Planning Committee: 21.09.2022

Briefing Note

ITEM 01 - Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing (223130LBC)

Report:

Section Community Groups and Neighbour Notification

19 comments received, 17 objections and 2 neutral (from statutory consultees). Further representation:

Should be a referendum as the property belongs to the people. What benefit to Ealing people. Should be a public swimming pool. Why so desperate to push through?

Cllr Anthony Young provided the following comments –

This planning application is an improvement on the previous, but still has a fundamental fault in that the large and prominent infill development detracts from the building as a whole, rather than enhancing the rear elevation. In the words of CENF, the infill building is mundane and does not complement the existing Grade II design.

Note should be taken of the objections expressed by the Council for British Archaeology and the Victorian Society who consider that this application would cause harm to the architectural, aesthetic, and evidential value of the Town Hall, by rendering illegible its original dominant position within the streetscape. The scale and massing of the proposed extension would also have a negative impact on the character and appearance of the Ealing Town Centre Conservation Area.

The change in the London Plan gives us the reason to reconsider our approach to the application and to insist on an infill development which sympathetic to the existing architecture.

I would urge the Planning Committee to reject this application.