# LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Date: 28th January 2014

Report of

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Lock

Application Number: P13-03584LBE Category: Other Development

LOCATION: WELCH HOUSE, BEACONSFIELD ROAD & WOOLPACK HOUSE, KETTERING ROAD, ENFIELD, EN3 6UX

**PROPOSAL:** External refurbishment of existing blocks, comprising provision of an insulated render system, renewal of windows, external doors and balcony balustrading.

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

Mr Kevin Connolly, Enfield homes 36-44 South Mall, The Edmonton Centre, London, Edmonton Green, N9 0TN UK

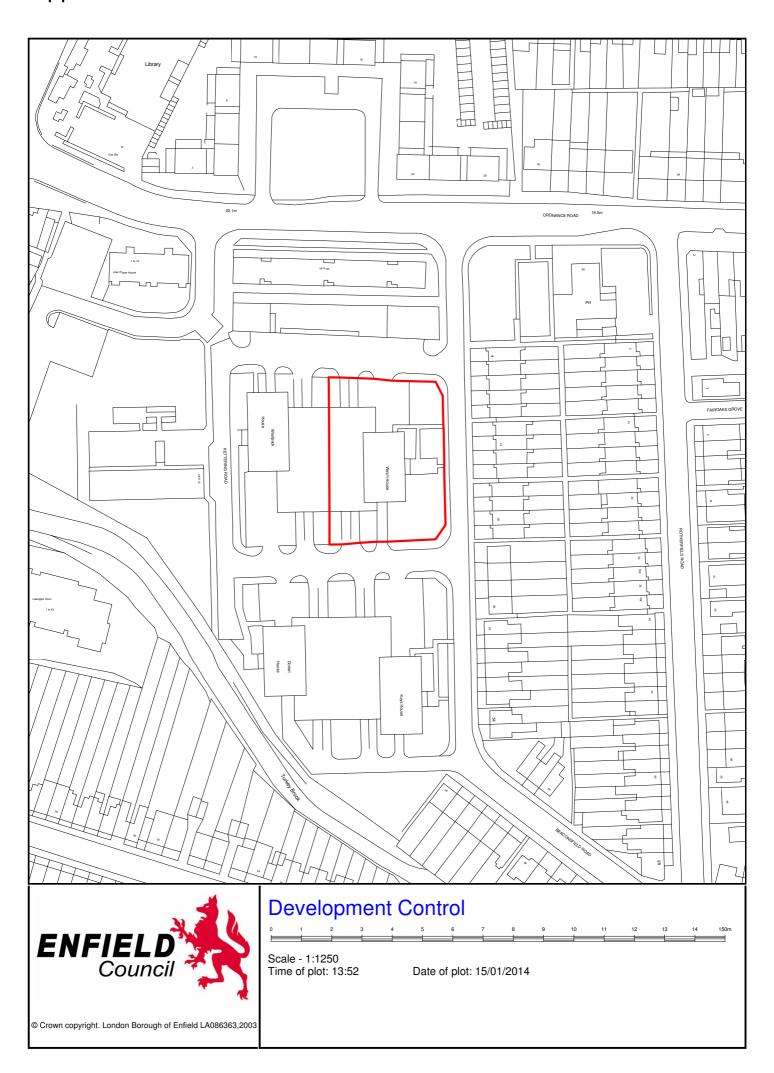
### Agent Name & Address:

Mr Stuart Mcclinton, Hadley Design Associates 1, Christchurch Lane Hadley Green Barnet Barnet Herts EN5 4PL

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That planning permission be deemed to be **GRANTED** in accordance with regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to conditions.

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### 1. Site and Surroundings

- 1.1 Welch House and Woolpack House are stand-alone multi-storey residential buildings. Constructed 1966, the buildings formed part of the local authority housing scheme which included the neighbouring Dorset House and Keys House. The buildings have two units at ground floor and four units on each of the twelve floors above (ie. 13 storeys and 50 units). The buildings are connected by an enclosed car parking area and garages at ground and lower ground levels. The buildings have reinforced concrete frames and brick cladding. The majority of windows are the original galvanised steel frame single glaze; some have been replaced with uPVC double glazed windows.
- 1.2 The site is located within a predominantly residential area bound by Beaconsfield Road and Kettering Road in Enfield Lock Ward.

### 2. Proposal

- 2.1 The application seeks planning permission to refurbish the exterior of the buildings, including:
  - New flat roofing systems.
  - New EWI insulated render systems.
  - New double glazed uPVC windows.
  - New powder coasted galvanised metal balcony balustrades.
- 2.2 The condition of the buildings has deteriorated considerable since their construction and despite various repairs, they now require thorough external refurbishment in order to extend the life of the structures and to meet thermal insulation requirements.

### 3. Relevant Planning Decisions

3.1 There is no relevant planning history for the site.

### 4. Consultations

### 4.1 Statutory and non-statutory consultees

4.1.1 The application was not referred to any statutory or non-statutory consultees.

### 4.2 Public

4.2.1 Letters were sent to thirteen adjoining and nearby residents in addition to two site notices. No objections have been received.

### 5. Relevant Policies

5.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in March 2012 allowed Local Planning Authorities a 12 month transition period to prepare for the full implementation of the NPPF. Within this 12 month period Local Planning Authorities could give full weight to the saved Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies and the Core Strategy which was adopted prior to the NPPF. The 12 month period has now elapsed and as from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013 the Council's saved UDP and Core Strategy policies will be given due weight in accordance to their degree of consistency with the NPPF.

- 5.2 The Development Management Document (DMD) policies have been prepared under the NPPF regime to be NPPF compliant. The submission version of the DMD document was approved by Council on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 for examination by the Secretary of State. Examination and subsequent adoption is expected later this year. The DMD provides detailed criteria and standard based policies by which planning applications will be determined.
- 5.3 The policies listed below are considered to be consistent with the NPPF, therefore due weight should be given to them in assessing the current application.

### 5.4 <u>London Plan (including Revised Early Minor Alterations Oct 2013)</u>

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 5.13	Sustainable drainage
Policy 7.1	Building London's neighbourhoods and communities
Policy 7.4	Local character
Policy 7.6	Architecture

### 5.5 Core Strategy

Core Policy 4	Housing quality
Core Policy 20	Sustainable energy use and energy infrastructure
Core Policy 30	Maintaining and improving the quality of the built and open
	environment

### 5.6 DMD Proposed Submission

DMD 6	Residential character
DMD 8	General standards for new residential development
DMD 37	Achieving high quality and design-led development
DMD 38	Design process
DMD 49	Sustainable design and construction statements
DMD 50	Environmental assessment methods
DMD 51	Energy efficiency standards
DMD 53	Low and zero carbon technology
DMD 54	Allowable solutions
DMD 56	Heating and cooling

### 5.7 UDP Saved Policies

Policy (II) C30	Design, materials and detailing
Policy (II) GD3	Aesthetic and functional design

### 5.8 Other Relevant Policy Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework North East Enfield Area Action Plan

### 6. Analysis

### 6.1 Principle

- 6.1.1 The adopted policies encourage residential refurbishments that increase energy efficiency and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. These proposals form part of a nationwide initiative to upgrade the energy efficiency of existing housing stock and are part of a government set of initiatives designed to help people reduce their fuel bills. However, applications must also be assessed having regard to other material considerations such as impact on the character of the surrounding area and impact on neighbour's amenity.
- 6.2 <u>Impact on the Character and Appearance of the Surrounding Area</u>
- 6.2.1 The adopted policies encourage high quality design that complements the character of the surrounding area. The proposed external alterations are considered relatively minor and would not change the form or articulation of the buildings. The new render finish, windows and balustrades would give the buildings a 'face-lift' and improve their overall appearance. It is noted that the colour of the render has not yet been selected. Details of the finishes could be required by condition.
- 6.3 <u>Impact on Neighbouring Properties</u>
- 6.3.1 The adopted policies seek to protect residential amenity in terms of daylight, sunlight, outlook and privacy. The proposed external alterations would not affect the amenity of residents within or surrounding the buildings.
- 6.4 Community Infrastructure Levy
- 6.4.1 As of April 2010, new legislation in the form of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) came into force which allow '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. The Council is progressing its own CIL but this is not expected to be introduced until spring / summer 2014.
- 6.4.2 The proposed external alterations are not CIL liable.

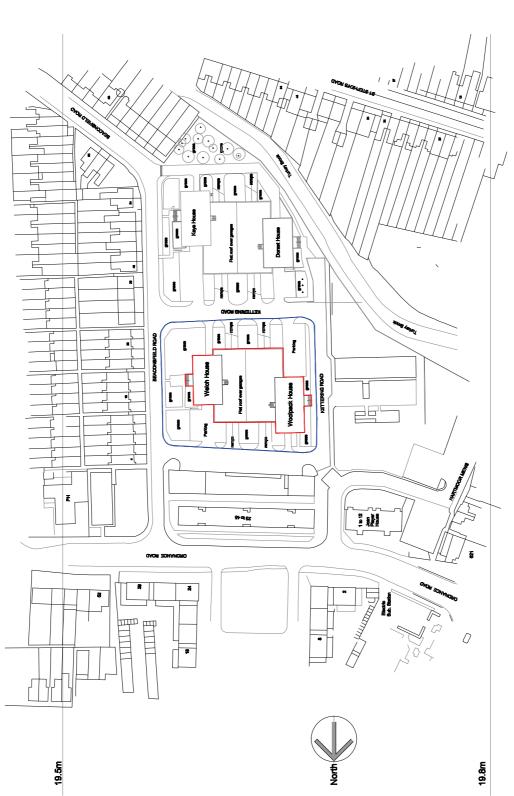
### 7. Conclusion

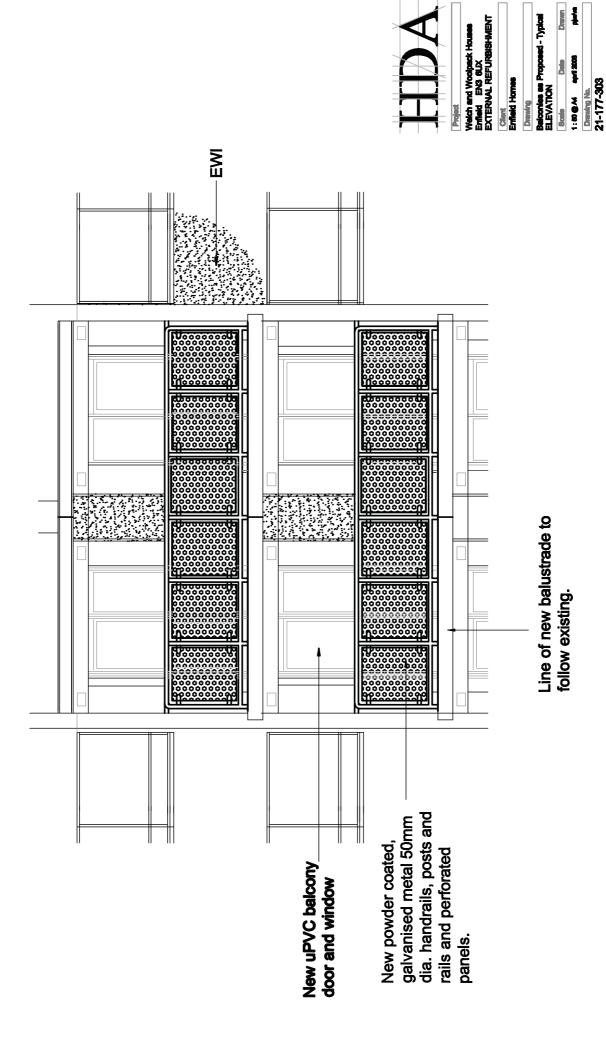
7.1 The proposed refurbishments would increase the energy efficiency of the buildings and improve their overall appearance. The external alterations would have no impact on the amenity of residents within or surrounding the buildings.

### 8. Recommendation

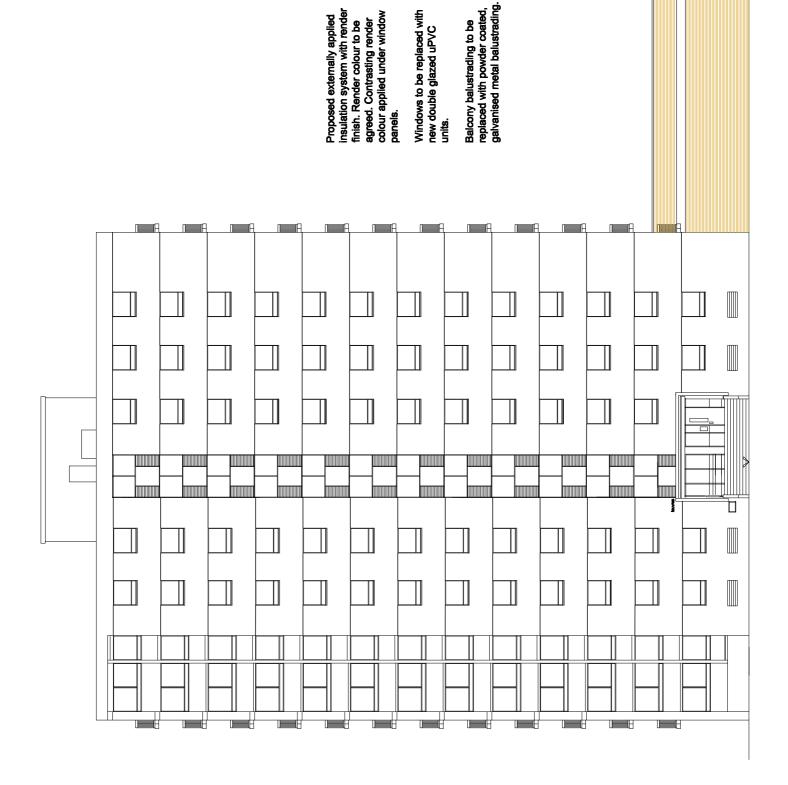
- 8.1 That planning permission be deemed to be granted in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 subject to the following conditions.
  - 1 C60 Approved Plans
  - 2 C03 Details of External Materials
  - 3 C51A Time Limited Permission







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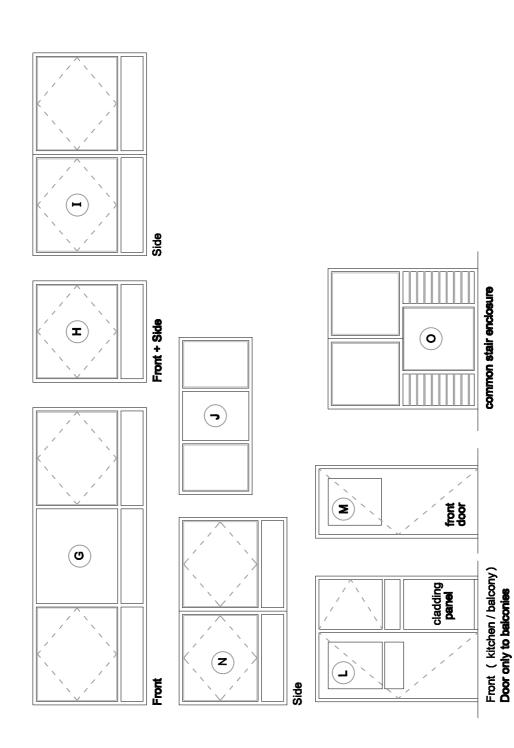
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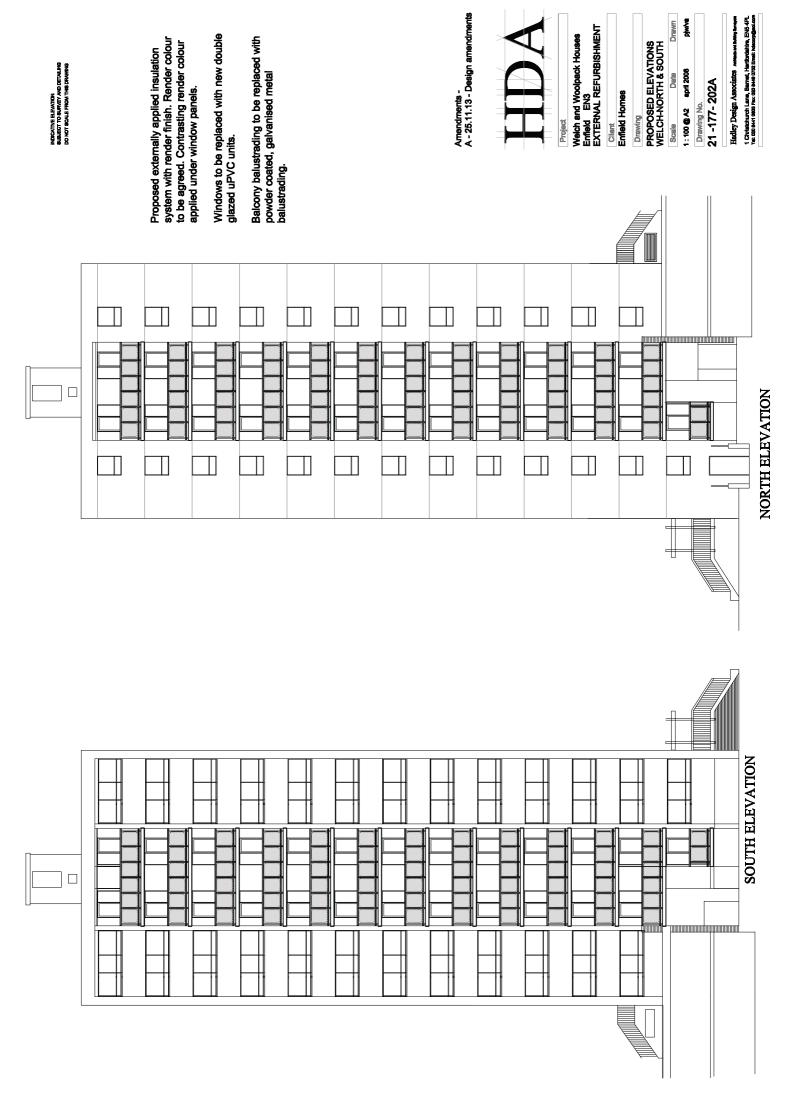


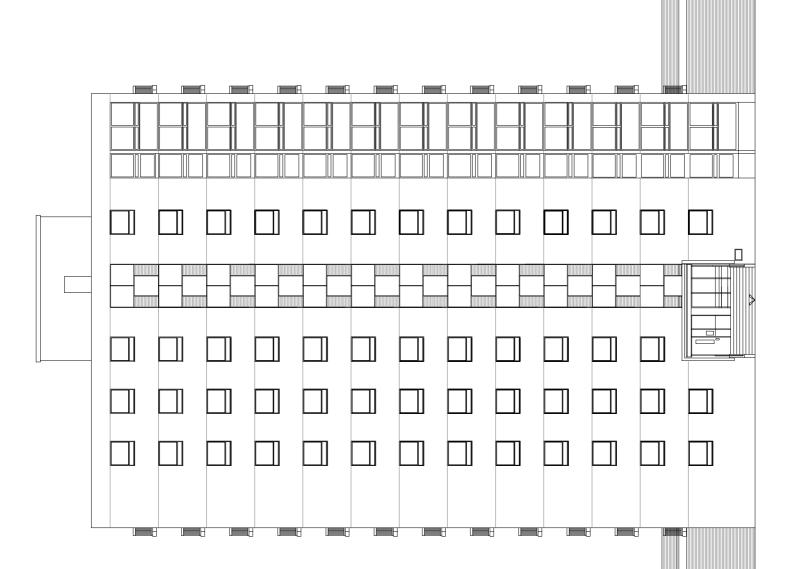


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Proposed externally applied insulation system with render finish. Render colour to be agreed. Contrasting render colour applied under window panels.

Windows to be replaced with new double glazed uPVC units.

Balcony balustrading to be replaced with powder coated, galvanised metal balustrading.



Drawing

PROPOSED ELEVATION WELCH - EAST Date Scale

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