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# Town and Country Planning Act 1990 REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

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## Part I – Particulars of Application

**Application Number: 94974/OUT/18** 

Former B And Q Site, Great Stone Road, Stretford, M32 0YP

Outline application sought for the demolition of existing retail unit and associated structures; erection of a building ranging in height from 5 to 13 storeys for a mix of uses including: 433 apartments (use class C3) and communal spaces ancillary to the residential use; flexible spaces for use classes A1, A3, B1, D1, and/or D2; undercroft car parking; new public realm; and associated engineering works and infrastructure. Consent is sought for access, appearance, layout and scale with all other matters reserved.

#### Part II - Particulars of Decision

That Trafford Borough Council hereby gives notice in pursuance of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that **PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED** for the carrying out of the development referred to in Part 1 hereof for the following reason(s):-

#### Refusal Reason(s):

1. The proposed development would represent poor design as its height, scale, layout, density, massing and monolithic appearance are inappropriate in its

context and would result in a building which would be significantly out of scale and keeping with its surroundings. This would have a highly detrimental impact on the street scene and the character and quality of the area. This would be contrary to Policies SL3, R3 and L7 of the adopted Trafford Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 2. The proposed development would not provide a development plan policy compliant level of planning obligations in relation to affordable housing; spatial green infrastructure and outdoor sports provision; healthcare facilities; and site specific highways improvements to suitably and appropriately mitigate the impacts of the development. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that there is a robust viability case to demonstrate that the scheme could not offer a policy compliant level of obligations. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policies SL3, L2, L4, L5, L7 and L8 of the adopted Core Strategy and the Council's adopted Revised Supplementary Planning Document 1 (SPD1) Planning Obligations and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 3. The proposed development by virtue of its height, massing, scale and layout would result in a poor level of amenity and unacceptable living standards for future occupiers of the development, by virtue of inadequate daylight, sunlight and outlook in both apartments and amenity areas. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policies SL3, L3 and L7 of the adopted Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 4. The proposed development by virtue of its height, massing, scale and layout would result in harm to the amenity of existing residential properties on Great Stone Road and Trent Bridge Walk by virtue of noticeable reductions in the amount of daylight and sunlight that they receive, and would also have an overbearing impact on these properties and other residential properties in the wider 'Gorses' area. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policies SL3, L3 and L7 and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 5. The applicant has failed to demonstrate, through the submission of sufficient information, that the adverse wind related impacts of the development can be adequately mitigated. Based on the information before the Council the proposal would result in an unacceptably windy environment for future occupiers of the development, to the detriment of their amenity and which would not provide acceptable living conditions, contrary to Policy SL3, L3 and L7 of the adopted Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 6. The proposed development would have a harmful impact on the setting of Trafford Town Hall equating to 'less than substantial' harm in National Planning Policy Framework terms. The benefits of the scheme are not considered to outweigh the identified harm to a designated heritage asset. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policies SL3, L3 and R1 of the adopted Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 7. The applicant has failed to provide requested information to allow an informed assessment to be made of the impact of the proposed development on the setting and therefore significance of Longford Park Conservation Area, a designated heritage asset. The applicant has therefore failed to demonstrate the development would not harm the significance of the designated heritage asset. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policy R1 and Place Objective STO22 of the adopted Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 8. The proposed development would have a dominating and adverse impact on Lancashire Cricket Club (LCC) as well as its setting and cultural character and identity. LCC is a non-designated heritage asset and internationally significant visitor attraction, cultural and tourism venue. The scale of the harm and the significance of the asset, as well as the potential impact on the visitor experience are considered to be sufficient to weigh strongly against the proposals. The development is therefore contrary to Policies SL3, R1 and R6 of the adopted Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- 9. No dedicated car parking is provided for the 1,181sq metres of retail and / or commercial floorspace proposed and the applicant has not demonstrated that reasonable and enforceable planning conditions could be used to limit the use of this floorspace to occupants of the proposed development. Failure to provide adequate car parking provision for these uses would result in ad-hoc on street parking to the detriment of highway and pedestrian safety, contrary to Policy L4 of the adopted Core Strategy, SPD3: Parking Standards and Design and the National Planning Policy Framework.

### **INFORMATIVES:**

- The proposal would not improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area nor does it comply with the development plan and therefore does not comprise sustainable development. There were no amendments to the scheme, or conditions which could reasonably have been imposed, which could have made the development acceptable and it was therefore not possible to approve the application.
- 2. Street naming and numbering is a legal function of the council to allocate numbers and road names to new developments and conversions. Information is available on our website (www.trafford.gov.uk) to explain the process for requesting postal addresses and street names. Please note, we cannot be held responsible for any costs that may arise from the use of un-official addresses if, at a later date, we issue official addresses that differ.

Date of decision: 29th March 2019



Head of Planning and Development **Rebecca Coley** 

Please read notes provided

## Town and Country Planning Act 1990 The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) England (Order) 2015

#### 1. Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.

Appeals can be made online at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate">https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate</a>.

If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local Planning Authority based their decision on a direction given by him.

#### 2. Purchase Notices

If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refused permission to develop land or grants it subjects to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of the London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- 3. In certain circumstances a claim may be made against the Local Planning Authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to him. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in Section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 4. Notice is given in accordance with Section 63. Greater Manchester Act 1981 that consideration will be given to means of access for the Fire Brigade when plans are deposited for Building Regulations approval.

Notes continued overleaf

### 5. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Disabled Persons Act 1981

If this permission relates to the provision of buildings or premises to which the public are to be admitted, with or without payment, or in which the public are employed: e.g. office, shop, factory, railway premises etc. or of an educational nature: e.g. university, hall of university, college, school, teacher training college etc. the applicants attention is drawn to the provisions and requirements of the above Acts.

A full list of buildings and premises involved will be found in Section 76 of the Act of 1990 and 83 of the Act of 1981.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to comply with the requirements of the Acts.

(a) The statutory requirements are those set out in section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 namely Sections 70 and 72(1) of the Act.