.

Reason: In the interest of protecting the amenity of the residential occupiers and the minimal disruption to wildlife friendly habitats whilst being cognizant of the need to provide suitable levels of lighting.

#### 39. Lighting – Floodlights

No floodlight shall be erected until the following details have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing:

- 1. Illuminance plots to demonstrate impact on all adjoining residential properties:
- 2. Measures to secure directional control
- 3. Number of lights per column;
- 4. Luminance levels; and
- 5. Mitigation measures to reduce light spillage

The floodlights shall only be erected in accordance with the approved detail.

Reason: To safeguard the amenity of neighbouring residential occupiers and

# 40. Hours of Use – Sports Pitches

Unless otherwise agreed in advance and in writing by the Local Planning Authority, the artificial grass pitch, grass sports pitch and multi-use games areas and its associated sports lighting shall not be used outside the hours of 0800hours and 2200hours Monday to Saturday and 0800hours and 2000hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Reason: To balance illuminating the [named playing field/sports facility] for maximum use with the interest of amenity and sustainability and to accord with Development Plan Policy

#### 41. Hours of Use – Clubroom facilities

The clubroom facilities hereby approved shall only be open between the hours of 0800hours and 2300hours Monday to Saturday and 0800hours and 2100hours

on Sundays and Bank Holidays, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby residential properties.

#### 42. Artificial Pitch Construction

The artificial grass pitch and Multi-Use Games Areas hereby permitted shall not be constructed other than substantially in accordance with Sport England/National Governing Body Technical Design Guidance Notes; Artificial Surfaces for Outdoor Sport or FA Guide to Football Turf Pitch Designs and Layouts

Reason: To ensure the development is fit for purpose and sustainable and to accord with Development Plan Policy

#### 43. Artificial Pitch

Before the artificial grass pitch is brought into use, a Management and Maintenance Scheme for the facility including management responsibilities, a maintenance schedule and a mechanism for review shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This should include measures to ensure that the surface is replaced at the end of its usual lifespan. The measures set out in the approved scheme shall be complied with in full, with effect from commencement of use of the artificial grass pitch.

Reason: To ensure that a new facility is capable of being managed and maintained to deliver a facility which is fit for purpose, sustainable and to ensure sufficient benefit of the development to sport and to accord with Development Plan Policy

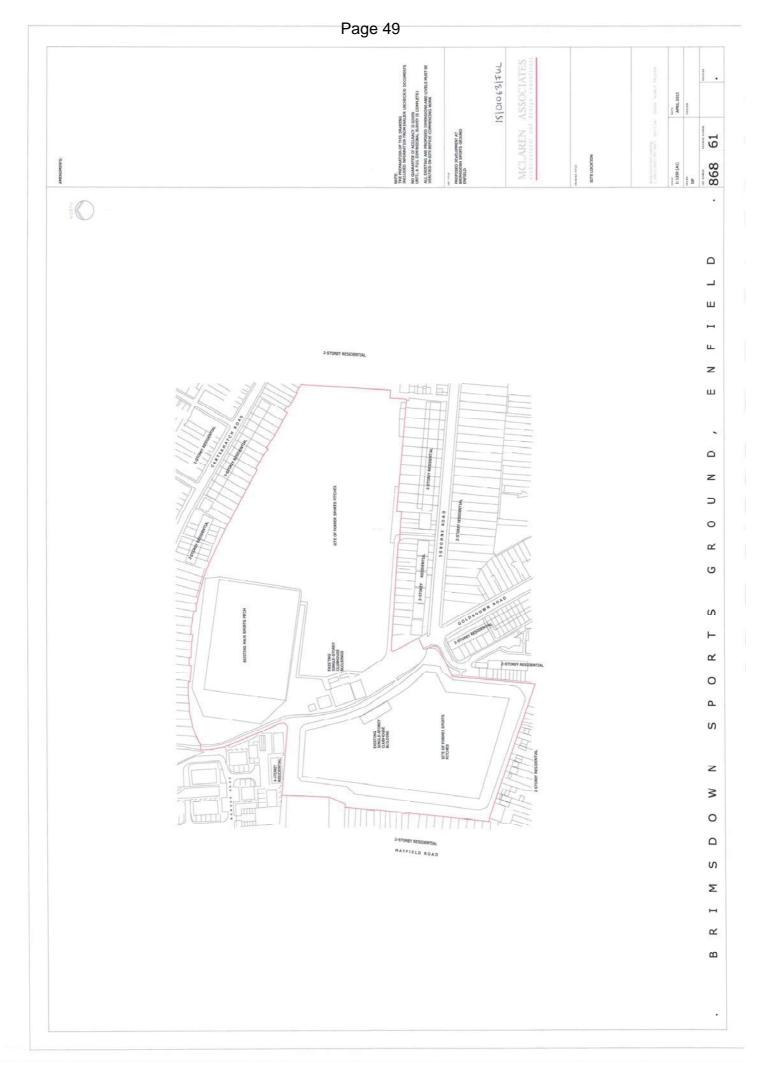
#### 44. Construction Waste Management Plan

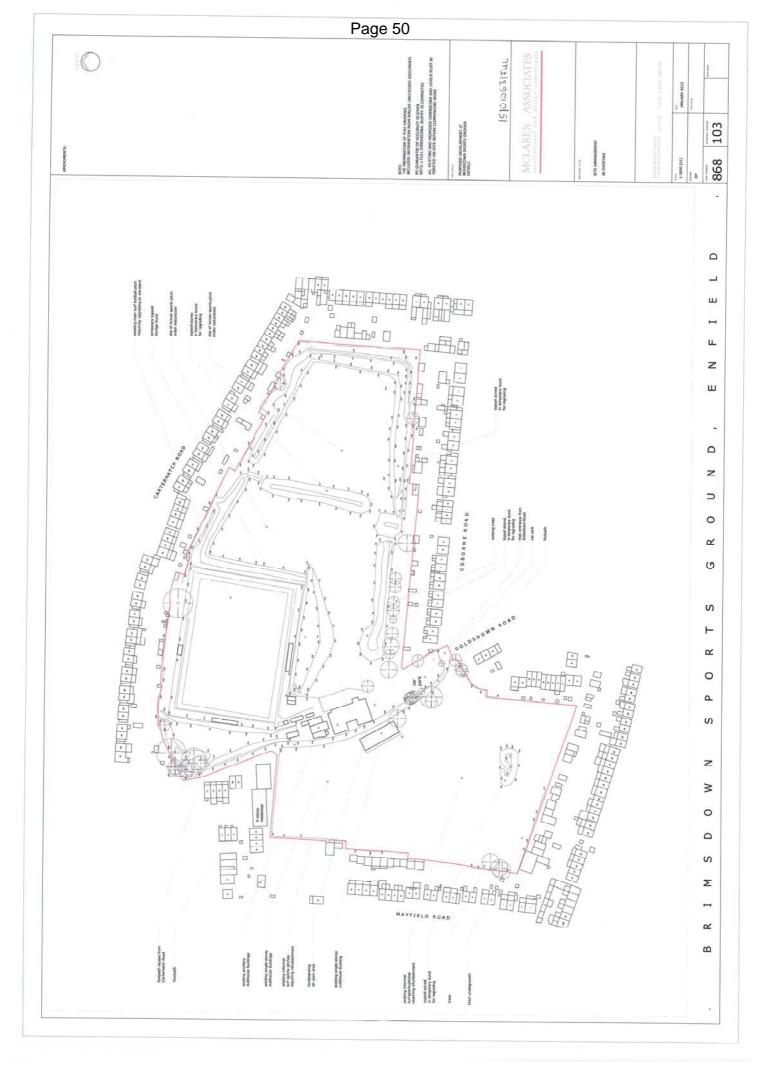
The development shall not commence until a Construction Waste Management Plan has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. The plan should include as a minimum:

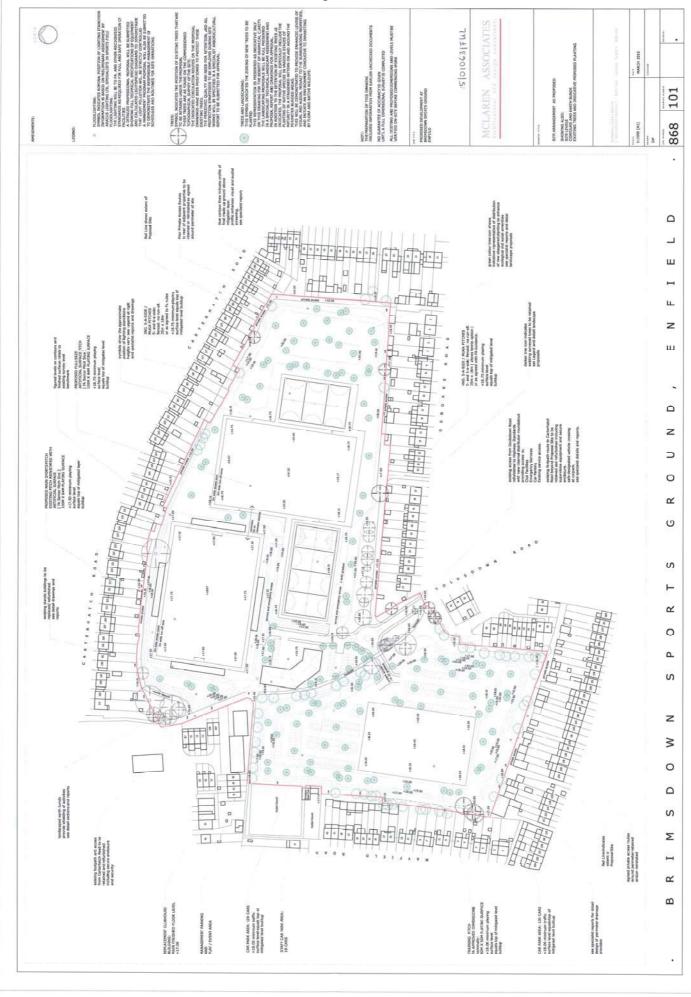
- a. Target benchmarks for resource efficiency set in accordance with best practice
- b. Procedures and commitments to minimize non-hazardous construction waste at design stage. Specify waste minimisation actions relating to at least 3 waste groups and support them by appropriate monitoring of waste.
- c. Procedures for minimising hazardous waste
- d. Monitoring, measuring and reporting of hazardous and non-hazardous site waste production according to the defined waste groups (according to the waste streams generated by the scope of the works)
- e. Procedures and commitments to sort and divert waste from landfill in accordance with the waste hierarchy (reduce; reuse; recycle; recover) according to the defined waste groups

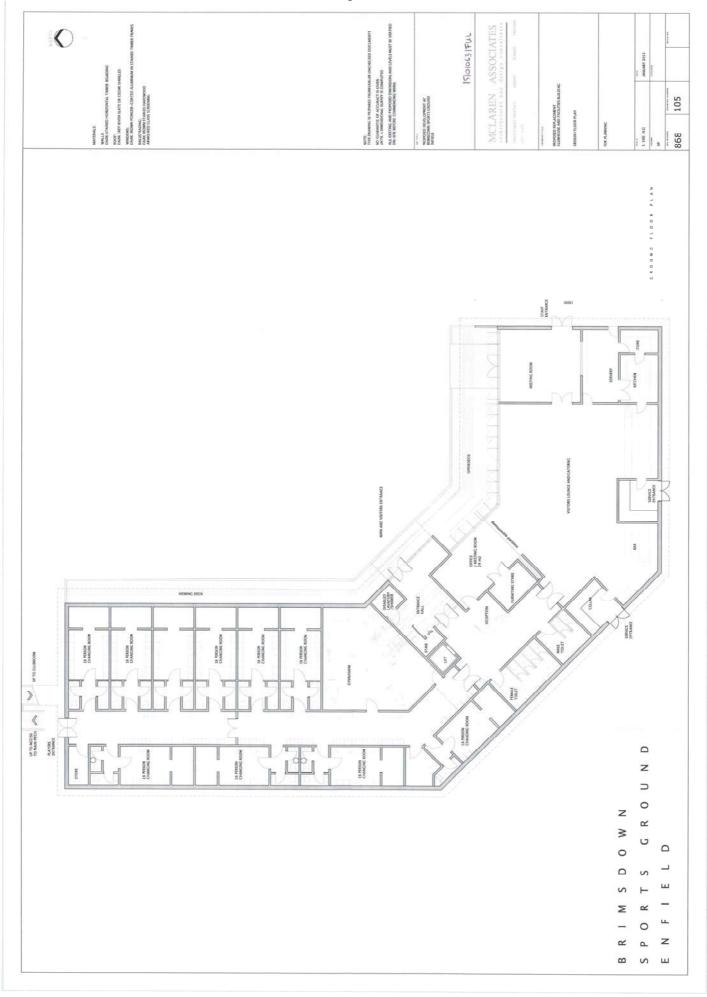
In addition no less than 85% by weight or by volume of non-hazardous construction, excavation and demolition waste generated by the development has been diverted from landfill

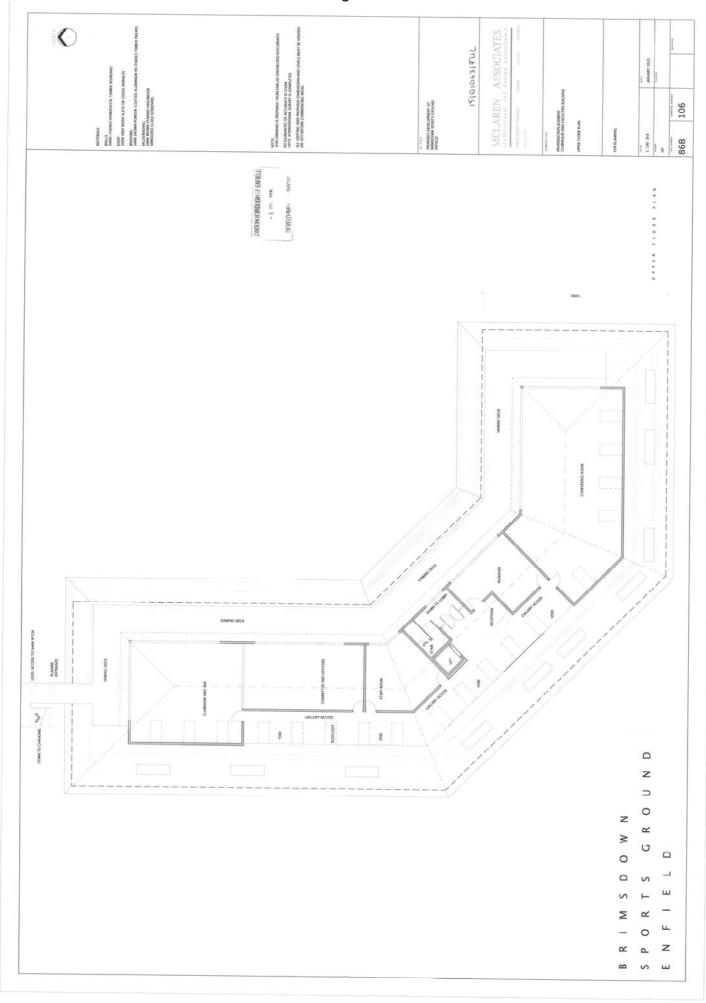
Reason: To maximise the amount of waste diverted from landfill consistent with the waste hierarchy and strategic targets set by Policies 5.17, 5.18, 5.19, 5.20 of the London Plan.











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# LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

# PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: 28 June 2016

Report of

Assistant Director, Planning, Highways & Transportation

Contact Officer: Andy Higham

Sharon Davidson Ms Sharon Davidson Ward:

**Upper Edmonton** 

Ref: 16/01197/RE3

Category: LBE - Dev by others

LOCATION: Meridian Water, Willoughby Lane And, Meridian Way, London

**PROPOSAL:** Development of Phase 1 of Meridian Water comprising up to 725 residential units, new station building, platforms and associated interchange and drop-off facilities including a pedestrian link across the railway, a maximum of 950 sqm retail (A1/A2/A3), floorspace, a maximum of 600 sqm of community (D1) floorspace, a maximum of 750 sqm of leisure (D2) floorspace, associated site infrastructure works including ground and remediation works, roads, cycle-ways and footpaths, utility works above and below ground, surface water drainage works, energy centre and associated plant, public open space and childrens play areas, and various temporary meantime uses without structures (landscaping and open space). OUTLINE APPLICATION - ACCESS ONLY. An Environmental Statement, including a non-technical summary, also accompanies the planning application in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 (as amended by the 2015 Regulations).

#### **Applicant Name & Address:**

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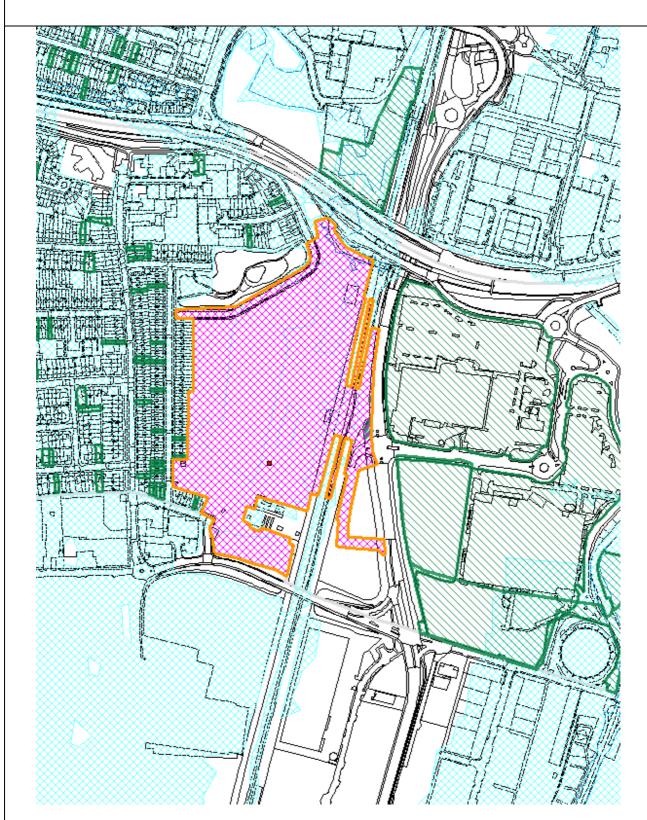
#### **Agent Name & Address:**

Mr C Tunnell Ove Arup And Partners Ltd 13 Fitzroy Street London W1T 4BQ

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That, subject to referral to the Great London Authority, the Head of Development Management / Planning Decisions Manager be authorised to **GRANT** planning permission subject to conditions.

Ref: 16/01197/RE3 LOCATION: Meridian Water, Willoughby Lane And, Meridian Way, London





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## 1 Site and Surroundings

1.1 The application site extends to approximately 8 hectares of land and comprises the former gas holder site on Willoughby Lane on the west side of the railway line, part of the site known as the 'tear drop' site Meridian Way ( on the east side of the railway line) and much of the intervening railway land and sidings. The site includes a small stretch of Pymmes Brook to the north.

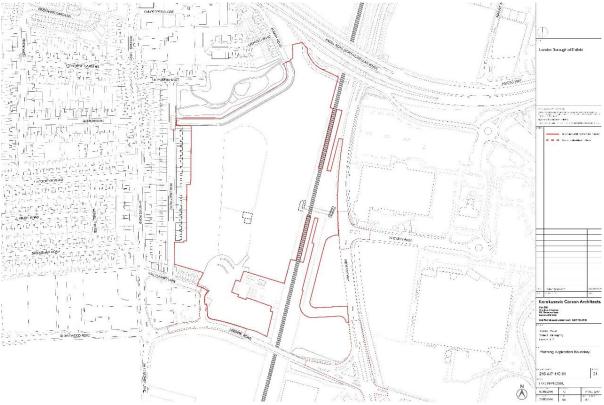


Figure 1 Application site boundary

- 1.2 The site extends from the North Circular Road to the north, to Leeside Road to the south. It bounds Albany Road and the site of the proposed new Meridian Angel Primary School on Ladysmith Open Space to the north west. Residential properties in Kimberley Road and Willoughby Lane bound the site to the west; Meridian Way forms the eastern boundary. The site wraps around an operational pressure reduction station (PRS), owned by National Grid Gas, and which for the present time will remain in situ and operational.
- 1.3 The site sits within an area comprising a range of land uses. To the west lie predominantly residential properties and the soon to be relocated Meridian Angel Primary School (the new school is presently under construction on the former Ladysmith Open Space);the Frederick Knight Sports Ground and a mix of industrial and residential uses to the south beyond Leeside Road and located within the London Borough of Haringey; to the east by large retail units in the form of Tesco's and Ikea; and to the north beyond the North Circular Road, Kenninghall Open Space and a metal and waste recycling plant.
- 1.4 The site is identified in the draft submission Central Leeside Area Action Plan (CLAAP) and in the adopted Meridian Water Masterplan (2013) within Zone 1 –

Meridian Angel, with some elements of the station access falling within Zone 2 – the Gateway



Figure 2 Meridian Water Master Plan Zones

1.5 The site adjoins the Borough boundary with the London Borough of Haringey to the south

## 2 Proposal

- 2.1 This application seeks outline planning permission for up to 725 residential units, a new station building, platforms and associated interchange and drop-off facilities, including a pedestrian link across the railway, a maximum of 950 sqm retail (A1/A2/A3) floorspace, a maximum of 600 sqm of community (D1) floorspace, a maximum of 750 sqm of leisure (D2) floorspace, associated site infrastructure works including ground and remediation works, roads, cycle-ways and footpaths, utility works above and below ground, surface water drainage works, energy centre and associated plant, public open space and childrens play areas, and various temporary meantime uses without structures (landscaping and open space. All matters are reserved with the exception of access to the public highway.
- 2.2 A set of parameter plans have been submitted which seek to establish the key development principles associated with the outline elements of the proposed development. The parameter plans show the maximum potential scale of development. A Development Specification provides further detail on each of the parameters.

- 2.3 An illustrative site wide masterplan is set out in the Design and Access Statement and provides the strategic framework to establish the principles for development of Phase 1. The illustrative masterplan reflects a potentially achievable proposed development. This has been provided for illustrative purposes only and represents one way in which the development could be built-out. Further details on the final design proposals will come forward as part of Reserved Matters applications.
- 2.4 Whilst the application site includes land within the tear drop site to the east of the railway line, this is only to provide vehicle access/servicing arrangements to the proposed station at this stage. This application does not propose any residential development on this site. All of the proposed residential, retail and commercial floorspace proposed as part of this application would be located on the former gas holder site on Willoughby Lane, on the west side of the railway line.
- 2.5 The application proposes up to 725 residential units across 5 development plots; the Station represents an additional development zone (F). Whilst the application is in outline form the development specification fixes certain maximum parameters within which the development will need to fit, including development zones identified in Figure 3.
- 2.6 The development specification confirms a range of building heights ranging from 3 to 12 storeys. The parameters plans show a preference for taller buildings to be located towards the centre/east of the site, to create a more urban hub around the station, with lower building heights (E1/E2) where development relates more closely to established residential properties in Kimberley and Willoughby Roads.
- 2.7 A Design Code has also been submitted for approval which sets out the parameters within which the design of the development, including architectural style and materiality, public realm design, layout and scale will comply at Reserved Matters stage.

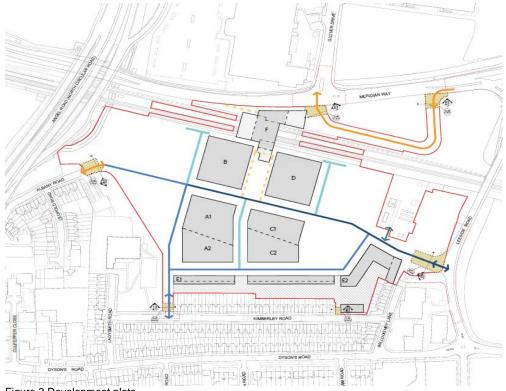


Figure 3 Development plots

- 2.8 The main point of vehicle access to the proposed development would be from Leeside Road to the south. This will comprise the construction of a new junction to the east of the existing access to the site, creating a priority junction with a right turn lane facility. A significant portion of the works required for this new junction lie within the London Borough of Haringey (LBH) and therefore the consent of LBH is required for the works on their public highway. The approach proposed is to enter an agreement under Part 1 Section 8 of the Highway Act 1980 for the delivery of this access. This allows highways authorities that border each other to enter into an agreement whereby one authority takes over the function of highways authority for a specified set of works to a specified highway. The applicant advises that LBH have indicated a willingness to enter such an agreement.
- 2.9 The existing access to Leeside Road, also within the LBH, would need to be stopped up. Responsibility for this procedure also rests with LBH. The application includes an illustrative plan showing how this land could be laid out and resurfaced once redundant as a point of vehicle access to the site. However, such works are not for consideration under this planning application.
- 2.10 A series of other points of access to the site are also proposed. These include:
  - Vehicle access (two way) at the northern end of Kimberley Road adjacent to the new Meridian Angel Primary School.
  - Pedestrian/cycle access only to the southern end of Kimberly Road
  - Pedestrian/cycle access only from Willoughby Lane
  - Pedestrian/cycle access only to Albany Road to the north, with the potential to open for emergency vehicles, taxis and buses only
- 2.11 The Leeside Road junction will be the main access for construction vehicles.
- 2.12 A new vehicle access is proposed to Meridian Way towards the south end of the teardrop site, exiting at the northern end, immediately adjacent to the proposed station. This new access would function on a one-way basis.
- 2.13 The application includes provision for 0.95 hectares of public open space, alongside 0.43 hectares of informal and formal public play space. Station squares are proposed each side of the railway.

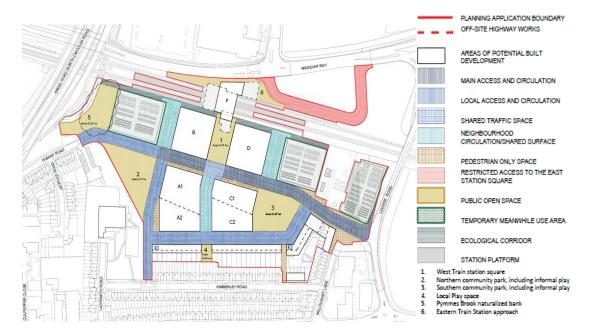


Figure 4 Public Realm Land Use Plan

- 2.14 The application also proposes a series of meanwhile use plots (identified in Figure 4). The application seeks permission for the temporary use of these plots for landscaping purposes, which could include a tree nursery, among other potential landscape-based uses. In the longer term these represent future development plots which will be brought forward for residential led development as part of future planning applications.
- 2.15 The application proposes the provision of a new station, Meridian Water Station, which will effectively be the relocated Angel Road Station. It is expected that the new station will be operational by the end of 2018, to align with improvements to the West Anglia Main Line (WAML). The parameters for the proposed station are set out with the Development Specification and Design Code documents, which are for approval. The station will include a new pedestrian link, with 24 hour free access, connecting the Willoughby Lane site to the east of the railway line. The Design Code confirms this will be a width of approximately 5m. The station design will allow for step and step free lift access across the station. The applicant advises that the current design has a publicly accessible 16 person through-lift from ground to public bridge deck level on each side of the railway (within the Station Approach and Station Square). The lift capacity has been calculated on the CrossRail 2 passenger numbers and to accommodate wheelchair and bicycles.
- 2.16 The station will be delivered by Network Rail. Designs are currently in development and will be brought forward as Reserved Matters.
- 2.17 As would be expected for a development of this scale, it will be undertaken in phases. It is expected that Reserved Matters will come forward for individual development plots and that construction of the first development plots will commence in late 2016 and end in 2021. The Housing Zone funding received requires the delivery of a number of homes for occupation by 2018.

Environmental Statement

- 2.18 The application is supported by an Environmental Statement (ES). Effects have been assessed during the construction phase and on completion. The baseline against which the impacts of the proposed development are assessed is shaped by the preceding remediation applications that the Council has already consented.
- 2.19 The remediation strategy approved will remove significant contamination from the site in shallow soils and shallow ground water and then cap the residual material on site with hard layers (pavements, roads and buildings) and/or sufficient depth of clean soils. The work comprises 'turn over' zone of between 1m and 1.6m depth. The conditions following completion of these works are defined as the 'future baseline' for the ES. The site will be cleared of vegetation and the surface will comprise a mixture of clean soils and hardstanding. The area, largely where the proposed station is to stand, was not covered by the remediation permissions. This area will therefore not have been remediated and is considered in its existing state for the future baseline.
- 2.20 The Environmental Statement considers the likely significant effects of the proposed development in the context of other local developments likely to come forward, as well as the cumulative effects that may result from the proposed development and these other developments
- 2.21 The topics addressed in the ES are:
  - Transport
  - Air Quality
  - Archaeology
  - Daylight sunlight and shadow
  - Ecology and biodiversity
  - Environmental Wind
  - Ground conditions and contamination
  - Noise and vibration
  - Socio-economic effects
  - Television and radio interference
  - Townscape and visual impact
  - Water resources and flood risk
- 2.22 The Environmental Impact Regulations require the applicant to set out in the ES an outline of the main alternatives to the proposed development considered by them, indicating the main reasons for the choice made, taking into account the environmental effects. The regulations do not require the applicant to undertake a sequential assessment of alternative sites but rather an assessment of the outline of main alternatives and an indication of main reasons for not pursuing them. The applicant's position is that the alternative 'no development' option would see a continuation of the existing situation and this is not considered to represent a beneficial option in economic or environmental terms. There is a clear and pressing need for housing. The applicant has tested several possible layouts for the site, with respect to viability, existing infrastructure and environmental considerations. The plans submitted set out the approach that has developed through these tests. Officers are satisfied with the assessment and conclusions provided.
- 2.23 All of the environmental information contained within the ES, including proposed mitigation measures (where relevant) has been taken into consideration. The additional information and revisions during the course of the application are all considered to be minor in nature and do not alter the conclusion that the proposal's environmental impact, subject to mitigations, is acceptable.

### 3 Relevant Planning Decisions and background

### Planning Decisions on the application site

- 3.1 15/04050/RE4 Teardrop site, Meridian Way Planning permission granted for the remediation of contaminated soils and shallow groundwater and removal of buried structures.
- 3.2 15/04173/RE4 Willoughby Lane Gas Works, Willoughby Lane planning permission granted for the remediation of contaminated soils and shallow groundwater and removal of buried structures.

### Other relevant planning decisions

3.3 In January 2015, planning permission was granted for a new primary school at Ladysmith Road public open space adjacent to the northern boundary of the application site. This will involve the relocation of the existing Meridian Angel Primary School, currently located in Dyson's Road. The school will increase from 1 form of entry (FE) to 2 FE on relocation.

### Other relevant projects

West Anglia Main Line

3.4 Following a number of studies which informed the OAPF and the CLAAP, a capacity issue was identified at the Abellio Greater Anglia Rail line from Angel Road to Tottenham Hale. In June 2013, the London Enterprise Panel agreed the allocation of £25m capital funding from the Growing Place Fund (GPF) for rail upgrades to provide extra services from Angel Road and Northumberland Park stations to Stratford via Tottenham Hale. A new third track between Stratford and Angel Road has been approved with completion due in 2018.

North London Heat and Power Project (NLHPP)

- 3.5 The North London Waste Authority (NLWA) have submitted a development consent order (DCO) application for the NLHPP comprising the construction, operation and maintenance of an Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) at the Edmonton EcoPark, which sits to the north east of the application site. The proposed ERF will replace the existing energy from waste facility (EfW) at the EcoPark.
- 3.6 It is proposed that should the DCO be granted permission, the Lee Valley Heat Network (LVHN) would be powered by the new facility.

### 4 Consultations

# 4.1 Statutory and non-statutory consultees

#### **Greater London Authority**

4.1.1 The GLA Stage 1 response confirmed that while the application is generally acceptable in strategic planning terms, it did not fully comply with the London Plan.

- Retail and town centre uses: The proposed retail and town centre uses are supported in line with London Plan Policies 2.15 and 4.7
- Social Infrastructure: The proposed social infrastructure is supported in line with London Plan Policies 3.16, 3.17 and 3.18
- Public Open Space: The proposed public open space is supported in line with London Plan Policy 7.18
- Housing: The provision of up to 725 residential units is strongly supported. The
  expected choice of units is generally acceptable; however, the permission will need
  to appropriately define the parameters for the proposed mix. The density of the
  scheme is within the London Plan density range and is supported. The applicant
  should clarify the calculation of child play space requirements; how the required
  space will be secured; and a commitment to meeting the play requirements of the
  Mayor's SPG.
- Affordable Housing: The Council should provide their independent assessment of viability, in order to confirm that the proposal will provide the maximum reasonable amount of affordable housing, as required by London Plan Policy 3.12
- Urban Design: The proposals are well considered and broadly reflect the design aspirations of the OAPF, the Masterplan and the draft AAP. The parameters and Design Code appropriately secure the quality, including residential quality of the scheme; however, the applicant should consider a commitment to achieving a minimum floor to ceiling height of 2.5 metres.
- *Inclusive Design*: The proposals are supported in line with London Plan Policies 7.2 and 3.8. The Council should secure M4(2) and M4(3) requirements by condition.
- Transport: The applicant should reconsider the modal split used to estimate trip
  generation; promote the restrained approach to residents through measures such as
  car clubs; consider step-free/no dismount design for the pedestrian/cycle link over
  the rail line; reconsider the Phase 1 and longer term bus strategy; provide
  contributions for an additional bus strategy; clarify how the pedestrian network will
  be improved; confirm that no works will impact the A406; consider the need for
  measures to improve the physical environment, legibility, security and future safety of
  residents; and the final construction logistics plan and delivery and servicing plan
  should be secured by condition.
- Climate Change: The carbon dioxide savings exceed the target set within Policy 5.2 of the London Plan; however, evidence of how Policy 5.9 has been addressed should be provided at Reserved Matters Stage and secured through condition; provide further information to demonstrate how the savings from connection to the LVHN have been calculated; and confirm the net area of PV panels proposed and explain the methodology used in order to calculate the electricity generated. The proposals are acceptable in terms of London Plan Policies 5.12 and 5.13; however a suitable planning condition should be applied regarding the details of drainage proposals.
- 4.1.2 Following receipt of the above, in the light of the TfL response below and amendments to the housing mix to meet local need, discussions have continued particularly with TfL to respond to the transport issues identified, to provide additional information on child play space and to respond to the points raised by the GLA

regarding savings to be achieved from connection to the LVHN and electricity generated from PV panels.

- 4.1.3 The GLA have since issued a further response confirming;
  - Retail The reduction to 950 sq.m. floorspace is noted and considered acceptable.
  - Tenure, viability, section 106 The approach, including Grampian condition and S106 arrangements, is considered acceptable by GLA officers.
  - Play space The revised Design Code has been accessed and the approach is acceptable.
  - A playspace strategy secured by condition is welcomed.
  - Urban design The addition of a minimum floor to ceiling height of 2.5m in the revised Design Code is welcomed.
  - The amendments to building height, including re-consultation, are noted and considered acceptable.
  - The revised Design Code is considered acceptable.
  - The intention to encourage retention of the architect is welcomed.
  - Inclusive design -The commitment to a condition is welcomed.
  - Transport -TfL have responded directly as set out below.
  - Energy -The applicant has advised that a strategy to limit overheating will be a requirement of the reserved matters applications for Phase 1, in order to demonstrate how the development will comply with London Plan Policy 5.9, which will be secured through a planning condition. No further information required.
  - Energy The applicant has provided the methodology used to assess the savings under the 'be clean' scheme. The carbon savings from connecting to the LVHN scheme were calculated using the carbon factor for heat from an Energy from Waste facility from SAP 2012. The applicant has stated that the carbon factor of the LVHN scheme is not currently available. Since the applicant has provided evidence of communication with Energetic, this is considered acceptable. However, the applicant should revise the savings during the Reserved Matters Stage and provide the savings associated with the connection by using the proposed carbon factor of the LVHN. This should be secured through a condition.
  - Energy The applicant has confirmed that an error in the Energy Statement
    Addendum issued on 23 May 2016 has led to a slight confusion. The amendment
    of this increases the total active panel area to 670m 2. The end calculation of 98
    MWh/year total output was therefore confirmed to be correct. Given that the total
    available roof area for PV installation is 1,485 m2, a net PV installation of 670m2
    is considered feasible and therefore the savings are confirmed. No further
    information required.
  - Climate change adaptation/flooding The revised FRA and DAS addendum is noted and considered acceptable. The drainage strategy to be secured by condition is welcomed.

#### Transport for London

- 4.1.4 Transport for London (TfL) advised in their initial response to consultation that their requirements for the development to be acceptable in transport terms are:
  - 1. The PTAL of the site has to be improved to make the development acceptable.
  - 2. New bus stops should be provided on Leeside Road.

- 3. The loop road to the east of the proposed station should be designed to cater for buses.
- 4. The A406 is north and adjacent to the site- pedestrians and cyclists are severed by the road. TfL seeks clarification on long term plans for this area and proposals to reduce this severance.
- 5. Trip generation and mode split though reasonable, may under report public transport use and the split between bus and rail use.
- 6. TfL supports the approach to car parking at 0.4 spaces per unit. Car mode share is reasonable thought it relies on restricted car parking on site, car parking restraint off street and significant improvements to public transport.
- 7. Strategic transport assessment TfL need to understand how this phase relates to the wider masterplan in transport terms.
- 8. Wider transport strategy TfL need to understand its status and how this phase helps deliver it. A highway strategy that balances the need to support bus access, safe highway access and encourage walking and cycling.
- 9. TfL is seeking funding for bus service improvements and is willing to discuss an appropriate trigger for payment and any fall back position due to rail station delay or if the level of service is less than 4 trains per hour.
- Cycle network TfL would like to see a step-free /no dismount route proposed.
- 11. Clarification on how many people will use the Victoria Line at Tottenham in the future.
- 12. Confirm and secure by condition by that works on the rail station will not restrict the ability to overhead electricity to the fourth track
- 13. The bus strategy for the site is a work in progress. Any proposals for this phase will need to sustain service changes in the longer term, including routes to Edmonton Green.
- 14. Need confirmation that no physical works that could undermine the A406 highway structures.
- 15. Secure a construction logistics plan and delivery service plan by condition and travel plan by S106 Agreement.
- 16. Mayoral CIL is required.
- 17. They also suggest that the LPA takes account of TfL's emerging proposals for Crossrail 2.
- 4.1.5 In order to support the development of Crossrail 2, work has started looking at potential sites along the route where development could be intensified or different land-uses implemented were the scheme to go ahead. As part of this work, this site has been identified as a potential location for high density housing in the future. Whilst it is acknowledged that this work is still at a very early stage and doesn't currently have any weight in planning terms, it is recommended that some consideration is given to these emerging proposals and what it might mean for this site and the surrounding area in the future. The submitted documentation makes reference to the potential for high development densities to be implemented were Crossrail 2 to go ahead and is supported.
- 4.1.6 Since this initial response was received, discussions have been on going with TfL with a view to responding points they raised. Particularly, the applicant has advised that there are proposals moving forward to provide long term alternative pedestrian and cycle provision. Current plans include a segregated pedestrian and cycle route beneath the A406 as part of the wider masterplan development. As this area does not form part of the application site, it has been agreed that this will come forward as part of future phases of the wider Meridian Water development. They have also confirmed that that the station is being designed to account for Crossrail 2 and the works would not prevent electrification of the fourth line.

- 4.1.7 As a consequence of these discussions, TfL have issued an updated response that confirms their position on:
  - 1. The need for bus stops on Leeside Road
  - 2. Request for S106 funding for bus subsidy
  - 3. Need for strategic modelling

Leeside Bus Stops

- 4.1.8 TfL aim to ensure that all new homes are within 400 metres of a bus stop.
- 4.1.9 The 640 metres is the maximum distance used in the PTAL calculator. Clearly, people can walk further than 400 metres so PTAL takes account of that. Homes closest to the station will be within 400 metres walking distance of the Glover Drive bus stops. However, some of the homes on the western part of the site maybe further away. Hence, the request for stops on Leeside Road. However, TfL recognise that bus stops in this location may not operate safely and await further advice from the local highways authorities in this regard. Indeed, both LBE and LBH have expressed concern about the safety of introducing bus stops on Leeside Road at this stage and TfL acknowledge this. However, they continue to state that they would like the option of stops on Leeside Road to remain open in relation to further development of the Phase 1 site and options for the local highway network. This application does not preclude this.
- 4.1.10 Without the train station, the nearest stops to the site are for the 341- bus route, which are 400 metres south of the site (6 buses per hour each direction). The Glover Drive stops are currently 1 kilometre via Leeside Road from the site, due to the severance caused by the rail line. With the train station, bus users will have a direct route from the site to these stops (around 400 metres) and access to more frequent bus services. This contributes to raising overall site accessibility, which TfL welcomes.

Bus Subsidy

- 4.1.11 The development generates 421 two-way person trips (AM peak) and 372 two-way person trips (PM peak). The most important mode of travel assumed in the TA is bus use; that is 104 bus trips (AM peak) and 86(PM). This compares to 60 rail trips (AM peak) and 48 (PM). Early delivery of the rail station is important for the longer term trip generation, as it is identified as the primary public transport mode for this phase of the development.
- 4.1.12 In TfL's initial response for Phase 1, based on the emerging bus strategy, they identified a need to provide additional services to Seven Sisters London Underground Station, which involves changes to routes 341 and 476. The estimated cost to provide this is £240,000 per annum. In line with usual practice, TfL would seek 5 years funding. The gross cost of this would be £1.2 million. The Council has indicated in discussion with TfL colleagues that a link to Tottenham Hale is likely to be more important than to Seven Sisters station. This is provided by the 192 from Glover Drive, which has a bus capacity of 35 passengers per bus, upgrading the size of the bus is not practicable. The current use/capacity of the Route 192 is as follows:

Route	Location	Destination	Time Period	Pax	Buses	Bus capacity	Base pax per bus
192	Glover Drive	Tottenham Hale	0800- 0900	173	6	35	29
	Tottenham Hale	Enfield Town	1700- 1800	211	7	35	30

4.1.13 TfL have then added the trips generated by the development, based on four scenarios based on 104 additional trips in the AM peak and 86 in the PM peak, and calculated how many buses per hour are needed to meet this need. This reflects the Census data used for the Upper Edmonton ward, taking account this sites relative position in the ward.

Loading assumption	Development trips		Buses per hour needed	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
80% of				
development	83	67	7.3	7.9
trips towards	63	67	1.3	7.5
Tottenham Hale				
70% of				
development	73	59	7.0	7.7
trips towards	13	39	7.0	1.1
Tottenham Hale				
60% of				
development	62	50	6.7	7.5
trips towards	02	30	0.7	7.5
Tottenham Hale				
50% of				
development	52	42	6.4	7.2
trips towards	32	72	0.4	1.2
Tottenham Hale				

- 4.1.14 Therefore TfL suggested that they could add 2 return journeys at £190,000 per annum for 5 years to the 192 route to cater for additional demand on these routes, assuming 80% of trips to and from Tottenham Hale. If 50% of trips are assumed on the 192 then they would revise their request for 1 AM peak journey and 2 PM peak journeys. This would cost £170,000 per annum for 5 years.
- 4.1.15 Whilst acknowledging TfL's position and the evidence behind their request for bus service enhancements, the applicant remains of the view that this phase in isolation does not and cannot support the contribution requested by TfL. They have provided further information to TfL to support their position. In response, and following discussions with officers, TfL have confirmed:
  - They accept the position that the provision of the new rail station represents this
    phases' contribution to public transport infrastructure and therefore do not
    require funding for bus enhancements at this stage.
  - They share the concerns of the Traffic and Transportation that if the assumed rail services improvements are not delivered in time, alternative public transport provision would be required.
  - They agree with Traffic and Transportation that a limit be placed on the
    occupation of units unless either the rail service improvements have been
    delivered or an alternative public transport strategy is in place. They request that
    at 250 units, the applicant should be required to provide an Interim Transport

- Report confirming the status of the rail project/observed travel demand against Transport Assessment assumptions and setting out if alternative provision is required and what it should include. The report would need to include the updated programme for delivery of the rail station and the level of train service agreed to serve the rail station. TfL would expect to be consulted on this report. Any alternative provision identified and agreed would need to be committed before the 300<sup>th</sup> unit is completed.
- The alternative public transport provision could include offsite infrastructure measures (bus stops or bus stop enhancements, crossings etc), direct provision of services by the developers (shuttle bus service) or provision of services by TfL agreed via a Route Sponsorship Agreement and funded by the developer; the time needed to change local bus services depends on the nature of the changes required, and we would allow up to 12 months. TfL will assist the developer and authorities with this aspect.
- 4.1.16 The applicant has confirmed their agreement to this approach.
- 4.1.17 TfL have also confirmed that they have not identified any transport points needing further clarification from the Applicant, and believe all other points raised by TfL in previous consultation response will be addressed via imposition of specific planning conditions, which they expect to see before a decision is issued. They welcome the applicants (and authorities) commitment to work with TfL on wider bus strategy and strategic transport modelling.

# Traffic and Transportation

- 4.1.18 Traffic and Transportation have confirmed that they raise no objection, subject to conditions and a S106 Agreement.
- 4.1.19 Whilst the proposed development will lead to an increase in trips on the transport network in an area with limited capacity, committed enhancements to the rail network and east-west connectivity mean that, on balance, it will not have a significant impact on amenity for existing users, highway safety and the free flow of traffic.
- 4.1.20 However in order for the development to be compliant with relevant policies and guidance, not least the London Plan and the DMD, a number of conditions are required as well as Section 106 contributions.
- 4.1.21 It should also be noted that before further phases of development on this and associated sites are brought forward, strategic transport assessment work will be required which models the impacts of proposed development on buses, cycling, rail services, walking and the highway network, and identifies schemes and related funding which addresses any gaps in provision and promotes more sustainable transport modes.

# Network Rail

- 4.1.22 Network Rail (NR) confirm that they are aware of the proposed development and have been in discussion with the London Borough of Enfield and its consultants since August 2015.
- 4.1.23 They have previously expressed support for this scheme, in principle, but there are a number of considerations that must be taken into account as the scheme progresses.

- 4.1.24 Network Rail and Transport for London are jointly developing Crossrail 2, the aim of which is to provide additional rail capacity in a south-west to north-east corridor through London. Crossrail 2 will result in more trains running on the West Anglia Main Line to serve all stations from Tottenham Hale to Broxbourne, including Angel Road/Meridian Water, with between 10 and 12 trains per hour in each direction.
- 4.1.25 The section through Angel Road/Meridian Water Station is an area which has been identified as requiring additional infrastructure, including new tracks. The project is currently in the early stages of development and as yet we do not have detailed designs for track alignment or additional station infrastructure that may be required. In light of this, we will require the developer to continue to work with Network Rail and the Crossrail 2 team as the scheme progresses. This will help ensure that any proposals are sympathetic to Crossrail 2 and that a large enough area is allowed for to enable Crossrail 2 to deliver the required four tracks and associated infrastructure through the new station.
- 4.1.26 The Crossrail 2 scheme will continue to be developed and in the course of the next year NR will have a better understanding of the infrastructure changes required and any associated/additional land required. Due to the scale of the scheme, the expectation is that the project will obtain powers to facilitate the compulsory purchase of land which is identified as required. The current project plan has Crossrail 2 seeking powers towards the end of 2017 with enabling works beginning in 2020.
- 4.1.27 Network Rail support the proposed development, in principle, and look forward to continuing to work with Enfield as the scheme progresses.

### Natural England

- 4.1.28 Natural England does not consider that this application at this stage poses any likely or significant risk to the following protected sites Chingford Reservoirs (SSSI), Lee Valley (RAMSAR and SPA), Walthamstow Reservoirs (SSSI) and does not wish to make specific comment on the details of this particular consultation. However, they do expect to see more detailed assessment on the potential impacts on these sites at a later stage of this proposal.
- 4.1.29 They advise that the lack of case specific comment from Natural England should not be interpreted as a statement that there are no impacts on the natural environment. Other bodies and individuals may make comments that will help the local planning authority to fully take account of the environmental value of this site in the decision making process.
- 4.1.30 In particular, they advise they would expect the LPA to consider and assess the possible impacts resulting from this proposal on the following when determining this application:

Protected species Local Wildlife Sites Biodiversity enhancements Landscape enhancements

**Environment Agency** 

Flood Risk

- 4.1.31 The application site lies within Flood Zone 2 and 3 defined by Table 1 in the Planning Practice Guidance on Flood Risk and Coastal Change and illustrated as having a high and medium probability of flooding.
- 4.1.32 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) advocates a sequential, risk-based approach to the location of development at paragraphs 100-104. Local planning authorities should take into account the risk of flooding at the proposed development site and the flood risk vulnerability of the proposed land uses when making their decisions on the appropriateness of a developments location. This is achieved through the application of the Sequential Test which requires decision-makers to steer new development to areas at the lowest probability of flooding. In this instance there is no evidence to demonstrate that the local authority consider the sequential test to be passed for this specific site.
- 4.1.33 A high-level Sequential Test was undertaken as part of the Core Strategy to identify areas for growth in Enfield and a Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (L2 SFRA) was undertaken in July 2013 to support the Meridian Water Masterplan. Section 3.6 (and paragraphs 3.56,3.69.4.51 and 4.67) of the L2 SFRA states that despite the high level Sequential Test, a further Sequential Test will need to be applied to the Priority Regeneration Area boundary to steer development to areas of lowest flood risk.
- 4.1.34 The Council needs to be satisfied that the Sequential Test has been applied and passed.
- 4.1.35 With respect to the application of the recently revised climate change guidance, the EA are now satisfied that the applicant has made an acceptable assessment. The Council should be satisfied that the Flood Risk Assessment is acceptable in terms of emergency planning purposes.
- 4.1.36 To ensure that there is sufficient flood storage on site, half of the scheme will operate on a level for level, volume for volume basis. Two flood ponds are then proposed which will be connected to the floodplain via a spillway and piped system. Minor flood routes are accounted for with some carriageway flooding proposed. All routes will gravity drain once flood levels on the Pymmes Brook subside. The reliance on the piped aspects of the proposed scheme have been minimised and the risk of blockage has been addressed to an appropriate level within the FRA.
- 4.1.37 During discussions with the applicant, an assessment will be made at a later date to establish whether flood storage can be provided off site which may require changes to the scheme in the future. As this will require more detailed modelling the EA confirm they are satisfied that the submitted flood storage scheme is acceptable. Once further modelling has been undertaken they are happy to resume discussions if the applicant wishes to pursue an alternative scheme.

### Groundwater and contaminated land

- 4.1.38 The site is a former gas works and in a Source Protection Zone 1. This development differs from many others in the amount of contamination remaining on site following remediation. For this reason, a high level of precautionary work and mitigation measures are required.
- 4.1.39 Timescales presented in the application are extremely tight and allowance should be made for groundwater remediation to extend beyond a year. Of particular concern is

- the station area where very little work has been carried out to date but it is potentially one of the most vulnerable parts of the site.
- 4.1.40 The EA have confirmed that they have concerns that due to the high levels of remediation on site, there is a risk that the long term monitoring may continue past the occupation of the development. In this eventuality the EA have suggested a condition which would require the applicant to enter a legal agreement to ensure that the monitoring would be continued.
- 4.1.41 The applicant has confirmed agreement to any necessary on-going monitoring.

Fisheries and Biodiversity

- 4.1.42 The applicant has committed to naturalising the Pymmes Brook in the Environmental Statement and drawing number 281-A-P-142-13 which is welcomed. Further detail on these works and how they contribute to the actions identified under the Water Framework Directive will be required in the future reserved matters and discharge of conditions applications.
- 4.1.43 The EA recommend a series of conditions be attached to any planning permission and these are included in the list of recommended conditions at the end of this report.

### **Thames Water**

Waste comments

- 4.1.44 With the information provided Thames Water has been unable to determine the waste water infrastructure needs of this application. Should the LPA look to approve the application ahead of further information being provided, they request a condition requiring that the development not commence until a drainage strategy has been submitted and approved.
- 4.1.45 There are public sewers crossing or close to the development. In order to protect public sewers and to ensure that Thames Water can gain access to those sewers for future repair and maintenance, approval should be sought from Thames Water where there are building works in proximity.
- 4.1.46 Thames Water would recommend that petrol/oil interceptors be fitted in all car parking facilities.

Water comments

- 4.1.47 The existing water supply infrastructure has insufficient capacity to meet the additional demands for the proposed development. Thames Water therefore recommend a condition be imposed requiring that development shall not commence until impact studies of the existing water supply infrastructure have been submitted and approved. The studies should determine the magnitude of any new additional capacity required in the system and a suitable connection point.
- 4.1.48 There is a Thames Water main crossing the development which may need to diverted at the developers cost or necessitate amendments to the design so that the main can be retained.
- 4.1.49 Thames Water advise that no piling shall take place until a method statement has been submitted and approved. This can be covered by condition.

# Surface Water Drainage

4.1.50 No comments in relation to Surface Water Sewer 1 that discharges into Pymmes Brook as it does not affect the existing public surface water sewer system. They have assessed the impact of surface water sewer 5 into the public sewer in Leeside Road and are satisfied that the increase in flow can be accommodated without any upgrades. They require the extent of the catchment and calculated peak discharge rates of the proposed surface water sewers that connect into Kimberley Rad, to assess the impact that the increase in flow will have on the public sewer system. They require the developer funded impact assessment to be completed to identify the ability of the public sewer system to accommodate the proposals and appropriate infrastructure upgrades

#### Landscape Architect

- 4.1.51 The Landscape Architects has commented on the Townscape and Visual Impact Assessment (TVIA) within the ES.
  - No illustrative materials has been produced for the construction phase. Although temporary in nature these changes will have a major impact on nearby residential and recreational areas, and it would have been helpful to see some form of illustration in order to assess visual effects. This will also help with producing a more detailed mitigation plan with specific measures rather than generic ones (see further comments below)
  - Further assessment of the integration of the development with surrounding areas and appropriate mitigation measures will need to take place as detailed landscape proposals are developed.
  - It is likely that a section of Ladysmith Open Space will be retained as a key local
    pocket park, and due to the close proximity of the park to the development this
    area will need to be scoped back in and incorporated into the assessment. The
    proposed development is likely to have a significant impact on the park, and we
    would need to ensure that this is considered
  - It is considered that the sensitivity of the Urban Terraces typology to the
    proposed development needs to be raised to High. Although lower buildings
    heights are proposed towards this area the development is likely to significantly
    affect this typology.
  - Disagree with the statement that the magnitude of change on the Classic Suburban typology during the Operation stage would be negligible (13.7.38).
     Part of the Classic Suburban area is in close proximity to the development, and the fact that tower blocks are already present in the wider area does not mean that a number of additional tall buildings would not have a negative impact on this typology.
  - Disagree with the assessment that the magnitude of change for various view points but do agree with the assessment that this is a moderate adverse effect (and therefore significant).
  - All proposed mitigation measures are generic in nature (with the exception for comments around buildings adjoining Kimberley Road/Willoughby Lane) and we are therefore unable to review how these would help mitigate the anticipated effects. The same measures have been applied to all landscape typologies and visual receptors, which raises concerns that not enough consideration has been given to individual areas. Further review will need to take place as detailed mitigation measures for the site are developed, and we would also like to see

strategic proposals for potential landscape enhancement included and clearly separated from mitigation of adverse effects.

### **Housing**

4.1.52 The affordable housing proposals have been the subject of on-going discussions since the application was submitted. On the basis of the latest negotiations Housing have confirmed that there has been improvement from the applicant to increase the number of people in the 2bedroom units for affordable rent whilst still providing larger homes. Although this has meant a loss of affordable housing units, Housing welcomes the increase in 4 bedroom units accommodating large families which meets our housing need.

## Historic England

4.1.53 The site has the potential for limited archaeological survival across the western and southern parts of the site, while the eastern part of the site has a high potential for archaeological survival. An archaeological watching brief is due to be carried out in May as part of the remediation works (planning references 15/04173/RE4 and 15/04050/RE4). The details of the watching brief have yet to be agreed. Given this, and as the results are currently unknown, the archaeological interest should be conserved by attaching a condition that requires that no development shall take place until a written scheme of investigation has been submitted and approved.

### National Grid

4.1.54 National Grid confirms that an assessment has been made with respect to National Grid Electricity Transmissions plc and National Grid Gas plc's apparatus. They identify that there is apparatus in the vicinity of the site which may be affected. Informatives are suggested regarding the procedures to be followed with National Grid before any works commence on site.

#### Sport England

- 4.1.55 The site is not considered to form part of, or constitute a playing field as defined by the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 and therefore Sport England has considered this a non-statutory consultation.
- 4.1.56 They advise that they note Enfield is a CIL charging authority and as such, the proposed development is required to provide CIL contributions in accordance with the Council's adopted CIL Charging Schedule.
- 4.1.57 It is acknowledged that there is no requirement to identify where those CIL monies will be directed as part of the determination of any application. That said, Sport England would encourage the Council to consider the sporting needs arising from the development as well as the needs identified in its Infrastructure Delivery Plan (or similar) and direct those monies to new and improved facilities for sport.

# **SUDS**

4.1.58 It is noticed that the FRA does not explicitly state that the greenfield runoff rates should be achieved for a 1 in 1 year and 1 in 100 year (with the allowance of climate change) events (although greenfield is mentioned in the executive summary). The

- proposed discharge rates of 32.4 L/s and 103.3L/s based on 8.2Ha site and 3L/s/Ha and 12L/s/Ha runoff rates seem acceptable.
- 4.1.59 The main concern with the SuDS Strategy, relates to the many tanks incorporated in the strategy shown in the FRA, which may be costly and difficult to maintain in the long-term. Tanks in certain plots/areas can be accepted where there is an explanation as to why other measures cannot be utilised and these should be minimised. The adopted policy requires the use of a SuDS management train i.e source control SuDs such as rain gardens, permeable paving, raised planted and green roofs to manage silts and pollution before run off enters underground storage systems.
- 4.1.60 The EA requirements for no infiltration is limiting to the SuDS Management Train, particularly where there are proposed remediation works for contaminated ground and most of Zone 1 is in the outer zone of the groundwater protection zone. This approach should not be taken as setting a precedent for the rest of the development, as infiltration is still important from a hydrogeological perspective. If the EA does not wish to look into possibly "sealing" the contaminated ground and use partial infiltration, then the SuDs officer would want to see the use of rain gardens, ponds, bioretention areas etc. included in the SuDs Strategy. These can be lined to prevent infiltration.
- 4.1.61 In terms of the recreational flood storage areas, they encourage these to be reviewed in terms of surface water managements as well as fluvial flood risk management.
- 4.1.62 The SuDs officer raises no objection subject to pre-commencement conditions for each phase (as other phases could utilise infiltration).
- 4.1.63 In terms of emergency planning, the Flood Risk Assessment states that all the FFL will be 300mm above the flood level and that all habitable spaces on the ground floor have access to higher levels.
- 4.1.64 At this point in time, the flood management is fine. However, the scenario may change if the FFL changes or changes in the designs suggest that there is no access for ground floor spaces to higher levels.
- 4.1.65 When designs are being finalised, SuDs Officer would encourage a Flood Management Report with the following criteria:
  - Design flood must be for a 1 in 100 year event (including climate change)
  - Flood Depth and Flood Velocity are both in the "very low hazard-caution" according to FD2320 matrix
  - There is a safe evacuation route intact during and after the flood event
  - The evacuation route is accessible at all times by emergency services
  - Finished Floor Levels of the development must be 300mm above fluvial flood levels and 100mm above surface water flood levels
  - Residents must be aware of the flood risk
  - Residents must be given sufficient warning of a flood STATE TIME
  - \*The Flood Management Plan cannot be approved by LLFA until detailed designs of the development have been agreed by the LPA
- 4.1.66 Conditions are recommended in accordance with the SuDs officers requirements.

**Ecology** 

4.1.67 The Environmental Statement (ES) and associated documents have been reviewed by an independent ecological consultant. He confirms that they have identified the likely ecological features likely to be affected by the proposals and the likely impact of the proposal on those features, however, further surveys for black redstarts and bats may be required.

Black Redstart – no black redstart survey has been undertaken, despite there being records for this species nearby. Having visited the site the ecologist does not concur with the statement given in the ES that the site is unsuitable for species as there are areas on site that could host this bird. In addition, the gas infrastructure in the centre of the site contains features that could be used by nesting black redstarts. It is recommended that surveys for this species be undertaken as part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Bats – The subway under the site (that runs underneath the railway line) appears to be a structure potentially suitable for use by roosting bats and whilst this is outside the redline boundary, if a bat roost were present it would almost certainly be affected by works within the application site. Whilst a high level survey of bat activity has been undertaken, to have not surveyed this structure is an omission.

- 4.1.68 The applicant has responded that it is unlikely that the development will have a significant impact on any bats (which are expected to be small numbers if any) in the subway. As part of the high level bat survey a bat detector was set up almost opposite this feature on the other side of the rail line. They consider that if there had been a significant roost then this would have likely been detected by the equipment. Given that this feature is not anticipated to be physically disturbed and night time working is not proposed, if bats were present then they would be unlikely to be disturbed. Notwithstanding, they have looked to undertake further surveys to confirm their position. However, there are some significant issues in relation to personal safety and the potential to examine the potential for bats in the subway structure. The entry point is very overgrown and would need professional clearance to allow access. It is also understood that the tunnel is flooded, and the quality of the water is unknown. The required Health and Safety procedures have not yet been undertaken by Amec on this part of the site, and would therefore be required prior to any access. This would likely include vegetation clearance, water testing, dewatering, provision of temporary lighting, air quality monitoring and a structural stability assessment before access. They are also concerned that even with a number of steps put in place, it would be a risk to the safety of those undertaking any survey to enter the structure without specialist equipment (PPE, respirators, forming safe access and egress, air monitoring etc) at this time.
- 4.1.69 Paragraph 99 of the government Circular 06/05: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation Statutory Obligations and Their Impact Within The Planning System (this document has not been revoked by the National Planning Policy Framework) states that:

"It is essential that the presence or otherwise of protected species, and the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development, is established before the planning permission is granted, otherwise all relevant material considerations may not have been addressed in making the decision. The need to ensure ecological surveys are carried out should therefore only be left to coverage under planning conditions in exceptional circumstances, with the result that the surveys are carried out after planning permission has been granted."

- bat activity recorded by the consultants automated bat detector was low;
- if a bat roost is present it is likely that any impact upon it can be mitigated; and
- because of the difficulties in accessing the structure
- 4.1.71 It can be argued that there are "exceptional circumstances" and that the survey can be conditioned. It is therefore recommended that a condition be attached to require the undertaking of the necessary surveys to inform any mitigation strategy prior to works commencing on site.

Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)

4.1.72 The ES correctly refers to a number of ecological constraints during construction, including pollution events (particularly into the Pymmes Brook), nesting birds and reptiles along the railway corridor (there is a small population of slow worm in the area). A condition is recommended to ensure a CEMP is implemented.

Lee Valley Ramsar site and SPA

- 4.1.73 The Lee Valley Ramsar and SPA site lies within 1km of the application site. The ES states "a management plan to control potential construction pressures on the Lee Valley Ramsar site will be produced. Impacts from activities on the Phase 1 site are not anticipated, as the Ramsar is 1km away and much of the intervening land is heavily urbanised. However, the management plan will control construction traffic, with routes planned to avoid roads within audible distance of the Ramsar site. It is recommended therefore that a condition is attached to ensure this plan is provided.
- 4.1.74 In isolation the Phase 1 development is unlikely to result in any significant adverse effects on this or any other statutory designated sites. However, as is set out in the ES, as part of the on-going Meridian Water masterplan, a Habitats Regulatory Assessment (HRA) may need to be undertaken for the Masterplan as a whole to look at the impact of the plan on the SPA.

Invasive Species

4.1.75 During the site visit an additional two strands of Japanese knotweed, not shown within the survey documents were seen ( these may have grown up since the site was last surveyed). As such an updated survey will need to be undertaken and a mitigation strategy implemented (this can be carried out on a site by site basis or across the site as a whole). A condition is recommended to secure this.

Green Roofs

- 4.1.76 The ES states that:" Aerial habitat corridors will be created on 70% of the gross total roof area within the Phase 1 development (not including podiums). These will be formed of a mix of typologies, as shown below to maximise benefits to a wide range of biodiversity:
  - 25% intensive typology high substrate depth;
  - 25% semi-intensive typology medium substrate depth;
  - 25% extensive (sedum) typology low substrate depth; and
  - 25% brown roof typology low substrate depth.

4.1.77 This is likely to have significant ecological and other environmental benefits and it is recommended that a condition be set to ensure that it is achieved.

Pymmes Brook

4.1.78 A section of the Pymmes Brook forms the northern boundary of the site. At this location the brook is a canalised highly modified stream of limited ecological value. The ES states that the brook will be "de-canalised and reprofiled with a stream side habitat or planted gabion graded into the site". A condition is recommended to secure this.

Landscaping

- 4.1.79 The ES states that in order to mitigate the loss of vegetation along the railway line (a wildlife corridor and Site of Borough Importance for Nature Conservation) " a continuous habitat corridor, not less than 6 meters in width and preferably wider, will run the length of the Phase 1 site it adjoins the western edge of the rail corridor". This should be secured by condition.
- 4.1.80 It will be important to ensure that a high quality and wildlife friendly landscaping scheme is provided and as such a condition is recommended requiring details of such a scheme.

Ecological Enhancement

4.1.81 The ES states that a series of inbuilt bird and bat boxes will be provided. It is recommended that a condition be attached to secure this.

Lighting Scheme

4.1.82 The ES states that "Lighting designers will work with a suitable qualified ecologist to ensure that any adverse impacts from lighting on bats, invertebrates and aquatic species are minimised. Particular attention will be paid to reducing light spill onto Pymmes Brook and the habitat corridor. Additionally, light spill onto tree canopies from sources above and below will also be avoided." A condition is recommended to ensure this is achieved.

# **Environmental Protection Officer**

- 4.1.83 The ES covers air quality, contaminated land and noise. In terms of each the scope of the work done at this stage is suitable and adequately identifies and broadly addresses likely issues, but not specifically in the absence of a detailed site layout.
- 4.1.84 The air quality section shows that the site is not impacted by levels of nitrogen dioxide and PM10 above the regulation objective levels for either pollutant and therefore it appears mitigation for this may not be required. The north east section of the site could potentially be impacted but according to the ES there will not be residential properties in this area. The Meridian Way site is not showing as having any residential development, should this change the effect of road traffic emissions will have to be assessed on any properties on this site to ensure that no properties are built in an area of exceedance of the objectives for nitrogen dioxide and PM10.
- 4.1.85 With regard to dust during construction, which could be an issue for local residents, it is recommended that conditions be attached requiring the submission of a construction management plan

- 4.1.86 With regard to contaminated land, the AMEC remediation strategy should adequately address any issues regarding contamination and human health. The remediation strategy must be fully implemented to ensure the site meets the requirements for residential use. For this reason a condition recommended requiring the strategy to be implemented in full and a verification report submitted.
- 4.1.87 Noise at the site will be a real issue due to the presence of a busy road network, as well as the proposed station and existing railway line. The ES provides a detailed discussion on the noise sources and noise from events at the proposed station will need addressing as will road/rail noise and plant noise.
- 4.1.88 Noise internally in residential dwellings must comply with the internal noise standards set out in BS8233:2014. This will then encompass the effects of all external noise sources on the properties to ensure internal noise standards are acceptable. Conditions are recommended to ensure appropriate insulation against for the new dwellings and to require details of noise generating plant and equipment.

#### Education

4.1.90 No objections raised subject to contribution towards education provision in accordance with the S106 SPD.

### London Borough of Haringey

4.1.91 The London Borough of Haringey has been consulted on the application but no comments have been received.

#### 4.2 Public

#### Pre-application consultation

4.2.1 A wide range of consultation has been undertaken by the applicant prior to the submission of this application. Three public consultation events were held to ensure local residents, businesses and stakeholder groups had an opportunity to feedback on the proposals.

8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – approximately 150 attendees 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 – approximately 100 attendees 20/21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 – approximately 80 attendees 16<sup>th</sup> February (in London Borough of Haringey) approximately 70 attendees.

4.2.2 The proposals have also been displayed to local community groups and pop-up information stalls in the Edmonton Green Shopping Centre and Tesco Lee Valley Extra on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

# Consultation on planning application

4.2.3 Letters were sent to the occupiers of 656 properties, 10 notices were placed around the site and in local roads and the application was advertised in the local press. No responses have been received.

4.2.4 Following revisions to the parameters for Block E2 in the south west corner of the site, involving a reduction on height of elements of this block, further consultation has been undertaken. No responses have been received

# 5 Relevant Policy

### 5.1 <u>National Policy</u>

5.1.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) main focus is on a 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' with the emphasis on achieving a balance between the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental.

# 5.2 London Plan

Policy 2.13 – Opportunity areas and intensification areas

Policy 2.14 – Areas for regeneration

Policy 3.1 – Ensuring equal life chances for all

Policy 3.2 – Improving health and addressing health inequalities

Policy 3.3 – Increasing housing supply

Policy 3.4 – Optimising housing potential

Policy 3.5 – Quality and design of housing developments

Policy 3.6 - Children and young people's play and informal recreation facilities

Policy 3.7 – Large residential developments

Policy 3.8 - Housing choice

Policy 3.9 – Mixed and balanced communities

Policy 3.12 – Negotiating affordable housing

Policy 3.13 – Affordable housing thresholds

Policy 3.15 – Coordination of housing development and investment

Policy 3.16 - Protection and enhancement of social infrastructure

Policy 4.8 – Supporting a successful and diverse retail sector

Policy 4.12 – Improving opportunities for all

Policy 5.1 – Climate change mitigation

Policy 5.2 – Minimising carbon dioxide emissions

Policy 5.3 – Sustainable design and construction

Policy 5.4A- Electricity and gas supply

Policy 5.5 – Decentralised energy networks

Policy 5.6 – Decentralised energy in development proposals

Policy 5.7 – Renewable energy

Policy 5.9 – Overheating and cooling

Policy 5.10 - Urban greening

Policy 5.11 – Green roofs and development site environs

Policy 5.12 – Flood risk management

Policy 5.13 – Sustainable drainage

Policy 5.14 – Water quality and waste water infrastructure

Policy 5.15 – Water use and supplies

Policy 5.21 – Contaminated land

Policy 6.2 - Providing public transport capacity and safeguarding land for transport

Policy 6.3 – Transport capacity

Policy 6.9 - Cycling

Policy 6.10 - Walking

Policy 6.12 - Road network capacity

Policy 6.13 - Parking

Policy 7.1 – Lifetime neighbourhoods

Policy 7.2 – An inclusive environment

Policy 7.3 – Designing out crime

Policy 7.4 – Local character

Policy 7.5 - Public realm

Policy 7.6 – Architecture

Policy 7.7 – Location and design of tall and large buildings

Policy 7.8 – Heritage Assets and archaeology

Policy 7.14 – Improving air quality

Policy 7.15 – Reducing noise and enhancing soundscapes

Policy 7.18 – Protecting local open space and addressing local deficiency

Policy 7.19 - Biodiversity and access to nature

Policy 7.21 – Trees and woodlands

Policy 7.28 – Restoration of the blue ribbon network

Policy 8.2 - Planning obligations

Policy 8.3 – Community infrastructure levy

# 5.3 Core Strategy

Core Policy 1: Strategic growth areas

Core policy 2: Housing supply and locations for new homes

Core policy 3: Affordable housing Core Policy 4: Housing quality

Core Policy 5: Housing types

Core Policy 6: Housing need Core Policy 17: Town Centres

Core Policy 20: Sustainable Energy use and energy infrastructure

Core Policy 21: Delivering sustainable water supply, drainage and sewerage

infrastructure

Core Policy 24: The road network

Core Policy 25: Pedestrians and cyclists

Core Policy 26: Public transport

Core Policy 28: Managing flood risk through development

Core Policy 29: Flood management infrastructure

Core Policy 30: Maintaining and improving the quality of the built and open

environment

Core Policy 32: Pollution

Core Policy 34: Parks, playing fields and other open spaces

Core Policy 36: Biodiversity Core Policy 37: Central Leeside Core Policy 38: Meridian Water

Core Policy 46: Infrastructure Contributions

#### 5.4 Development Management Document (DMD)

DMD1: Affordable Housing on Sites Capable of Providing 10 units or more

DMD3: Providing a Mix of Different Sized Homes

DMD6: Residential Character

DMD8: General Standards for New Residential Development

DMD9: Amenity Space DMD10: Distancing

DMD25: Locations for new retail, leisure and office development DMD28: Large local centres, small local centres and local parades

DMD37: Achieving High Quality and Design-Led Development

DMD38: Design Process

DMD39: Design of Business Premises

DMD42: Design of Civic/ Public Buildings and Institutions

DMD43: Tall Buildings

DMD45: Parking Standards and Layout

DMD46: Vehicle Crossovers and Dropped Kerbs

DMD47: New Road, Access and Servicing

**DMD48: Transport Assessments** 

DMD49: Sustainable Design and Construction Statements

DMD50: Environmental Assessments Method

DMD51: Energy Efficiency Standards

DMD52: Decentralised Energy Networks

DMD53: Low and Zero Carbon Technology

DMD55: Use of Roofspace/ Vertical Surfaces

DMD56: Heating and Cooling

DMD57: Responsible Sourcing of Materials, Waste Minimisation and Green

Procurement

DMD58: Water Efficiency

DMD59: Avoiding and Reducing Flood Risk

DMD61: Managing Surface Water

DMD64: Pollution Control and Assessment

DMD65: Air Quality

DMD68: Noise

DMD69: Light Pollution

DMD72: Open Space Provision DMD79: Ecological Enhancements DMD80: Trees on development sites

DMD81: Landscaping

### 5.5 Other relevant policy

Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area Planning Framework (OAPF)

- 5.5.1 The OAPF was adopted by the London Mayor in July 2013. It is supplementary planning guidance to the London Plan. The OAPF sets the overarching framework for regeneration across the area and identifies growth at Meridian Water as one of the eight key objectives of the OAPF. Chapter 7 of the OAPF sets out a number of guiding principles for the development of Meridian Water, which include an ambition for 5,000 new homes and 3000 new jobs across the masterplan area. It also highlights objectives of improving transport connectivity, delivering sustainability across the area and improving the health and lifestyles, particularly through improved green links. In particular the document highlights the need to open up connectivity east-west within and beyond the application site to provide greater access to the surrounding communities and the nearby Lee Valley Regional Park.
- 5.5.2 The application site falls within the Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area, introduced in Policy 2.13 of the London Plan. Specific reference is made to the wider Meridian Water masterplan in Annexe One, which states the need for improved rail services in order to unlock development. The Opportunity Area is also identified as a strategic outer London development centre in Policy 2.16 and falls within one of the 'Area for Regeneration' as identified in Policy 2.14.

Central Leeside AAP (CLAAP)

5.5.3 The CLAAP is currently being prepared and updated. The Proposed Submission CLAAP was published for consultation last year (5<sup>th</sup> Jan – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015) and set an ambition for up to 5000 new homes at Meridian Water. However, in response to a

number of factors, including higher London Plan housing targets, confirmation of the award of £25M Housing Zone funding, the Council's acquisition of substantial areas of land and the commencement of a developer procurement process, as well as the implications of planned public transport improvements, the Council now has higher aspirations for housing numbers with Meridian Water. In Autumn 2015, the Council announced its intention to review and update the CLAAP and its evidence base in the light of these changes with an ambition to provide over 8000 new homes and 3000 new jobs within the Meridian Water boundary. Work is now underway on the evidence base with a revised proposed submission version planned to go to the Local Plan sub-Committee in October. It is anticipated that the plan would be subject to examination in Spring 2017, with adoption following in the summer.

### Meridian Water Masterplan

5.5.4 The Meridian Water Masterplan (MWM) is adopted as Planning and Urban Design Guidance and as such is a material consideration. This includes the application site, designated as part of Zone 1 – Meridian Angel, as well as part of Zone 2 – Gateway. The document sets out a series of land uses which are considered appropriate within these zones, including employment, residential, education and open space uses. A series of design principles are also established to be applied across the Meridian Water area.

#### 5.5.6 S106 SPD

Draft Interim Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance Social Infrastructure SPG

Accessible London: Achieving an Inclusive Environment SPG

Shaping Neighbourhoods: Character and Context

Sustainable Design and Construction SPG

Shaping Neighbourhoods: Play and Informal Recreation

All London Green Grid Health Inequalities Strategy

Mayor's Transport Strategy; Land for Industry and Transport

Mayor's Climate Change Adaption Strategy

Mayor's Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy

Mayor's Water Strategy

Decentralised Energy Network Technical Specification SPD

**CIL Charging Schedule** 

### 6 Analysis

# 6.1 Principle of development

6.1.1 The site was previously used for gas production, housing six gas holders, which have now been decommissioned and demolished. Permission has been granted for the remediation of the site in readiness for redevelopment and work on this is expected to start shortly. The site is not subject to any industrial use designations. This application proposes a predominantly residential development with a quantum of retail leisure, community space and public open space to support the primary residential use.

Housing

6.2.1 The site lies within the Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area, as identified in the London Plan policy 2.13, Table A1.1, and the Upper Lee Valley Opportunity Area

Planning Framework (2013), which states the Opportunity Area is capable of accommodating at least 20,100 homes and 15,000 jobs up to 2013. London Plan policy 3.3 'Increasing Housing Supply' recognises the need for new homes in London and Table 3.1 gives an annual monitoring target of 798 new homes per year in Enfield between 2015 and 2025.

- 6.1.3 Core Policy 1 of the Core Strategy identifies Central Leeside as a focus for growth and development. Core Policy 2 identifies Central Leeside (Meridian Water) as accommodating up to 5000 new homes over the plan period. This is further expanded upon in Core Policies 37 and 38. Core Policy 38 identifies Meridian Water as the Borough's largest new residential led mixed-use development within the Central Leeside Strategic Growth Area. It notes the Meridian Water offers a 'huge opportunity for transformational change'
- 6.1.4 The application site is located in the MWMP area, comprising a major part of Zone 1 and a small part of Zone 2. It is also within the Central Leeside Area Action Plan (CLAAP) area. Both documents seek to deliver up to 5,000 homes and 3,000 jobs across the area, although in the light of the revised housing targets referenced above, amongst other factors, the aspiration is to increase this target to over 8,000 new homes. Work is underway on reviewing the CLAAP with a view to submitting the Proposed Submission CLAAP supporting this uplift in housing numbers in Autumn 2016. The Masterplan identifies Zone 1 as a continuation of surrounding residential uses, at relatively high densities, with the opportunity to provide employment as a buffer to the North Circular.
- 6.1.5 The residential proposals will contribute to the delivery of the Borough's housing targets and comply with the land use aspirations for the site set out in the MWMP and CLAAP.
- 6.1.6 As a result of the higher aspirations for housing provision across Meridian Water, an increased aspiration for Zone 1 may also be appropriate. The potential for further development would be supported by improvements in transport connectivity. The current proposal for 725 homes reflects the current constraints and capacity. Further work is being undertaken to support the an increase in housing provision as part of the evidence base for the CLAAP and this is likely to be reflected in an updated Masterplan for Meridian Water as set out in the statement of intent published on the Council's website in Autumn 2015. The meanwhile plots identified as part of this application provide an opportunity for an uplift in housing numbers in the future

### Retail

- 6.1.7 London Plan Policy 2.15 'Town Centres' promotes town centres as the main focus for commercial development and intensification, including residential development. Policy 4.7 'Retail and Town Centre Development' requires that retail, commercial, culture and leisure development should be focused on sites within town centres, or if no in-centre sites are available, on sites on the edge of centres that are, or can be, well integrated with the existing centre and public transport. The NPPF defines edge of centre as within 300m of a town centre boundary. Furthermore, Policy 4.7 requires proposals for new, or extensions to existing, edge or out of centre development to be subject to an assessment of impact.
- 6.1.8 Core Policy 17 of the Core Strategy identifies that a new Local Centre is proposed in Meridian Water within the CLAAP boundary to cater for the day to day needs of the new local community that is to be established there.

- 6.1.9 Policies set out in the CLAAP and MWMP provide for 2,000sq.m of retail floorspace as part of the Meridian Water local centre, to the east of the site. No retail floorspace is allocated in the Masterplan for Zone 1, although it is not precluded and the Masterplan accepts that different layouts may be appropriate. Moreover, it is acknowledged that the uplift in housing numbers proposed across the site will necessitate a need for additional retail/leisure provision to serve the new community.
- 6.1.10 The application originally proposed up to 1250sq.m of retail floor space, now reduced to 950sq.m at the applicant's request, and a maximum of 750sq.m of leisure floorspace focused around the proposed Western Station Square, with the potential for small retail spaces on plots A and C along the proposed north-south street, together with limited space in the new station, also fronting Station Square. A Retail Impact Assessment (RIA) has been submitted, which assesses the likely impacts of the increased provision of the originally proposed additional 1250sq.m of retail space, in addition to the 2,000sq.m provided for in the CLAAP and the Masterplan. The RIA finds a current under supply of 'top-up' convenience facilities and local retail services in the vicinity of the site. The proposed retail space would occupy an 'out of centre' location in retail policy terms, being more than 300m, from the nearest town centre, although on development of the proposed local centre in later phases of the Meridian Water development, this floorspace would occupy an edge of centre location and will be well-connected to the local centre and to public transport.
- 6.1.11 It is accepted in the context of creating a sustainable community that the Western Station square is a desirable location to allocate additional retail floorspace over and above that identified in the CLAAP and MWMP, providing active uses and contributing to job targets. It is acknowledged that this first phase of development would benefit from some supporting uses to help foster a sense of community.

Social infrastructure

- 6.1.12 London Plan Policies 3.16 'Protection and Enhancement of Social Infrastructure' and 3.17 'Health and Social Care Facilities' support proposals that provide high quality health and facilities in areas of identified need, particularly in places accessible to public transport, cycling and walking. Policy 3.16 also supports the provision of community uses.
- 6.1.13 Core Policy 9 requires the provision of necessary community facilities to support local need within the strategic growth areas. Core Policy 38 seeks to ensure the delivery of the necessary infrastructure to support the new community, including school, new healthcare facilities, a library, community rooms, a police presence and local shops.
- 6.1.14 Policy CL15 of the CLAAP seeks in summary to ensure:
  - community facilities in Meridian Water which cater the needs of both the existing and new communities, are situated in a location which is highly accessibly to these communities and that buildings are adaptable.
  - development within Meridian Water contributes to two primary schools, one secondary and two early years facilities.
  - provision within Meridian Water of a new GP surgery within close proximity to new residential areas and located close to a community hub or Meridian Water Local Centre.
- 6.1.15 This is further reiterated in the MWMP

### Community space

6.1.16 Community uses (up to 600sq.m) are proposed in the north of plot A, adjacent to the new Meridian Angel Primary School and close to existing communities. An assessment of the need for the community centre provision in the vicinity of the site highlights that capacity is an issue in the local area and the provision of this space is supported in line with policy.

#### Healthcare

- 6.1.17 The applicant has undertaken an assessment of the need for additional health services and concluded that there is capacity within the existing health care provision to cater for increased demand from the site. This assessment was shared with representatives of Public Health England, NHS England and Enfield CCG, who have fed into the process of assessment for capacity and demand associated with the development. These organisations have also been consulted on the planning application, although no response has been received.
- 6.1.18 The AAP sets out that Meridian Water will provide community and health care facilities with specific reference to a health centre. Work is currently being undertaken to consider future needs and provision, and it is likely that future phases will provide health facilities.

#### Education

- 6.1.19 The NPPF gives the highest level of national policy support for school provision and London Plan Policy 3.18 'Education Facilities' supports enhanced new build provision. Core Policies 8 and 38 of the Core Strategy identifies that the school infrastructure requirements associated with up to 5000 homes at Meridian Water equates to two new 2 form entry primary schools, including two 60 part time nursery places and one new 6 form entry secondary school to include provision for 6<sup>th</sup> form. This is reiterated in the CLAAP and MWMP.
- 6.1.20 The applicant has made an assessment of education capacity which forms part of the ES. Planning permission has been granted for a new school at Ladysmith Road, adjacent to the site, which involves the relocation of Meridian Angel Primary School and its increase from one form of entry to two form entry. As a result they advise that no additional primary provision is necessary to enable the development to proceed.
- 6.1.21 With regard to secondary school places, the assessment finds evidence of surplus school capacity in secondary schools across the Borough and in proximity to the site, as well as in the neighbouring borough of Haringey. It is therefore considered that the relatively small yield of secondary pupils generated on this site will be catered for within the existing provision.
- 6.2.22 The evidence submitted by the applicant is acknowledged. However, this development as part of the wider Meridian Water development will have an educational impact and the cost of the totality of school provision, as set out above and which may increase with the uplift in housing numbers, needs to be borne by the whole Meridian Water development, to ensure no one individual phase is unduly burdened. Accordingly, a contribution to education provision in accordance with the S106 SPD is required and would need to be secured by S106 Agreement.

Public Open space and meanwhile uses

- 6.2.23 London Plan Policy 7.18 'Protecting Open Space and Addressing Deficiency' provides a strategic aim to address areas with a deficiency of open space. Although the site is not in an area with a deficiency of open space, the application secures a minimum of 0.95ha of public open space to be delivered in the form of 6 spaces, made up of the Northern Community Park; the Southern Community Park; the Brook Community Park, adjacent to Pymmes Brook; the Western Station Square; the Eastern Station Square; and a local play space to the rear of Kimberley Road.
- 6.2.24 Core Policy 34 seeks to protect and enhance existing open spaces and seek opportunities to improve the provision of good quality and accessible open space. Particularly, the policy requires the provision of new open space at Central Leeside as part of the regeneration of Meridian Water. Policy DMD 72 requires that all new major residential developments to be accompanied by proposals to improve open space provision and in the supporting text gives a Borough-wide standard of 2.37 hectares per 1,000 population of public park provision.
- 6.2.25 The applicant advises that using the GLA population calculator and applying the above Borough wide standard suggests a requirement for 4.08 ha of public park. The application makes provision for 0.95ha of public open space, which is significantly lower than this aspiration.
- 6.2.26 As justification for the level of provision proposed, the applicant considers that the Meridian Water development is of necessity providing a higher density of development than is typical of the Borough, reflecting ambitions to create a suburban-urban character which maximises opportunities for housing. The viability statement submitted with the application demonstrates the constraints of providing a viable development on the site and the need to maximise residential development. In addition, the LBE Open Space and Sports Assessment (2011) identifies that the application site is not within an area of open space deficiency, meaning that it lies within 800m of some open space. Members should also note that additional open space has recently been provided at Rays Road, north of the application site.
- 6.2.27 An increase in open space at the expense of residential development would make the development unviable and therefore the level of provision is considered acceptable. The role of the open space in providing east-west linkages to existing residential areas in Kimberley Road and via the proposed Causeway to the Lee Valley Regional Park to the east are also recognised.
- 6.2.28 The application also seeks permission for three 'meanwhile use' plots of up to 12,400sq.m for landscaping purposes, possibly including a tree nursery. These plots would not be publicly accessible and in the longer term are seen as future development plots. This approach is supported.

Summary

6.2.29 In summary, the overall mix of uses proposed for the site is considered consistent with policy and is therefore acceptable in principle.

# 6.3 Access and parking

6.3.1 This is an outline application which provides details of access arrangements and road layout for an initial phase of development of up to 725 residential units along with other uses. The details of the housing and other uses, as well as associated infrastructure, will be brought forward as reserved matters.

### Trip Generation

6.3.2 The assumed trip generation outlined in the Transport Assessment (TA) is based on TRICS analysis of other sites and mode splits which would suggest a significant reduction in car usage compared to the local area and Enfield as a whole. Traffic and Transportation have highlighted concerns with this proposition.

TRICS Analysis

- 6.3.3 The TA identified 5 sites, including 2 which were not directly comparable to the application site (they were a different style of development or had a higher PTAL). If these sites are excluded from the assessment, there is an observed car mode share of 36% across the sites; this is compared to 30% as highlighted in the TA.
- 6.3.4 The impact on trips is less significant, with rates of 0.51 per unit in the AM peak and 0.44 per unit in the PM peak; these are broadly comparable to the TA which indicated 0.49 in the AM peak and 0.39 in the PM peak.

Mode Splits

- 6.3.5 The mode splits in the TA would see a significant reduction in car mode share from 46% to 20% by 2018, with resultant significant increases in the use of other forms of transport. Despite the analysis in the TA, it is considered there is still insufficient evidence to support the proposed mode split in what is the earliest phase of the development:
  - Removing outliers from the TRICS sites shows that car mode share in comparable developments which have been built out is on average 36%.
  - No frequency enhancements are proposed for the bus network. It is noted that TfL have suggested bus stops on Leeside Road in the vicinity of the site that could improve access. However, Traffic and Transportation have confirmed there are safety concerns associated with such provision at this stage as set out below. Alongside pedestrian access issues (see below), the route serving this location (341) does not provide a quick link to any transport hubs, so is unlikely to generate significant demand.
  - Cycling infrastructure improvements at this stage appear to be limited with no clear plans to link directly into the wider cycling network; arrangements for crossing east-west at the station will require cyclists to dismount.
  - The pedestrian access to the south will remain poor, due to existing constraints on Leeside Road, and there will also be limited local destinations within easy walking distance.
- 6.3.6 However, analysis does suggest that the original mode split, based on the local ward daytime population (which includes those working in the area), could be slightly overestimating the car mode share at 46%, when the resident population car mode share is 38%.
- 6.3.7 Taken together this suggests that a realistic mode split for 'Driving in a car or van' for this phase of development would be 35%.

Trip Generation

6.3.8 The higher car mode share has an impact on vehicle trip generation. Therefore the applicant has undertaken a sensitivity test which indicates that car trips would be higher than forecast in the TA:

Scenario	AM Arrivals	AM Departures	PM Arrivals	PM Departures
TA – 20% car mode	18	63	42	28
share / lower trips				
rates				
LBE – 35% car mode	32	109	75	49
share / higher trip				
rates				

6.3.9 Despite this increase in trip rates, the impact on highway network capacity is broadly acceptable as set out below.

# Highway Network Capacity

- 6.3.10 To assess highway network capacity LinSig modelling was undertaken and presented in the TA. The model was not developed in line with a full LinSig audit process. However, it is acknowledged that for this stage of development it is sufficient.
- 6.3.11 Going forward there is a need for a LinSig model to be developed and audited in line with TfL guidelines. This will be a requirement of any future phase of development.
- 6.3.12 Whilst the base scenario looked at the network in light of the trips generated by 20% car mode share, there was also a scenario based on 181 two-way car trips in the morning and 150 two-way car trips in the evening peak; higher rates than those arising from the 35% car mode share (141 two-way car trips in the morning and 124 two vehicular car trips in the evening).
- 6.3.12 The results of this modelling showed that this number of vehicles could be accommodated on the network with no significant detrimental impact, assuming that signalling improvements are implemented at the junctions in the area around the site.
- 6.3.12 In light of this, TfL have indicated that work is underway to implement signal optimisation (SCOOT) at the Meridian Way / Glover Drive junction. Given that the proposal will have a direct impact on this junction (both a new 'arm' from the station access road and the east-west pedestrian crossing) it is appropriate that the applicant should contribute to the cost of design and implementation with the exact amount to be agreed. This will need to be secured through S106 Agreement.
- 6.3.13 Going forward, given that the junctions in the area around the site will be operating close to capacity, any future phase of development will need to be accompanied by a plan which to identifies transport network improvements to mitigate any negative impacts.

#### Access

- 6.3.14 The proposal includes reference to new access points to the site:
  - To the north of the site for vehicles including buses, but only for emergency vehicles under this application.

- Step-free access from the east of the site which links directly to the new station.
   It is also proposed that a new cyclist / pedestrian crossing is installed across
   Meridian Way to provide direct access to amenities, including bus stops on Glover Drive.
- Main vehicular access is to the south from Leeside Road.
- Cycling / pedestrian only access from Kimberley Road to the west.

#### Northern Access

6.3.15 Specific vehicular access from the public highway to the north of the site is not included as part of this phase of development. However it is noted that access for buses could be provided as part of future development across the wider site.

#### Eastern Access

- 6.3.16 The proposal is for cyclist and pedestrian access via an overbridge with step-free access provided by lifts. Cyclists will be able to wheel bikes using a gutter on the edge of the steps to the overbridge. The new bridge is part of the development of the new station.
- 6.3.17 This access will lead to Meridian Way where there is a proposal for a new cycle / pedestrian crossing across Meridian way. This will improve access to existing amenities, including the bus stops located on Glover Drive.
- 6.3.18 Given the proposed location of the development outlined in this application and the location of proposed / existing public transport services it is likely that this will be the main access route.

#### Southern Access

- 6.3.19 The submission includes details of a junction which had been designed to take into account:
  - Long articulated vehicles (HGVs up to 16 metres) during the construction of the development.
  - Vehicles including HGVs servicing an existing PRS site.
  - Predicted traffic volumes.
  - Visibility restrictions when approaching from the east due to a bridge over the railway.
  - Constraints arising from the siting of other access points and an adjacent bridge over the railway.
- 6.3.20 Whilst this design is considered to be broadly acceptable for the construction phase, concerns have been raised about its long term suitability for a mainly residential development, particularly as it impacts on cycling and pedestrian amenity. Therefore the applicant has worked with Traffic and Transportation to amend the design to slightly reduce its scale.
- 6.3.21 In addition a further design, which further reduces the scale of the junction, is being developed. This design will be implemented, at the applicant's cost, when the construction phase has been completed and there is no longer a requirement for regular HGV access to the PRS site. It should be noted that, given the requirement for possible future bus access directly into the site, the junction will still have to be designed to allow safe access for vehicles up to 14 metres in length.

- 6.3.22 This alternative, reduced scale, junction would need to be secured by either planning condition or S106 obligation with a trigger point agreed for its provision, post construction phase.
- 6.3.23 Given that Leeside Road is public highway managed by the London Borough of Haringey (LBH), a Section 8 agreement (Highways Act 1980 Agreements between local highway authorities for doing of certain works) is required to allow the works to be completed. It is understood that LBH has agreed in principle to the Section 8 arrangements with details to be agreed prior to construction commencing.

Western Access

6.3.24 The proposals for cycling / pedestrian only accesses are welcome although the applicant will need to consider how other vehicles including motorcycles will be restricted. The details of the design of the access, including surface treatments and widths, will need to be agreed prior to implementation and conditions are required to cover this

# **Public Transport Provision**

**Buses** 

- 6.3.25 TfL's initial response to the application included references to bus service provision:
  - Delivery of off-site bus stops on Leeside Road and as part of the interchange design fronting Meridian Way.
  - Bus service upgrades (existing services) to be implemented to serve full 725 built out need to be triggered at least two years before full occupation. TfL to discuss an appropriate trigger.
  - Delayed opening of the rail station may require short term measures depending on length of delay.
- 6.3.26 Following engagement with the Council a further TfL response sought:
  - Passive provision for bus stops on Leeside Road.
  - Bus subsidy of £170k per annum to cover provision of extra services on the 192 route
  - Strategic modelling to identify the interventions required to support future phases of development.
- 6.3.27 Traffic & Transportation support the need for improved bus services to support sustainable development but with reference to this phase of development would highlight:
  - Given that the main access point for this phase of the development will be to the
    east, providing access to existing / proposed public transport services, it is
    unlikely that there will be significant demand for services on Leeside Road. For
    northbound services this will be particularly true given that they will terminate at
    the next stop (Glover Drive). It should also be noted that, taking into account the
    proposed southern access junction, there is limited space for bus stops on
    Leeside Road.
  - In terms of forecast bus trips, the sensitivity test undertaken by the applicant (based on 35% car mode share and higher trip rates) forecasts 84 departures in the AM peak hour (the AM peak hour is usually when the highest number of trips

per hour occur). Given there are an average of 12 buses per hour (the 192 and 341 both operate at a frequency of 8 to 12 minutes) this equates to 7 additional passengers per service. TfL figures indicate that the 192 route in particular is operating at close to capacity (29 spaces occupied of 35 in total). This would indicate that while the development could lead to the 192 bus service reaching capacity, it is already at a point where additional provision is required, particularly given the underlying rate of background growth in Enfield. It is also worth noting that there is likely to be abstraction from bus to rail if improved rail services are delivered.

- 6.3.28 Therefore Traffic & Transportation consider that this first phase of development has limited implications for bus infrastructure but recognise that there is a case for the specific improvements outlined in the TfL response as requirements of later phases of development.
- 6.3.29 However, it is recognised that if the public transport accessibility is not improved through the delivery of the station and the planned service improvements, then bus enhancements may be required. It is recommended that a limit be placed on the number of units (250) that could be provided before an Interim Transport Report is provided, as required by TfL and any alternative provision agreed as part of this should be committed prior to the completion of the 300<sup>th</sup> unit. This alternative provision might require bus service enhancements, dependent on the nature of delay to the station Any alternative strategy would need to be discussed with TfL. If bus enhancements are identified as being essential at this stage these would need to be funded by the applicant. The need for this Interim Report and any obligations that arise from it will need to be secured by a combination of planning condition and S106 obligation.

Cycling and Walking

- 6.3.30 The CERS and PERS audits undertaken indicate that there are a number of challenges related to improving the environment for cycling and walking. Some of these are being addressed by the proposals in this application however for future phases of development there will need to be a focus on providing:
  - Cycling and pedestrian access to, along and across Leeside Road.
  - Cycle access across the rail line which will not require dismounting.
  - Attractive links to the existing cycling and walking network.
  - Permeability across the site.

Rail

- 6.3.31 It is noted that the improvements in public transport accessibility in this phase of development are predicated on:
  - A new station being built south of the existing Angel Road station.
  - Provision of a new step-free east-west link.
  - The delivery of a rail scheme which will allow an additional two trains per hour to call at the new station.
- 6.3.31 Whilst it is understood that these are committed and programmed schemes with full stakeholder support, there is still a small possibility that one or all will not be delivered on schedule. This issue has been highlighted by TfL, as it could have an immediate detrimental impact on bus network capacity.

6.3.32 In this instance, it is recommended a condition be attached to any permission which will not allow more than 300 residential units to be occupied, until the applicant develops and delivers at their cost an alternative public transport plan detailing the approach to ensuring an equivalent level of public transport accessibility and connectivity.

Taxi - Private Hire

6.3.33 The Transport Assessment does not specifically address the need for taxi and private hire vehicles to serve the development. However it is assumed that they will be able to utilise visitor parking provision. This approach is acceptable.

Public Transport Accessibility

6.3.34 Analysis by Traffic and Transportation shows that, measured from the centre of the application site, the transport network improvements proposed in the application will see a modest increase in public transport accessibility as measured by PTAL:

Existing	Proposed	To achieve PTAL 3
Two bus services (192 and 341), six per hour on both routes.	Two bus services (192 and 341), six per hour on both routes and improved accessibility (190m away)	Two bus services (192 and 341), eight per hour on route 192 (increase of two) and seven per hour on route 341 (increase of one).
Angel Road Station – one service an hour in either direction.	Meridian Water Station – four services an hour in either direction at the relocated station (110m away).	Meridian Water Station – four services an hour in either direction (same as proposed).
Accessibility Index: 6.26	Accessibility Index: 9.48	Accessibility Index: 10.19
PTAL: 2	PTAL: 2	PTAL: 3

- 6.3.35 These figures are slightly different to those in the TA because the measurement is taken from the middle of the application site.
- 6.3.36 The PTAL has an impact on both the density of development and the requirements for car parking provision.

### **Parking**

Cars

- 6.3.37 The original parking proposals indicated a parking ratio of 0.4 spaces per residential unit with some parking for other uses. In an initial response and series of meetings Traffic and Transportation made it clear that this level of residential provision is extremely low could not be supported because:
  - The committed transport enhancements will not raise the PTAL level above 2.
  - There is no precedent in Enfield for such low provision, with the Alma Estate development, which is PTAL 3 across the site, having a parking ratio of above 0.6

- while a recently consented site in a PTAL 5 area still had provision of 0.43 spaces per unit.
- Mode share data from comparable sites, which have been built out, indicates that 35% of journeys will be by car.
- There are no parking controls in adjacent residential streets so overspill parking cannot be contained.
- The proposed housing mix does not justify a low car development.
- 6.3.38 Taking this into account the applicant has now agreed to a car parking ratio of 0.6 per residential unit at the outset, with a view to reducing this to 0.4 spaces per unit as the development progresses and if sufficient evidence can be obtained to demonstrate a low up take in parking for new residents and management mechanisms are working. This will need to be secured through a combination of conditions and S106 obligations, allowing a reduced provision, down to a minimum of 0.4 spaces per unit, if the level of demand is significantly lower than expected due to:
  - Public transport enhancements.
  - Cycling and walking improvements.
  - Introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone in the area.
- 6.3.39 This will be supported by a Parking Management Plan which will be secured by way of a condition and/or S106 Agreement and should include:
  - The details of the proposed parking provision.
  - The allocation process for the various types of spaces including disabled, electric vehicles and visitor.
  - The enforcement regime including the frequency and proposed penalties.
  - The process for determining if spaces are being utilised and how they can be reallocated.
- 6.3.40 It has also been agreed that a range of measures will be put in place to limit vehicle trips and parking demand
  - Delivery and Servicing Plan.
  - Improvements to pedestrian and cycle routes including access to the site.
  - Cycle parking provision.
  - Travel Plans with associated monitoring.
  - Car club provision.
  - New station and enhanced rail services.
  - Consultation on a Controlled Parking Zone in the adjacent area.
- 6.3.41 All of these will be secured by way of a Section 106 agreement and / or planning conditions.
- 6.3.42 Given that the detailed design of the residential and other uses will be brought forward by way of future applications, the related details of disabled, electric vehicle and visitor parking will be secured by way of a planning condition.

Cycle Parking

6.3.43 The proposal includes resident parking and also long stay and short stay visitor parking. Overall there will be a provision of 1,111 spaces plus 46 short stay spaces. Whilst this meets current London Plan requirement, the total provision required is still dependent on the detail of the breakdown of units including the commercial uses.

- 6.3.44 In addition, given that the applicant is promoting the development as cycling friendly, there could be opportunities to provide higher levels of cycle parking.
- 6.3.45 Therefore the level, location and type of cycle parking provision will be secured by way of a condition.

Deliveries

- 6.3.46 Given the low PTAL and the low parking provision, then it is expected that deliveries to the site may be relatively high as residents rely on internet shopping for bulky deliveries.
- 6.3.47 While it is anticipated that delivery vehicles will not make a significant contribution to traffic generation, they will have an impact on the highway network particularly if they have to resort to informal parking.
- 6.3.48 A draft Delivery and Servicing Plan was provided with the TA and this will form the basis for the longer term plan, which will be developed as the various reserved matters are brought forward. This arrangement will be secured by way of a planning condition.

# Highway Network

- 6.3.49 The principles outlined for the highway network are broadly acceptable:
  - Main roads of a suitable width to allow the regular circulation of large vehicles including buses.
  - Smaller scale secondary and tertiary roads which provide an attractive and safe environment for cyclists and pedestrians.
  - Appropriate space for parking and turning vehicles.
  - Traffic calming measures to reduce speeds.
- 6.3.50 The Council has made it clear that it will not seek to adopt the roads and paths as public highway, which has been acknowledged by the applicant. In addition the applicant should make it clear that any paths for public use are offered on a permissive basis and do not constitute rights of way.
- 6.3.51 However the detailed layouts and designs will still be subject to approval as future applications for the residential and other uses are brought forward. These details will be secured by way of a condition.

#### Station Access Arrangements

- 6.3.52 The proposed east-west pedestrian crossing addresses concerns with access across the A1055, although it does have an impact on the adjacent junction, the severity of which will be considered as part of the strategic highway network and more localised junction analysis which will be required to support applications for further phases of development.
- 6.3.53 The access road for the station remains a concern, partly due to how it will be controlled but mainly because of the impact on the already capacity constrained junction from the A1055 to Glover Drive.

6.3.54 In light of this it has been confirmed and agreed with TfL that bus services will not utilise this access road at this stage and that entry will be strictly controlled to limit vehicle movements. The details of these arrangements will be set out in a Station Access Road Plan which will be secured by way of a planning condition.

#### Sustainable Travel

6.3.55 In order to encourage the use of sustainable transport modes it has been agreed that each residential unit should be entitled to a package of incentives to include car club membership for 2 years and driving credit, a new Oyster card per bedroom and two years London Cycling Campaign Membership per bedroom. The applicant will be responsible for promoting the sustainable transport package and managing delivery. Confirmation will be required that the package has been offered to all first occupiers of residential units. This should be via an independent audit undertaken at the applicant's cost. Where there is evidence that the package has not been offered, the applicant will be required to make a financial contribution per unit to the Council to support delivery of sustainable transport measures. This will be secured through the S106 Agreement.

## Refuse and Recycling

6.3.56 The indicative locations and capacities for refuse and recycling are acceptable. However the detailed layouts and designs will still be subject to approval as future applications for the residential and other uses are brought forward. These details will be secured by way of a condition.

# Construction Logistics Plan

6.3.57 Given the scale of the development and the impact it could have on the highway network and the amenity of local residents a Construction Logistics Plan will be required. The Plan will need to be agreed prior to development commencing so will be secured by way of a planning condition.

# Strategic Modelling

6.3.58 Given the scale of the development proposed for the Meridian Water area, modelling of the overall transport network impacts at both local and strategic levels will be required to support further phases. This approach has been agreed by all stakeholders.

#### Summary

6.3.59 Whilst the proposed development will lead to an increase in trips on the transport network in an area with limited capacity, committed enhancements to the rail network and east-west connectivity mean that, on balance, it will not have a significant impact on amenity for existing users, highway safety and the free flow of traffic.

### 6.4 Urban Design

6.4.1 This is an outline application with all matters relating the design, layout and scale of development reserved. However, the application is supported by a development specification which sets the maximum parameters for development, including footprint and height, and a design code which seeks to set design parameters to be followed in the subsequent submission of reserved matters. The Design Code sets a series of design principles, including urban grain and street alignment; distribution of

- non-residential uses; parking; privacy; heights and set backs of buildings; minimum unit sizes and design guidelines; access arrangements; public realm, location, character and materiality; building appearance and architecture; and balcony design.
- 6.4.2 London Plan Policy 7.1 sets out a series of overarching design principles for development in London. Other design policies in this chapter and elsewhere in the London Plan include specific design requirements relating to maximising the potential of sites, the quality of new housing provision, tall and large-scale buildings, built heritage, views and the public realm. New development is also required to have regard to its context and make a positive contribution to local character within its neighbourhood (policy 7.4)
- 6.4.3 Core Policy 30 requires all developments and interventions in the public realm to be high-quality and design-led. The DMD contains a number of specific policies seeking to influence design quality in terms of density, amenity space provision, distancing standards, daylight and sunlight and appropriate access to parking and refuse facilities for example.
- 6.4.4 Policy CL3 of the Proposed Submission CLAAP relates to the 'Meridian Angel Neighbourhood' and CL4 to 'The Gateway Neighbourhood'. The former seeks to ensure that development connects with the existing residential community to the west, a community and station square to support activity around the new station, incorporation of public realm improvements and strong boundaries around edges to create safe and secure places, pedestrian and cycle links to new and existing residential areas, shops, schools and health facilities. Policy CL4 seeks high quality public space as 'Gateway Square' with access from the new station.

### Density

- 6.4.5 London Plan Policy 3.4 'Optimising Housing Potential ' states that taking into account local context and character, the design principles in Chapter 7 of the London Plan and public transport capacity, development should optimise housing output within the relevant density range shown in Table 3.2.
- 6.4.6 This is essentially reiterated in Core Policy 5 of the Core Strategy and DMD 6, with the latter policy recognising that the density of development should consider existing or planned transport capacity and take account of existing and planned provision for local facilities such as shops, public and private open space, and community, leisure and play.
- 6.4.6 The Proposed Submission CLAAP (Policy CL2) states that development in Meridian Water should 'optimise housing and where appropriate, achieve higher housing density levels than the London Plan'.
- 6.4.7 At the present time it is difficult to categorise the site and the future PTAL rating is uncertain, although a PTAL of 3 is expected to be achievable. Taking account of new transport links and the wider development to come forward across Meridian Water, the site could be considered to be within an 'urban' setting in the future, where the density matrix suggests a guideline of 45-170 units per hectare, with a PTAL 2-3.
- The density proposed is calculated as approximately 154 units per hectare based on 725 units across 4.7 hectares, which excludes the areas that will be landscaped for meanwhile uses. This provides a reasonable estimate of the density of the scheme and is considered acceptable in principle.

#### Layout and Public Realm

- The proposals consist of a legible network of streets that link well with surrounding streets and are well addressed with active frontages, either by commercial uses or apartments, terraced houses, and maisonettes with individual street entrances. The focus of the application on plots around the new station and adjacent to the existing residential areas to the west is a logical approach which will exploit the benefits of the station and embed the development into the existing community. The location of the meanwhile use plots around the Pressure Reduction Station reflects the aspiration to relocate this at a later stage.
- 6.4.10 The Design Code secures active frontages for 90% of the Western Station Square and the north-south route, 80% for park frontages and 75% for neighbourhood roads. Parking, with integral service access will be concealed below podiums and the extent of this frontage is also controlled in the Design Code. Perimeter treatments to the meanwhile use plots will use integrated planting and level changes, such as 'ha-ha' in order to maintain visual connection whilst restricting access.
- 6.4.11 The Design Code also secures the quality of the proposed public realm, including a network of six new public open spaces. The Western Station Square will include a playable water feature, groups of tree planting, seating and surrounding active uses.

Residential Quality

- 6.4.12 The application confirms that the proposed housing typologies meet or exceed the minimum space standards identified in the London Plan. The Design Code secures that at least 60% of the units will be dual aspect. The site's orientation means that some single aspect north-facing units are unavoidable. However, the Design Code secures that these will be less than 2% of the units and will always face onto a large open space. All single aspect units will be less than 7 metres in depth, with none facing the railway line. No more than 8 units would be accessed per core and all corridors will be naturally lit, with a minimum width of 1.5m. The ground floor residential units will achieve a minimum of 2.8m floor to ceiling height, other than those blocks immediately adjacent to existing residential streets. The applicant has also confirmed in the design code that the minimum floor to ceiling height would be 2.5m in order to secure a good standard of ventilation and light. The Code also confirms the requirement for all habitable rooms to meet the BRE Average Daylight Factor requirement.
- 6.4.13 DMD 10 sets minimum distancing standards between facing residential buildings. These are:

	Number of storeys in facing buildings					
	1-1	1-2	1-3	2-2	2-3	3-3
Minimum distance between rear facing windows (in metres)	22	22	25	22	25	30
Minimum distance between windows and side boundaries	11m					

6.4.14 The policy does allow for development below these standards providing that it can be demonstrated that the proposed development would not result in housing with inadequate daylight/sunlight or privacy for the proposed or surrounding development.

- 6.4.15 The development specification submitted confirms that the minimum distance between the proposed four storey houses adjacent to existing properties in Kimberley Road would be 25m, which would accord with this policy. The same development specification confirms that the minimum facing distance across the internal courtyards of the perimeter blocks (A/B/C/D) would be 20m. This is below the above standards.
- 6.4.16 The applicant's consider that achieving a minimum separation distance of 30m in accordance with the above policy does not respond to the desire to create a high-density residential development, as sought through the CLAAP and MWMP, as well as Core Policy 38 of the Core Strategy. Whilst noting this, the applicant was asked to consider the impact of reduced separation distances on daylight and sunlight to communal courtyards and open spaces. The applicant has advised:
  - " The 20 metre separation distance set in the Design Code, while not compliant with policy will still ensure the provision of successful and attractive public realm and private open space for residents of the scheme.

In particular, the lower separation distance will not prejudice the access of residents to daylight and sunlight, both inside units and in the communal opens spaces between the buildings to an unacceptable degree. Daylight and Sunlight testing was undertaken on those units in the illustrative scheme which are likely to experience the lowest levels of daylight. Overall, 301 out of 346 (87%) of rooms analysed meet the BRE Guidelines for daylight. In sunlight terms, the BRE Guidelines makes clear that sunlight is of primary importance to main living spaces. On this basis, the results show that 53 out 67 (79%) of main living rooms containing at least one south-facing window meet the BRE Guidelines for APSH.

It is important to remember that, where rooms fall below the recommended level of daylight and have a balcony, these rooms will enjoy an alternative source of daylight and sunlight amenity and so are considered acceptable. Additionally, given that this analysis identified those locations within the masterplan with the lowest levels for daylight, the overall proportion of rooms meeting the BRE Guidelines should increase when all rooms are analysed.

It is acknowledged that the internal courtyards do not meet the BRE Guidelines. However, in addition to the communal spaces between the blocks, residents will have access to many well lit public amenity spaces within a short distance of their property. The four main public park spaces and three out of four public realm spaces meet, and exceed the BRE Guidelines for sunlight. Indeed, 83% of the total amenity area received more than 2 hours of sunlight on March 21st in accordance with BRE standards.

- 6.4.17 The applicant has confirmed that privacy can be safeguarded in the detailed design through the placement and design of windows and landscaping of the podium decks.
- 6.4.18 Facing distances between blocks across streets is a minimum of 16.8m (between blocks A and C). However, this is the public side of the building where expectations for privacy are different and reflects the need to secure a strong and robust urban form.
- 6.4.19 Overall, the disposition of buildings and the distancing proposed is considered acceptable.

Amenity Space

- 6.4.20 The applicant confirms that all units will be provided with amenity space that meets or exceeds the standards set down in the London Housing Design Guide and as reiterated in DMD 9. Amenity space requirements will be met through the provision of private gardens and/or balconies depending on the unit type.
- 6.4.21 The applicant also confirms that units in Blocks A,B.C and D will also have access to a series of communal courtyards which, in line with DMD9 requirements will be overlooked by the development and accessible and inclusive to residents, whilst not accessible to the general public. In Block E where the units will not have access to communal courtyards, the amount of private amenity space per unit would be increased, meeting or exceeding the minimum space requirements set out in policy.
- 6.4.22 The applicant will need to demonstrate through the reserved matters submissions that these commitments are met.

Height and Massing

- 6.4.23 The development specification confirms that the maximum building height is 12 storeys located in blocks A,B,C and D, with lower building heights in Block E (2-6 storeys) adjacent to existing residential boundaries.
- 6.4.24 The scale of the proposed development plots responds well to the existing context of the area. To the west, the proposed blocks adjacent to existing development in Kimberley Road and Willoughby Lane are 2-4 storeys in height and align with the existing streets. Some height (6 storeys) is proposed to the south of Block E2 to mark the entrance to the site. The four perimeter blocks to the east are some distance from the existing housing and are generally up to 8 storeys, each having a taller element up to 12 storeys, which the Design Code limits to key routes and public open spaces, taking into account wind and overshadowing impacts. The Design Code also requires the east-west blocks, including those enclosing the Western Station Square to incorporate at least one 11m break, which will avoid overbearing massing and allow sunlight into spaces to the north.
- 6.4.25 The overall approach to height and massing is supported.

Architecture and materials

6.4.26 This is an outline application with all matters reserved except for access to the public highway. Accordingly, there is limited detail in the applications on architecture and materials. However, the Design Code provides sufficient information to ensure that good quality architecture, materials and detailing will be achieved. This is demonstrated further in the illustrative scheme provided. The Design Code secures that materials will be of brick and masonry, with no render or panel treatments on primary facades, and trim and detailing will be of metal not plastic. The Code also secures details such as a minimum of 210mm window reveals, rooftop services to be hidden, solid drained balcony floors, and all drainage and downpipes to be hidden, which indicate a good quality of detailing will be achieved. Conditions are recommended requiring details of proposed finishing materials, including sample panels being constructed on site, together with larger scale sections through typical panels of the proposed building to ensure the parameters set down in the design code are evidenced in the reserved matters submission.

Inclusive design

- 6.4.27 London Plan Policy 7.2 'An Inclusive Environment' seeks to ensure that proposals achieve the highest standards of accessibility and inclusion. Policy 3.8 'Housing Choice' requires that ninety percent of housing meets Building Regulation requirement M4 (2) 'accessible and adaptable dwellings' and ten percent of new dwellings to meet Building regulation requirement M4(3) 'wheelchair user dwellings' that is designed to be wheelchair accessible or easily adaptable for residents who are wheelchair users.
- 6.4.28 Core Policy 4 of the Core Strategy requires all homes to be built to Lifetime Homes standards and 10% of all new homes to suitable or easily adaptable for wheelchair users. This is further reinforced in DMD8. These standards are updated by the Building Regulation requirements referenced above.
- 6.4.29 The application indicates that all units have been designed to meet Building Regulation requirement M4(2) and 10% will meet Building Regulations requirement M4(3). Indicative layouts have been provided for the wheelchair accessible units. A condition is recommended to ensure these requirements are met.
- 6.4.30 Overall the site does not pose any particular challenges for inclusive access, other than in the new station design and the need to cross the railway line. Pedestrian access across the railway line is committed, providing 24 hour access for pedestrian and cyclists, including lift access. This will need to be secured though a combination of planning conditions and S106 Agreement.

#### Phasing

6.4.31 As would be expected with a development of this scale, the development will come forward in phases. The Housing Zone funding requires delivery of a number of homes for occupation by 2018. The remediation of the site and phase 1 development are proposed to work together, with the remediation/soil turnover works phased to enable the new development to commence in a phased manner. A condition is recommended to require the submission of a phasing plan, which would need to identify how the housing will be delivered across phases, including delivery of affordable housing, identify the supporting infrastructure, access arrangements and car parking provision associated with each phase.

#### 6.5 Affordable housing

- 6.5.1 London Plan Policy 3.9 'Mixed and Balanced communities' seeks to promote mixed and balanced communities by tenure and household income. Policy 3.12 'Negotiating Affordable Housing' seeks to secure the maximum reasonable amount of affordable housing. Core Policy 3 and DMD1 seek to achieve a target of 40% affordable housing units applicable on sites capable of accommodating ten or more dwellings.
- 6.5.2 Within the affordable tenure mix, Core Policy 3 would seek a target ratio of 70% social rent and 30% intermediate provision. However, DMD 1 acknowledges that on sites in the east of the borough, a lower proportion of affordable rent and a higher proportion of intermediate housing may be sought. On such sites a split of 60:40 between social/affordable rent and intermediate may be appropriate. This split is also supported by London Plan policy 3.11 'Affordable Housing Targets'.
- 6.5.3 The applicant confirms that it is expected that the development could provide 30% affordable housing, with a minimum of 25%. The applicant states that the substantial costs required to make the proposed development acceptable in planning terms,

- particularly with regard to remediation and infrastructure provision, make the borough-wide target of 40% unviable for this site.
- 6.5.3 It is proposed that a range of tenures will be provided, including affordable rented and intermediate housing, as well as the potential for Starter Homes, with details coming forward as part of reserved matters. Private Rented Sector (PRS) housing may also be provided, although the applicant as confirmed that this would be in addition to the affordable provision and not instead of.
- 6.5.4 The illustrative scheme submitted as part of the application demonstrated achievement of a 70:30 ratio of market to affordable housing provision, which has been tested through the design process both for viability and design feasibility. This testing has further evolved since the submission of the application with a view to seeking to maximise the number of family units and 2b4p units over 2b3p units, within the affordable housing tenures, but particularly within the affordable rented units.
- This further testing has confirmed that with a move towards the Council's preferred 6.5.5 bedroom mix, a minimum of 25% affordable housing by number of units, and 30% provision as a percentage of floor space can still be delivered. The number of units proposed has reduced only in order to achieve the size and type of units (more family 3b5p+ and 2b4p units) that the Housing Team have advised is required to meet identified local need. There has been no reduction in the quantum of floor space allocated to affordable housing. The aspiration remains to achieve 30% of the total number of units as affordable housing. The development will therefore need to be the subject of a viability review mechanism to test each phase of development to demonstrate the level of affordable housing provision to be achieved and whether an increase over and above the minimum 25% provision can be achieved. A S106 Agreement would be required to secure a minimum of 25% affordable housing as a percentage of the total number of units, with a requirement for a viability review mechanism together with a strategy for monitoring provision and tenures across the phases.
- 6.5.6 With the S106 Agreement obligations being sought, the level of affordable housing proposed as minimum is considered acceptable. The phasing of delivery of the affordable housing across the site will need be dealt with through a combination of condition and/or S106 obligation.
- 6.6 Housing Mix
- 6.6.1 London Plan Policy 3.8 'Housing Choice' encourages a choice of housing based on local needs, while affordable family housing is stated as a strategic priority. The Core Strategy (CP 5) sets targets as follows:
  - Market housing 20% 1 and 2 bed flats (1-3 persons), 15% 2 bed houses (4 persons), 45% 3 bed houses, (5-6 persons), 20% 4+ bed houses (6+ persons).
  - Social rented housing 20% 1 bed and 2 bed units (1-3 persons), 20% 2 bed units (4 persons) 30% 3 bed units (5-6 persons), 30% 4+ bed units (6+ persons).
- 6.6.2 The applicant states that it is unlikely that policy aspirations for larger units would be wholly met and that detail of bedroom mix will come forward as part of future reserved matters. They argue that current demographic trends point towards a need for smaller houses in the Borough. "GLA household size projections from 2013

suggests that average household size in LBE will decrease from 2.6 in 2013 to 2.5 by 2020, and 2.4 by 2025". This they consider supports a trend towards requirements for a greater number of smaller homes. This they argue should be seen alongside an increasingly ageing population which is again putting pressure on housing to provide more smaller-bed units to cater for this trend. In market terms too, they advise that there is a "need to balance the existing bias in stock towards larger homes, to provide opportunities for down-sizing".

6.6.3 With respect to this particular phase of development, they consider that the particular characteristics of the site could mean that this phase is more likely to appeal to younger households, particularly in the early years. With the proposed rail improvements, it will become a residential location that promotes easy commuting into central London as well as commuting to employment locations within north and north-east London. "This first phase is likely to attract new residents to the Meridian Water area, who are possibly more willing to take the 'risk' of moving to an as yet undeveloped, relatively unestablished area of London, in the knowledge that it will become a thriving, mixed-use community. This will enable Phase 1 to catalyse the wider development of Meridian Water. Smaller units are typically associated with these types of residents, and as such the illustrative scheme provides a number of smaller units at this first phase of development".

Tenure	Туре	No Units	Quantum
	Studio	45	9%
	1b2p-2b3p	244	48%
Private	2b4p	113	22%
Private	3b4p	13	3%
	3b5-6p	87	17%
	4b6p+	10	2%
Private Total		512	
	1b2p-2b3p	89	42%
	2b3p	18	8%
	2b4p	37	17%
Affordable	3b4p	12	6%
Alloluable	3b5p	46	22%
	3b6p	6	3%
	4b6p+	3	1%
	4b7p	2	1%
Affordable Total		213	29%
Overall Total		725	

Original illustrative housing mix

6.6.4 Further discussion has taken place since the submission of the application to achieve a more appropriate bedroom mix within the affordable housing element particularly, to better reflect local housing need. These discussions have led to a minimum-maximum range being defined for each housing typology within both the market and affordable tenures as follows:

Tenure	Unit Type	No. Units	Quantum	Family Units	Proposed Ranges
Private	Studio	52	10%		Up to 15%
	1b2p - 2b3p	241	44%		35 - 45%
	2b4p	162	30%		25 - 35%
	3b4 - 6p	80	15%	17%	Minimum of 15%
	4b6p+	10	2%	17.70	Minimum of 15%
Private Total		545	100%		
	1b2p	48	27%		20 - 30%
Affordable	2b3 - 4p	44	24%		20 - 30%
	3b4 - 6p	79	44%		Minimum 45% family unit (3
				49%	bed +); minimum 5% 4
	4b6p+	9	5%		bedroom
Affordable To	otal	180	100%		
Total Scheme Family Units				25%	

Revised illustrative housing mix

- 6.6.5 Within the affordable units, further discussion have taken place and the applicant has confirmed agreement to:
  - Between 20-30% 1b2p units
  - Between 20-30% 2b3p-2b4p units, of with a maximum of 40% of the affordable rented 2-bed units shall be 2b3p.
  - A minimum of 45% family units (3b+), of which no more than 20% of the affordable rented 3-bed units shall be 3b4p.
  - A minimum of 5% of all family units (3b+) shall be 4b+ units, of which a minimum of 20% of the affordable rented 4-bed units shall be larger than 4b7p.
- 6.6.6 It is recognised that the housing mix, and particularly the market housing mix, is not compliant with Core Policy 3. However, the applicant's position on this, particularly the need to kick start development and transformational change in the area, taken with the viability position, are considered valid and a departure from policy can be supported in this instance. The improvements to the affordable housing mix agreed are welcome and again whilst not compliant with policy, the suggested ranges for the various typologies, recognising the viability position, are now considered acceptable. These will need to be secured either through planning condition or as an obligation within the S106 Agreement.

# 6.7 <u>Visual Impact</u>

- 6.7.1 DMD43 considers the impact of tall buildings upon important local views and requires the developers to demonstrate how proposals will avoid negative impacts associated with these. It designates a series of 'local long views' which are important to townscape in the Borough. A townscape and visual impact assessment has been undertaken as part of the EIA, which assesses the impact of the proposed development upon local townscape and these designated views. The locally significant long views relevant for this application are those from the A406 North Circular towards Alexandra Palace and Canary Wharf.
- 6.7.2 The assessment finds that, taking account of proposed mitigation at detailed design stage, the design approach to tall buildings as part of the proposed building, including high quality design and the provision of open space, would result in a marked improvement of the existing landscape character of the application site, as it would create a high quality public realm. The applicant concludes that therefore that the

- proposed development would have a significant, beneficial impact upon townscape improvement.
- 6.7.3 Regarding local long views specifically, for the majority only the upper storeys of the proposed development would be visible and therefore the effect is considered negligible. For other views the impact are more significant, and the proposed development is judged to bring beneficial effects and improvements to the view points.
- 6.7.4 The ES has been reviewed by the Council's Landscape Architect and her views are summarised above.
- 6.7.5 The applicant has responded to the points raised:
  - Illustrative material has not been produced as this is an outline application. A
    detailed mitigation plan will be produced as part of Reserved Matter.
  - At the time of undertaking the assessment the Ladysmith Open space was inaccessible to the public being subject to development for the provision of the new primary school. However, they have updated their assessment to include an assessment of the impact on the development on the Ladysmith Open Space as requested. The Landscape officer's comments on this update are awaited and an update will be provided at the meeting.
  - The Classic Urban Typology was considered as a whole. The effect of the proposed development on this typology would be negligible as it is shielded by the urban terraces typology which is situated between.
  - It is confirmed that individual receptors were considered when preparing the mitigation principles for the outline application. Detailed mitigation measures will be considered at Reserved Matters stage.
- 6.7.6 In the light of the scale of the development proposed, it is accepted that there will be some visual impact and this in some instances will be significant. However, a significant impact does not necessarily mean a harmful impact. This is an outline application and therefore detailed mitigation measures have not yet been prepared. However, a combination of quality design and landscaping will go a significant way to ensuring the development makes a positive contribution to the area and townscape. Conditions are recommended requiring the submission of detailed mitigation measures during the construction phase, an assessment of impact on Ladysmith pocket park and mitigation measures where necessary. Design and landscaping would be addressed through the normal submission of Reserved Matters for each phase of development.

## 6.8 Impact on neighbours

6.8.1 The application site shares its western boundary with existing terraced housing in Kimberley Road and Willoughby Lane. The application proposes block E1 to run parallel with the terraced houses in Kimberely Road with the gardens to the proposed block running to meet the boundary. Block E1 would be a maximum of 4 storeys in height and would be a minimum of 25m away from the rear wall of the existing houses. The application site is higher than this existing housing. However, given the maximum height parameters and the separation distances proposed, the relationship

- to the existing housing is considered acceptable and the amenity of existing residents, in terms of light, outlook and privacy would be safeguarded.
- 6.8.2 Block E2, towards the southern part of the site and that would sit adjacent to and behind the houses in Willoughby Lane ranges in height from 2 to 6 storeys. The application proposes that the section that forms the initial continuation of the Willoughby Lane terrace would be 2 storeys in height to reflect the existing terrace, increasing to 4 storeys where the block would adjoin the proposed new access into the site. Development would step up again to 6 storeys within the site where it presents a frontage to the new internal roads. The section of the block behind the Willoughby Lane properties would be a maximum of 4 storeys in height and would be a minimum of 26.6m from the existing houses. The illustrative visual below shows the heights proposed. It is considered that the relationship of the blocks to existing houses is acceptable and the amenities of existing residents would be safeguarded.

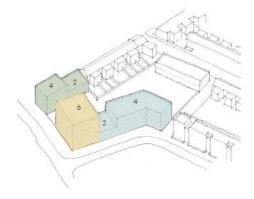


Figure 5 Illustrative visual demonstrating heights of Block E2

- 6.8.3 The remaining blocks would be located beyond blocks E1 and E2, towards the centre of the application site. Whilst these other blocks would be significantly larger in terms of height and scale, they would be some significant distance away from established housing and therefore would not have any undue impact on the amenities of residents in terms of light, privacy or outlook.
- 6.8.4 The application site also shares a boundary with the proposed new Meridian Angel Primary School. It is proposed to locate a new area of open space adjacent to this boundary.

## 6.9 Contamination

- 6.9.1 Much of the application site has been subject to separate remediation applications. These have been approved subject to various conditions. Ground investigations, assessments and discussions are on-gong with the Environment Agency and remediation is due to commence imminently and last for approximately a year.
- 6.9.2 The approved remediation strategy consists of two distinct phases of remediation. The first phase being the phase of soil and groundwater remediation undertaken by a specialist contractor. Following this there will be outstanding aspects of the strategy for the developer to complete. These include the provision of the clean cover layers, provision of clean service corridors, gas vapour protection to buildings, and selection of suitable construction materials.

- 6.9.3 The approach has been refined and further developed since the approval of the remediation strategy. The Environment Agency have been consulted on the Ground Conditions and Contamination Assessment contained in the ES forming part of this planning application. They have advised that "timescales presented in the application are extremely tight and allowance should be made for groundwater remediation to extend beyond a year. Of particular concern is the station area where very little work has been carried out to date but it is potentially one of the most vulnerable parts of the site". They have confirmed that they have concerns that due to the high levels of remediation on site, there is a risk that the long term monitoring may continue past the occupation of the development. In this eventuality the EA have suggested a condition which would require the applicant to enter a legal agreement to ensure that the monitoring would be continued. The conditions required by the EA are included in the recommended conditions list below. The applicant has agreed to an obligation to ensure continued monitoring of ground water.
- 6.9.5 No remediation strategy has yet been submitted or approved for the site of the proposed station. This will be required prior to the commencement of these works on site and a condition to cover this is recommended.
- 6.10 Flood Risk
- 6.10.1 The application site falls within Flood Zone 2 and 3 is therefore considered to have a high to medium probability of flooding.
- 6.10.2 In line with advice contained within the NPPF, this application should not be determined until the Local Planning Authority is satisfied that the Sequential Test has been applied and passed.
- 6.10.3 A high-level Sequential Test was undertaken as part of the Core Strategy to identify areas for growth in Enfield and a Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (L2 SFRA) was undertaken in July 2013 to support the Meridian Water Masterplan. Section 3.6 (and paragraphs 3.56,3.69.4.51 and 4.67) of the L2 SFRA states that despite the high level Sequential Test, a further Sequential Test will need to be applied to the Priority Regeneration Area boundary to steer development to areas of lowest flood risk
- 6.10.4 The Sequential Test requires that "only where there are no reasonably available sites in Flood Zones 1 or 2 should the suitability of sites within Flood Zone 3 be considered".
- 6.10.5 The total contiguous land area required to support the initial Phase 1 development was estimated at 8 ha. Overlaying the 1 in 100 year plus climate change flood extents on the wider Meridian Water development (identified as a Priority Regeneration Area) indicates that there are no sites of this size available which are currently undeveloped and in areas of low flood risk.
- 6.10.6 Phase 1 was therefore identified as a potentially suitable site given that it was:
  - a) Sufficiently large to accommodate the proposed development; and
  - b) Has a relatively small area of existing flooding compared to other sites.
- 6.10.7 In order to confirm the suitability of the site the Exception Test was therefore applied. The Level 2 SFRA already undertaken defines the Exception Test as comprising the following three components:

- 1. It must be demonstrated that the development provides wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh the flood risk, informed by an SFRA where one has been prepared.
- 2. Development is on previously developed land
- 3. A site specific FRA must demonstrate that the development will be safe for its lifetime taking into account the vulnerability of its users, without increasing flood risk elsewhere and, where possible, will reduce flood risk overall.
- 6.10.8 The first test has been demonstrated through the High Level Sequential Test and the Core Strategy which identified Meridian Water as a strategic growth area within the borough. The site does constitute previously developed land and a FRA has been submitted to support this application which demonstrates that the development is at low risk of flooding from all sources; compensates adequately for alterations to the fluvial flood plain, is likely to reduce flood risk from ground water in the surrounding area and not increase the risk from other forms of flooding in the surrounding area; mitigates the residual risk from flooding by employing flood resilient building design where necessary; remains safe under flood conditions by ensuring access to higher ground is available.
- 6.10.9 Officers are therefore satisfied that the Sequential Test has been applied and passed. The EA have confirmed that they are satisfied with the FRA submitted. The SuDS officer has confirmed that in terms of emergency planning, the FRA states that all the FFL will be 300mm above the flood level and that all habitable spaces on the ground floor have access to higher levels. Therefore at this stage, flood management is acceptable. However, it is recommended that a condition be attached requiring the submission of a flood management plan as part of Reserved Matters applications.
- 6.10.10 There are surface water risks affecting the site within the local vicinity and therefore it is important that the development addresses and mitigates for this.
- 6.10.11 Infiltration has not been considered as the EA have advised that this should be prevented because of contamination in the area and the recently designated Ground Water Protection Zone 1 Areas. As a result the strategy predominantly relies on attenuation and discharge either directly or indirectly via an existing TWUL surface water sewer to an open watercourse, Pymmes Brook. The SuDs Officer has expressed some concern about the management of storage tanks, but recognises the impact of contamination on the ability to use infiltration measures on this site. Conditions are recommended requiring details of a SuDs/Drainage strategy precommencement of any phase of development.
- 6.10.12 Thames Water have advised that they require the extent of the catchment and calculated peak discharge rates of the proposed surface water sewers that connect into Kimberley Rad, to assess the impact that the increase in flow will have on the public sewer system. They require a developer funded impact assessment to be completed to identify the ability of the public sewer system to accommodate the proposals and appropriate infrastructure upgrades. The applicant advises that they have sent scope and payment to Thames Water for them to prepare a quote for a full impact study. This will take approximately 6 months to complete. New on site infrastructure will be required as there is none at present. The study will highlight if there is a need for off- site infrastructure improvements and these will need to be provided for by the developer in consultation with Thames Water before Thames authorise any necessary connections to the public system.
- 6.11 Sustainable design and construction

- 6.11.1 A series of measures have been integrated throughout the development to ensure a high quality sustainable design is achieved.
- 6.11.2 Roof spaces will be maximised to provide opportunities for low carbon technologies and biodiversity. A target of 70% green or brown rooves is proposed in the Design code, as well as the provision of Solar PV Panels on appropriate roof surfaces.
- 6.11.3 A range of passive design measures features and demand reduction measures are proposed to reduce the carbon emissions of the proposal. Both air permeability and heat loss parameters will be improved beyond the minimum backstop values required by building regulations.
- 6.11.4 In order to limit the overheating risk during the summer, the façade design is currently being developed to determine the optimum glazing ratios while at the same time achieving the required levels of daylighting in the apartments. The demand for cooling will be minimised through high efficiency heat recovery from ventilation systems. Given this is an outline application, the strategy is accepted, although evidence of compliance with relevant policy will need to be demonstrated through reserved Matters application and secured by condition.
- 6.11.5 The development is estimated to achieve a reduction of 10 tonnes per annum (1%) in regulated CO2 emissions from this first stage of the energy heirachy ('Be lean'), compared to a 2013 Building Regulations compliant development.
- 6.11.6 The application also proposes connection to the Lee Valley heat Network (LVHN). The applicant has provided information on the LVHN's carbon intensity and has demonstrated that a connection agreement has been received. This will need to be secured through a S106 Agreement.
- 6.11.7 The applicant has provided the methodology used to assess the savings achieved through connection to the LVHN ('be clean'). However, as the carbon factor of the LVHN scheme is not currently available, the applicant should revise the savings during the Reserved Matters Stage and provide the savings associated with the connection by using the proposed carbon factor of the LVHN. This should be secured through a condition
- 6.11.8 The applicant has investigated the feasibility of a range of renewable technologies. The total available roof area for PV installation is 1,485 m2, a net PV installation of 670m2 is considered feasible The GLA are satisfied with this provision.

# 6.12 <u>Noise</u>

- 6.12.1 Chapter 10 of the ES provides an assessment of the significant environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the proposed development with respect to noise and vibration, in line with Policy DMD 68.
- 6.12.2 The assessment concludes that the proposed development has the potential to cause adverse noise and vibration effects during construction. Impacts would be controlled and minimised through a construction management plan which would be secured by condition.
- 6.12.3 During operation, the assessment concludes that the proposed development will give rise to noise emissions which could potentially cause disturbance to nearby sensitive locations on Kimberley Road and Willoughby Lane in particular, and also proposed new residents within the development. Operational noise sources are identified as

road traffic noise, building services, door alarms, conductors whistle on the train station, patron noise to the train station, stationary trains and PA/VA systems. The net effect of road traffic noise is considered to be neutral/negligible. It is recommended that conditions be imposed requiring details of building services plant and equipment. All the stationary noise sources associated with the proposed station, comply with the relevant British Standard. The loudest noise sources identified are the whistle noise from the train conductor and the stationary trains. These sources have the potential to give rise to adverse effects but given the large distances to established receptors, the ES concludes that the effects are not significant. Future residents can be protected from these noise sources through appropriate design measures (enhanced glazing, acoustically treated ventilation and/or efficient development layouts and acoustic barriers) and this will need to be demonstrated and addressed through future Reserved Matters applications.

## 6.13 Air quality

- 6.13.1 Chapter 4 of the ES provides an assessment of the significant environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the proposed development with respect to air quality in accordance with Policy DMD 64. The assessment evidences that no significant air quality impacts are identified during operation or construction.
- 6.13.2 The application site is located within the Borough's Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and therefore in accordance with London Plan policy 7.14 and Policy DMD 65, it is essential that the development be air quality neutral. The ES sets out how total building emissions for the proposed development are predicted to be significantly below the benchmark for the development and therefore compliant with air quality neutral policy. The total transport emissions are shown to very slightly exceed the relevant benchmark. However, with the sustainability measures proposed as part of the Framework Travel Plan, the applicant considered that the proposed development would also comply with Air Quality Neutral Policy in this area.
- 6.13.3 The Council's Environmental Protection Officer raises no objections to the development on air quality grounds.

## 6.14 Ecology/Biodiversity

6.14.1 Chapter 7 of the ES assesses the impact of construction and operational development on ecology and biodiversity. Natural England has confirmed that this application at this stage does not pose any likely or significant risk to protected sites. The ES has also been reviewed independently by an Ecological Consultant who is generally satisfied with the assessment subject to conditions being attached to require mitigation and enhancement measures identified in the ES being secured.

#### 6.15 Archaeology

6.15.1 The site has the potential for limited archaeological survival across the western and southern parts of the site, while the eastern part of the site has a high potential for archaeological survival. Historic England have confirmed that an archaeological watching brief is due to be carried out shortly as part of the remediation works already consented. However, as the results are currently unknown, they recommend a condition be attached to any permission and this is included in the list below.

## 6.16 Environmental Wind

- 6.16.1 The ES undertakes a qualitative assessment of the environmental wind conditions on the basis of the outline massing, which specifies the maximum building envelopes, areas of public amenity space and road locations. Wind at ground level is determined by the detailed massing and orientation of the buildings within each development plot and its acceptability is evaluated on the intended use of the spaces. Therefore a detailed assessment of wind effects and related mitigation will need to be carried out at Reserved Matters stage.
- 6.16.2 In summary, the environmental wind conditions during both construction and when in operation are not considered to be significant providing suitable mitigation measures are included within the design at Reserved Matters stage. The conditions recommended will include a requirement for a detailed assessment of wind to form part of Reserved Matters submitted for each plot, together with any mitigation measures.

## 6.17 <u>Socio-economic effects</u>

6.17.1 The socio economic impacts assessment forming part of the ES sets out the impact of the proposed development on employment, housing, other social infrastructure. The impact on education, community and health provision has been discussed above. The ES also includes details on the construction and operation employment effects. The construction of the development is expected to support a total of approximately 1061 FTE net additional jobs at the pan-regional level. Strategies are being developed for Meridian Water as a whole which set out the approach to ensuring opportunities for regeneration resulting from the development are optimised. This will include a series of strategies for engagement, education and skills ensuring that the development proposals provide and support local employment. The S106 Agreement will include obligations for training and employment initiatives.

## 6.18 Health Impact Assessment

- 6.18.1 A Health Impact Assessment has been submitted with this application. This concludes that based on the health evidence review, the provision of new, good quality housing will have long term positive impacts on health as it will minimise any direct health effects associated with poor quality housing. The fact that all properties will be step-free and 10% will be wheelchair accessible, will be positive, particularly in terms of improving the health and well-being of equalities groups such as the elderly, which has been identified as a significant growth group in the borough. An element of affordable housing should enable those sectors of the community that are otherwise unable to afford home ownership to benefit from the positive health effects of affordable and manageable home ownership.
- 6.18.2 Health effects as a result of access to healthcare facilities are assessed as neutral in the short to medium term. Although existing health care facilities in the local area have adequate capacity (as set out earlier in the report) and are of adequate quality to accommodate all new residents within the Phase 1 development, no new facilities are being developed and no existing facilities are being upgraded in conjunction with the proposed development. However, with the build out of the whole of Meridian Water development and the likely development of a new healthcare facilities to serve the area, health effects are likely to be positive in the long-term.
- 6.18.3 Work is being undertaken as part of the wider master planning work and developing the evidence base for the CLAAP to determine the required phasing of future health, education and community provision in relation to the phasing of future development.

## 6.19 Planning Obligations

- 6.19.1 Policies 8.1 and 8.2 of The London Plan (2015) and Core Policy 46 seek to ensure that development proposals make adequate provision for both infrastructure and community facilities that directly relate to the development. Developers will be expected to meet the full cost of facilities required as a consequence of development and to contribute to resolving deficiencies where these would be made worse by development.
- 6.19.2 A payment or other benefit offered pursuant to a Section 106 Agreement cannot be required unless it complies with the provisions of the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (Regulation 122), which provide that the planning obligation must be:
  - (a) necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
  - (b) directly related to the development; and
  - (c) fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.
- 6.19.3 A Section 106 Agreement will be required for the scheme, while the exact amount of contributions payable are yet to be agreed and/or will be dependent on the final mix of accommodation that is proposed through Reserved Matters, the agreement will comprise the following Heads of Terms:
  - Affordable Housing (Minimum 25% provision by number of units, phased delivery of affordable housing across all phases).
  - Housing mix within percentage ranges.
  - Business/Employment/Training Initiatives/ Strategy
  - Car parking management plan
  - Childcare Contribution in accordance with S106 SPD formula
  - Climate Change infrastructure to allow for connectivity to LVHN
  - Community centre fit out and management strategy
  - Controlled Parking Zone consultation/implementation
  - Education Contribution in accordance with S106 SPD formula
  - Ground water monitoring (Environment Agency)
  - Interim Transport Report and alternative public transport strategy
  - Off-site highway works obligations to carry out agreed works ( site access works, pedestrian crossing to Meridian Way, SCOOT systems identified)
  - Open Space/Ecological Zone/Public Realm strategy for management and maintenance (to include safety and security around railway station)
  - Off site open space enhancements
  - Step-free public access across railway (24 hour )
  - Sustainable Transport Measures Travel Plan and monitoring fee, Car Club and membership/ on- going monitoring/physical measures etc.
  - Sustainable Urban Drainage System management of storage tanks
  - Viability review mechanism per phase to secure uplift in affordable housing
  - Management fees
- 6.19.4 In addition, there are a number of matters outlined in this report where is it has not yet been resolved whether these would be better secured by planning condition or through a S106 Agreement. As work progresses on the drafting of conditions, in discussion with the applicants and supported with legal advice, this will become

clearer and the obligations to be secured through the S106 Agreement may need to be amended to reflect this.

Approach to S106

- 6.19.5 In the case of this application, the Council is both landowner and local planning authority (LPA) and this therefore raises issues about the ability of the Council as landowner to enter into an agreement with itself as LPA. Accordingly, Counsel advice has been sought and the advice offered to enter a conventional S106 Agreement would not be without risks and therefore an alternative approach that would secure the same outcome is recommended.
- 6.19.6 This alternative approach requires the imposition of a Grampian condition on the outline planning permission, restricting development pending completion of a S106 Agreement. The approach is acknowledged in National Planning Practice Guidance:
  - "A negatively worded condition limiting the development that can take place until a planning obligation or other agreement has been entered into is unlikely to be appropriate in the majority of cases. Ensuring that any planning obligation or other agreement is entered into prior to granting planning permission is the best way to deliver sufficient certainty for all parties about what is being agreed. It encourages the parties to finalise the planning obligation or other agreement in a timely manner and is important in the interests of maintaining transparency.

However, in exceptional circumstances a negatively worded condition requiring a planning obligation or other agreement to be entered into before certain development can commence may be appropriate in the case of more complex and strategically important development where there is clear evidence that the delivery of the development would otherwise be at serious risk. In such cases the six tests must also be met.

Where consideration is given to using a negatively worded condition, it is important that the local planning authority discusses with the applicant before planning permission is granted the need for a planning obligation or other agreement and the appropriateness of using a condition. The heads of terms or principle terms need to be agreed prior to planning permission being granted to ensure that the test of necessity is met and in the interests of transparency."

6.19.5 It is considered that there are exceptional circumstances in this case that would justify this approach being pursued. The delivery of housing on phase 1 is reliant on a development programme that will unlock the Housing Zone funding. This requires that the process of developer procurement and submission of Reserved Matter applications are de-coupled, so that any delay in the former does not compromise the programme delivery. The developer partner has now been confirmed, but there remains significant work to do before final terms are agreed sufficient to enable the developer to take an ownership interest in this site sufficient to sign the S106 Agreement. This work can be continuing whilst reserved Matters application progress. A Grampian condition is therefore recommended that will require the S106 Agreement to be completed prior to the commencement of work on site.

## 6.20 Community Infrastructure Levy

6.20.1 As of the April 2010, legislation in the form of CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) came into force which allows 'charging authorities' in England and Wales to apportion a levy on net additional floorspace for certain types of qualifying development to enable the funding of a wide range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development. Since April 2012 the Mayor of London has been charging CIL in Enfield

- at the rate of £20 per sqm. This development is CIL liable. Given the phased nature of the development and the intention to discharge reserved matters on a phase by phase basis, the Mayor's CIL will be calculated and paid on a phase by phase basis.
- 6.20.2 The Council has now adopted its own CIL. Residential development within the Meridian Water masterplan area has a nil CIL rate, as do community and leisure uses. Retail floors space (A1-A5) is subject to a £60 per square metre rate. This application proposes 950sq.m of retail floor space requiring an Enfield CIL contribution of £57,000. This would also be payable on a phased basis dependent on when the retail element comes forward within the phased development proposed.

## 6.21 Equalities Impact

- 6.21.1 Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 created the public sector equality duty. Section149 states:-
  - (1) A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
  - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
  - (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
  - (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 6.21.2 Officers have taken this into account in the assessment of this application and the Committee must be mindful of this duty *inter alia* when determining all planning applications.
- 6.21.3 The consultation process has served to notify all relevant adjoining parties likely to be impacted by the development. However, additional regard has been given to any potential impact upon the protected characteristics outlined by the Equalities Act 2010 Section 149 and the provisions contained therein. It is considered that due regard has been given to the impact of the scheme on all relevant groups with the protected characteristics schedule.

#### 7 Conclusion

- 7.1 Regional and local policy is supportive of the delivery of a new community at Meridian Water, designated as a major regeneration area. This application represents the first phase of development, would bring forward much needed new housing and is central to helping to achieve the Council's aspirations for over 8000 new homes in the wider area. The application also includes the parameters for the new Meridian Water Station, which will improve access to the site and facilitate public access across the railway line, therefore improving east –west links for both existing residents and the new community.
- 7.2 The application, whilst in outline form, has demonstrated the ambition to provide a high quality residential development supported by local retail and community facilities. This is reflected in the Development Specification and Design Code, which will set the parameters for future Reserved Matters submissions. The density, scale and character of the development proposed differs from the existing established housing immediately to the west of the site. However, Meridian Water needs to establish its own character if it is to deliver the housing numbers identified in policy and the increased housing numbers necessary to meet increased housing targets.

The development has been designed to respect the smaller scale of the existing housing to the west, by reducing in scale to this boundary. Given this, and the separation distances between the proposed and existing development, it is considered that the amenities of existing residents will be safeguarded.

- 7.3 Within the constraints of viability, the development seeks to maximise the amount of affordable housing that can be delivered (minimum 25% of the total number of units), and achieve a housing mix, that whilst not fully policy compliant, delivers a mix of tenures and unit sizes, along with a substantial number of family size units, to create a sustainable community.
- 7.4 Overall, it is considered that the development proposed will provide a high quality residential development that will kick-start the regeneration of the wider area and is supported.
- 7.5 As this is a particularly large and complex scheme, the wording of conditions has not yet been fixed although the issues to be addressed by condition and or legal agreement have been highlighted throughout this report and the matters to be covered by condition are summarised below. Members are being asked in considering the officer recommendation to grant planning permission, to also grant delegated powers to officers to agree the final wording for these conditions and to agree the final wording of the S106 Agreement to be appended to the decision notice to secure the delivery of those aspects of the scheme, summarised at paragraph 6.19.13 above, that cannot be dealt with through condition.

#### Recommendation

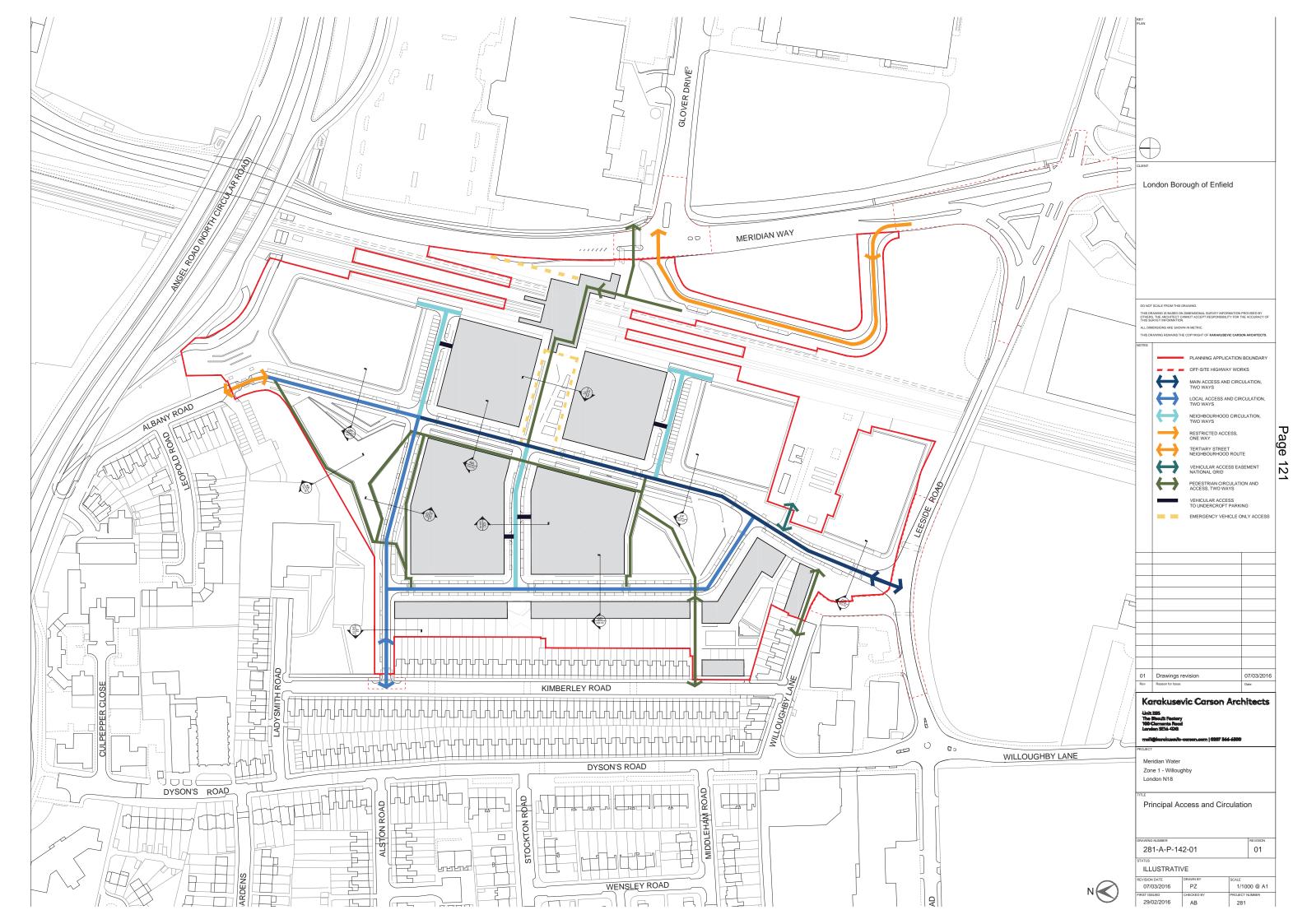
That, subject to referral to the Great London Authority, the Head of Development Management / Planning Decisions Manager be authorised to **GRANT** planning permission subject to conditions to cover the following issues:

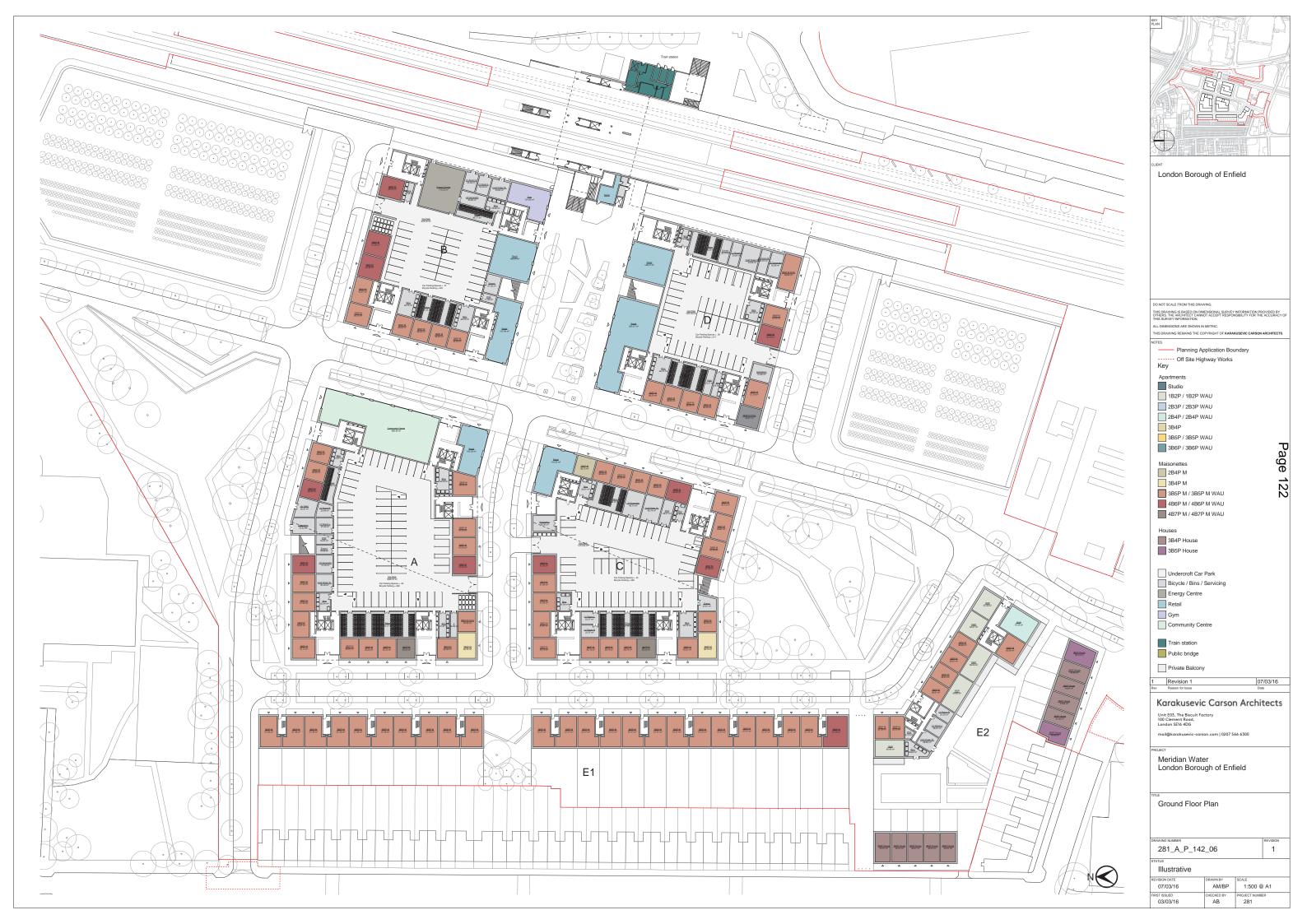
- 1. Grampian condition requiring completion of the S106 Agreement.
- 2. Phasing plan, to include phasing of delivery of affordable housing, supporting infrastructure, access and parking.
- 3. Compliance with documents submitted for approval
- 4. Reserved Matters siting/layout
- 5. Reserved Matters design
- 6. Reserved Matters Access
- 7. Reserved Matters- external appearance
- 8. Reserved Matters landscaping
- 9. Time limit for submission of reserved Matters and commencement
- 10. Construction Environmental Management Plan
- 11. Control of hours of work on site and deliveries to site
- 12. Larger scale drawings of sample panels through sections of buildings to show architectural detailing
- 13. Sample panels constructed on site to show materials proposed.
- 14. Shopfront/signage strategy for retail/leisure/community space
- 15. Hours of use for retail/leisure/community
- 16. PD restrictions on use of retail/leisure/community space
- 17. No plant/equipment to be affixed to external face of buildings
- 18. PD restriction on satellite equipment
- 19. Telecommunications/satellite strategy
- 20. Green procurement plan

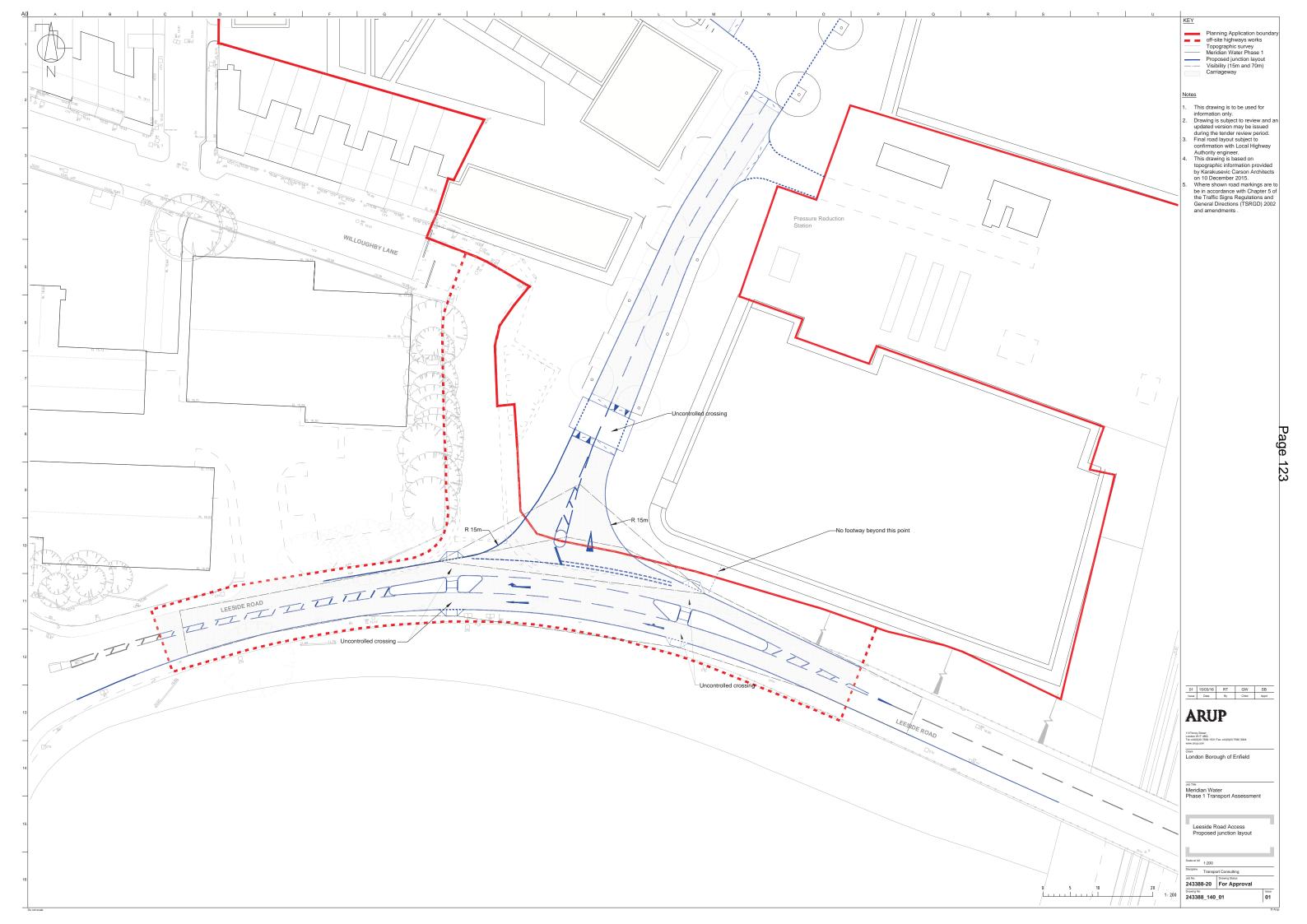
- 21. Confirmation of source of material imported to site/ depth of cover layers/ methods of construction of cover layers/ verification methods
- 22. Ground and gas vapour assessment/monitoring
- 23. Restriction on Piling/penetrative foundation/building design
- 24. Verification plans following remediation
- 25. Previously unidentified contamination
- 26. Surface water/infiltration and drainage management plan
- 27. Ground water monitoring plan
- 28. Station contamination assessment/remediation strategy/verification report
- 29. Archaeology
- 30. Maximum number of residential units
- 31. Limits on retail/leisure/community floor space
- 32. Housing mix
- 33. Schedule of tenure/mix per phase
- 34. Compliance with M4(2) (90%) and M4(3) (10%)
- 35. Scheme for noise impact of free weights for a gym use
- 36. Public realm strategy hard and soft landscaping/traffic calming/ street furniture etc
- 37. Details of laying out/planting of open spaces/ layout and type of play equipment
- 38. Playspace strategy per phase
- 39. Details of works to Pymmes Brook
- 40. External lighting
- 41. Meanwhile use strategy
- 42. Details of ecological corridor & maintenance
- 43. Strategy for pre-site clearance of slow worms
- 44. Bat survey of subway
- 45. Bat/Badger checks pre commencement
- 46. Hedge/shrub clearance outside bird nesting period
- 47. Eradication strategy for invasive species
- 48. Details of biodiverse/green roofs per phase in compliance with Design Code/ongoing maintenance and management
- 49. Bird and bat boxes per phase
- 50. Energy statement update per phase, to include overheating and cooling
- 51. Renewable energy technologies provision/maintenance/noise assessment per phase
- 52. Minimum obligations on reduction in Co2 emissions when connected to LVHN
- 53. Non residential development to achieve BREEAM New Construction 2014 rating of no less than 'very good'.
- 54. Delivery and servicing plan
- 55. Logistics Plan
- 56. Cycle parking details
- 57. Car parking provision per phase 0.6 space per unit initially
- 58. Car parking management plan
- 59. Electric parking provision
- 60. Details of internal access roads, pavements, servicing/turning areas and lighting
- 61. Confirmation of agreement to construct access to Leeside Road prior to commencement
- 62. Details of reduced scale Leeside Road junction design prior to commencement
- 63. Obligation to construct reduced scale junction once construction complete
- 64. Details of all access points ot the site materials/detailing
- 65. Limit on unit numbers until access points provided
- 66. Details of access to Meridian Way
- 67. Station Access Road Management Plan
- 68. Restriction on occupation of units until pedestrian crossing to Meridian Way is provided

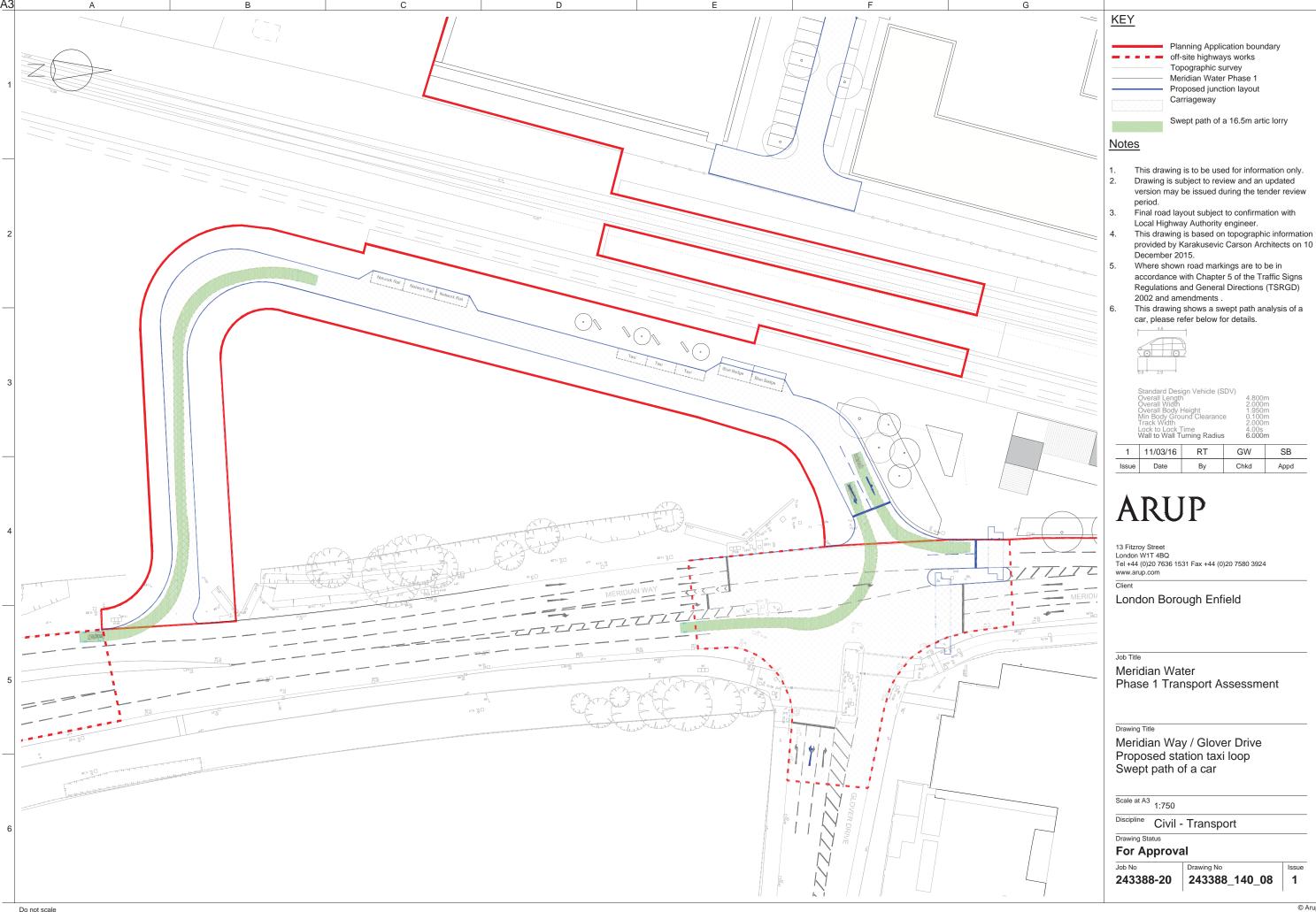
- 69. Limit on number of units until station/rail service improvements provided or alternative public transport plan agreed
- 70. Site waste management plan
- 71. Details of siting/design of refuse facilities per plot
- 72. Sound insulation against externally generated noise new units
- 73. Acoustic report where noise generating plant proposed
- 74. Each reserved Matters to include detailed assessment of wind effects and related mitigation
- 75. Drainage strategy site wide and to address drainage heirachy
- 76. SUDS verification report
- 77. Flood management report
- 78. Impact studies of existing water supply infrastructure
- 79. CCTV provision
- 80. Station construction management plan
- 81. No occupation of terrace adjacent to Willoughby Lane until mechanism to secure stopping up and resurfacing of highway/public realm secured.

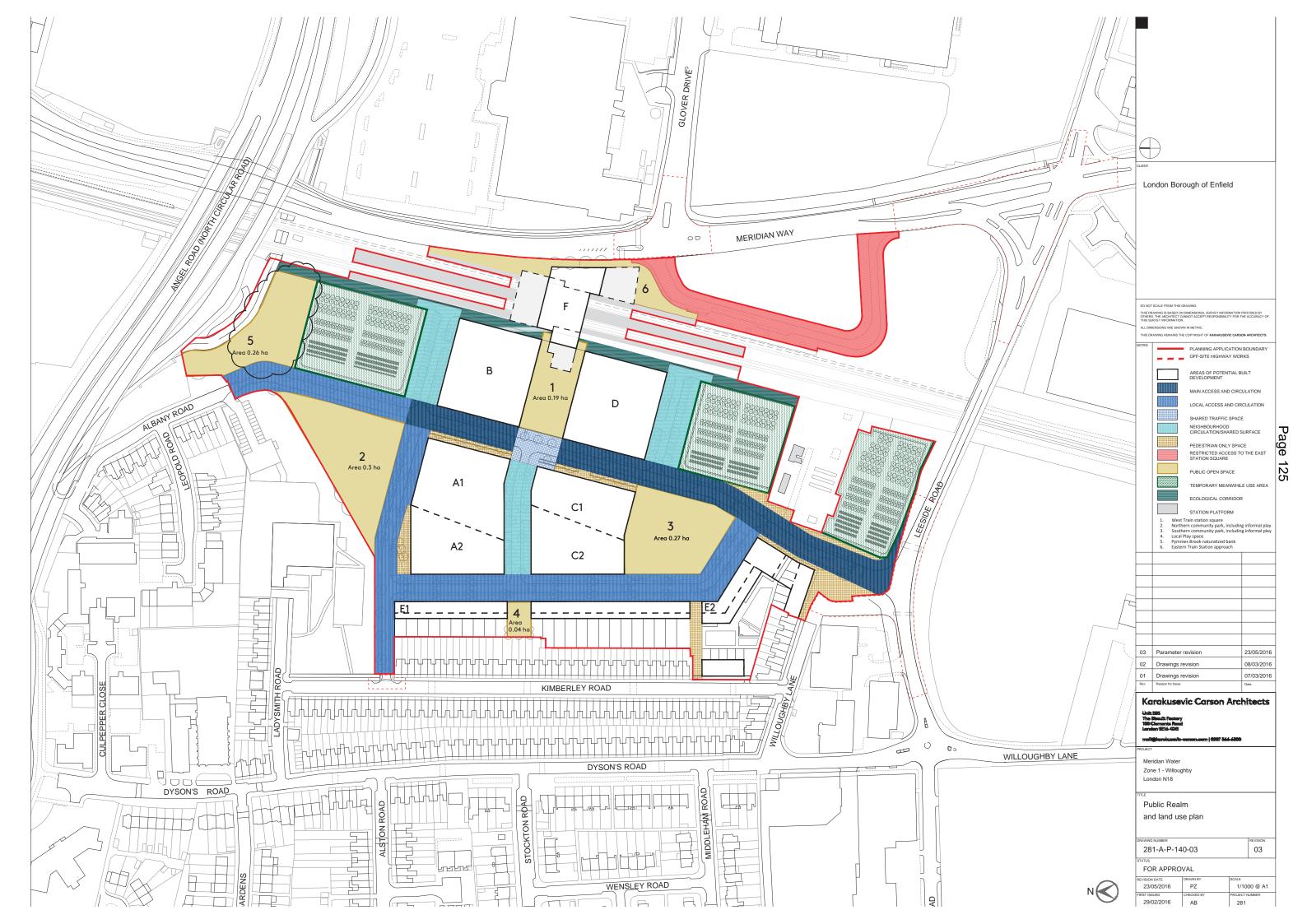


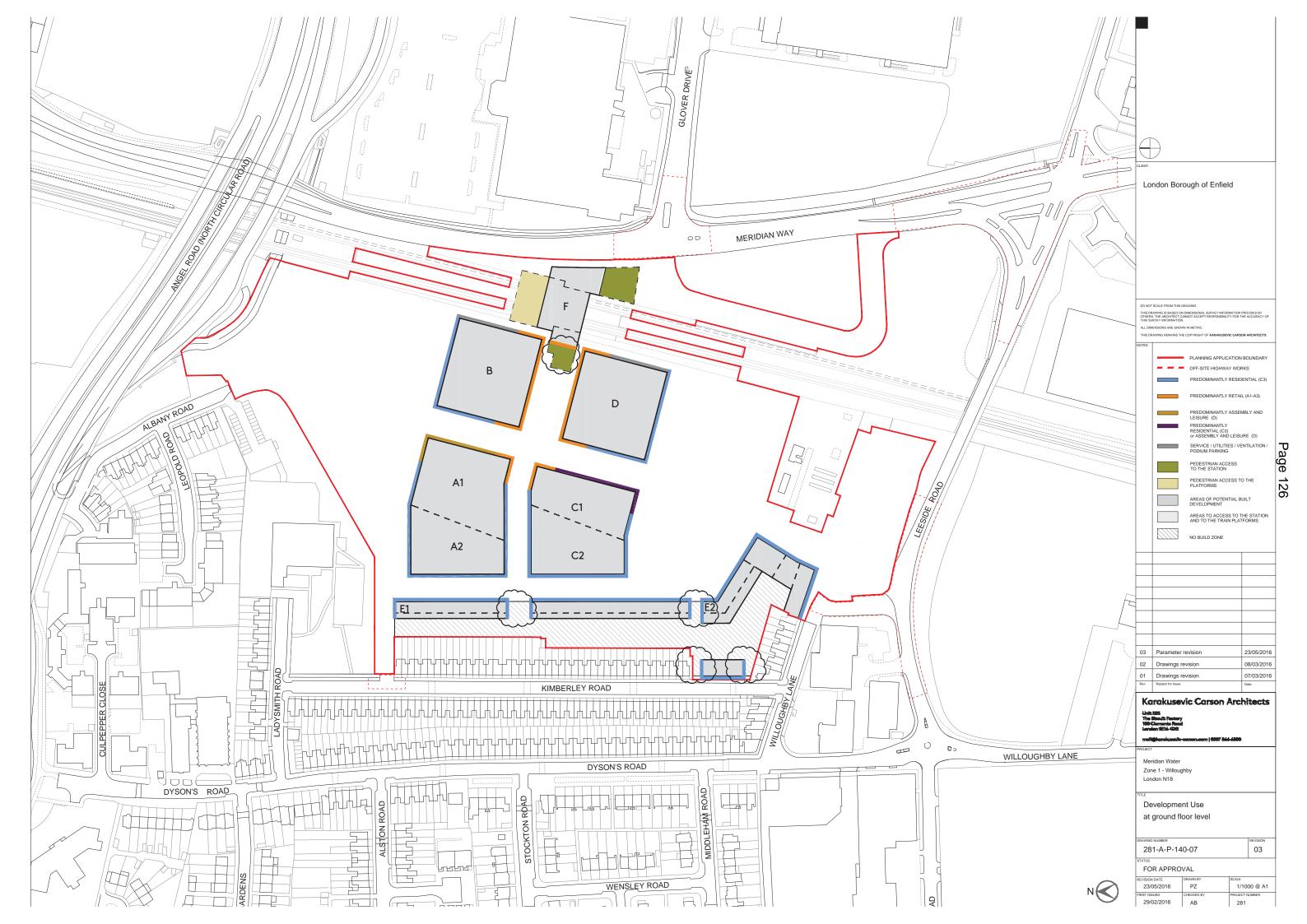














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