# Historic Context



1871

Ordnance Survey map with the Development site marked. Much of Belsize Park to the east had yet to be developed, including Eton Avenue, which now forms the northern boundary of the site.



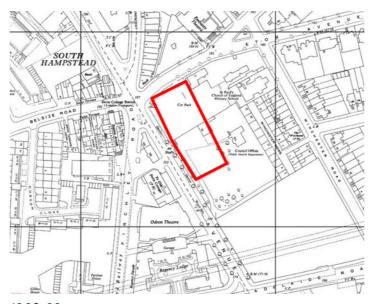
1954-55

Ordnance Survey map showing relatively limited change from 1915.



1890

Ordnance Survey map showing the extensive development which had taken place between 1871 and this point.



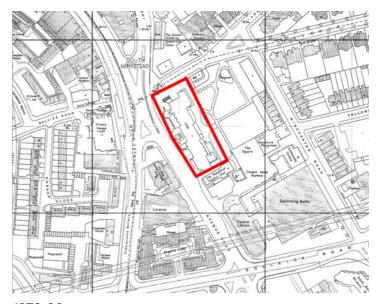
1960-69

Ordnance Survey map. Some extensive clearance had taken place, some of it for the proposed Hampstead Civic Centre, as well as a large car park and some Council offices.



1915

Ordnance Survey map with the Friedenheim on the site now marked as St. Columba's Hospice. By this point, the cinema and Regency Lodge opposite had been developed, and Finchley Road was now lined by quite large buildings.



1978-86

Ordnance Survey map showing the current building at 100 Avenue Road as completed as well as the 1964 buildings of the Hampstead Civic Centre and Swiss Cottage Open Space.

# Listed Buildings

### **Heritage Context**

To assess the potential heritage impacts of the proposed development, detailed mapping of heritage assets has been carried out within the immediate and wider context. The map identifies listed buildings within 750 meters of the site. Please refer to the Heritage, Townscape, & Visual Impact Assessment provided by Turley for further information.

### **Conservation Areas**

- Belsize Conservation Area, the closest conservation area;
- Fitzjohn's and Netherhall Conservation Area;
- Alexandra Conservation Area;
- South Hampstead;
- Elsworthy Road; and
- St John's Wood.

### **Listed Buildings**

- Grade II listed Hampstead Figure Sculptures;
- Grade II listed Swiss Cottage Library;
- Grade II listed Regency Lodge;
- Grade II listed buildings on Eton Avenue; and
- Grade II\* listed Fire Station on Lancaster Grove.

### **Locally Listed Buildings**

- Hampstead Theatre
- Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre
- Swiss Cottage Park
- Royal School of Speech and Drama



Locally Listed Buildings

Unlisted Buildings of Merit



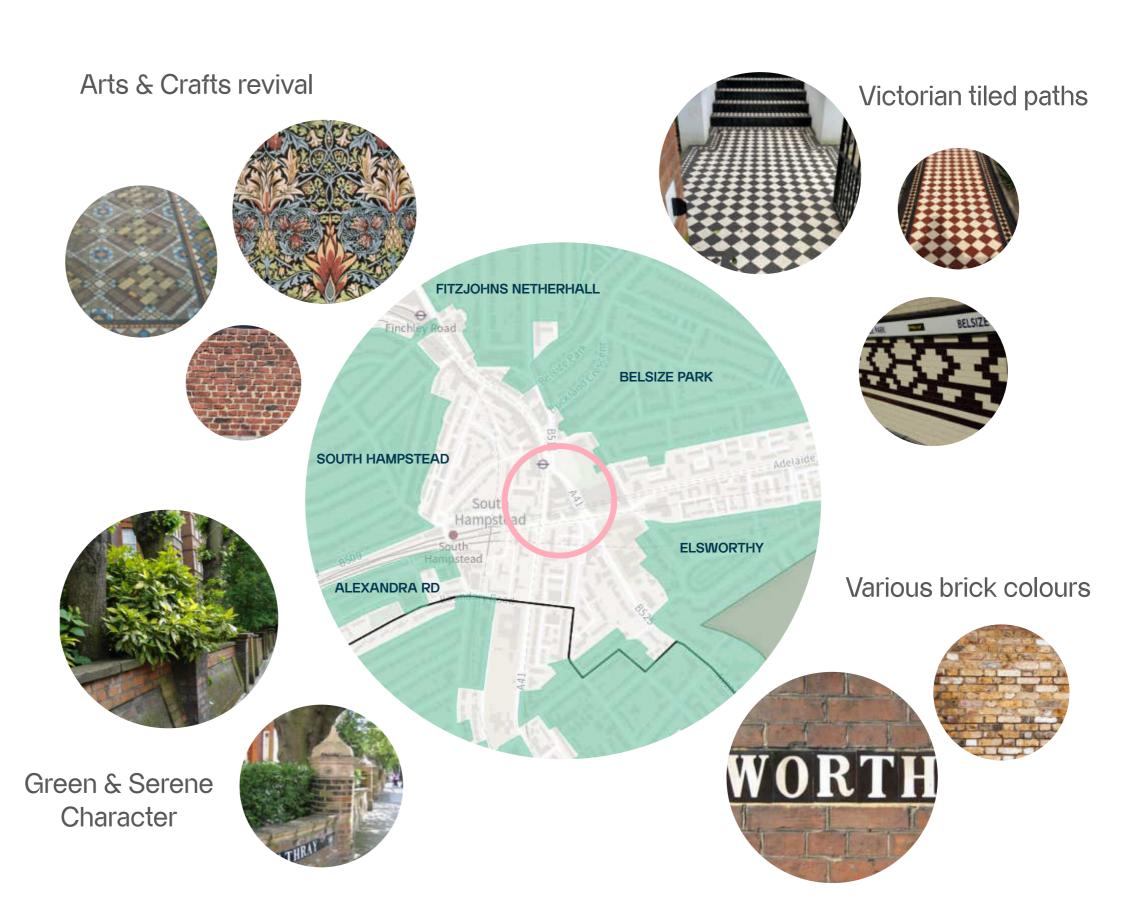
# Local character

The site is located adjacent to five Conservation Areas, namely Fitzjohns Netherhall and Belsize Park to the north, Elsworthy to the south east and South Hampstead and Alexandra Road to the west.

While each area has its distinct character, they share several key similarities:

- Predominated residential areas featuring a mix of Victorian and Edwardian architecture;
- · Arts & crafts design elements including brickwork with finely detailed Arts and Crafts inspired decoration;
- One of the most prominent features of the area is lush green front gardens, with ornate garden walls topped with hedges or railings which give the area an attractive and serene quality.

These elements will be referenced in the landscape design to create a high quality public realm that will embed the development into the surrounding context.



# Neighbouring Buildings and Features

### North

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To the north of the site is the School of Speech and Drama, the Hampstead Theatre and a pedestrianised area at Eton Avenue which is used five days a week as Swiss Cottage Market that gives the area its singular character.

After previous theatre buildings in several other locations, the theatre was brought to this site in Swiss Cottage and completed in 2003 becoming a building of interest in the area. It consists of two floors including the main auditorium, a studio theatre and a cafe space which has a seating area overlooking Swiss Cottage Open Space

The School of Speech and Drama has been a part of the University of London since 2005. It was redeveloped as a civic and cultural destination with the recent construction of the new wing.

An application is currently pending for redevelopment of the two storey building adjacent to Avenue Road (ref. 2024/3971/P).



1. Swiss Cottage Market









# Neighbouring Buildings and Features

### East

Directly to the east is the Swiss Cottage Open Space redeveloped in 2006 and designed by Gustafson Power + Bowman, which is identified on the London Borough of Camden's list of locally listed landscape areas. Approximately 1 hectare, it is popular with the local residents and visitors to the area. The site is surrounded by a group of civic and cultural buildings

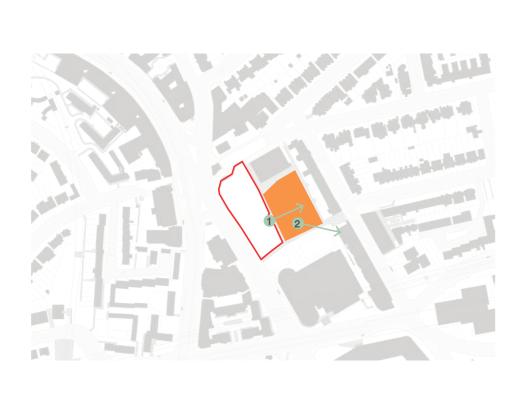
The design is based on a sculpted land form of green areas, with pronounced angles and sloping contours. A central water feature was designed for children's play use.

From the park, the Visage residential development can be seen stepping away in height to the south. Further to the south-east, two of the Chalcots Estate towers are clearly visible.

The London Borough of Camden are bringing forward the Swiss Cottage Open Space Improvement Project which aims to enhance the quality of the park to benefit the local community and environment. The project has been split into 5 phases and Phase 1 delivery begins in January 2025. Phase 1 relates to the central area, to the east of the Site.



1. Swiss Cottage Open Space





2. Visage Residential Development with Chalcots Estate Towers beyond and leisure centre in the foreground

# Neighbouring Buildings and Features

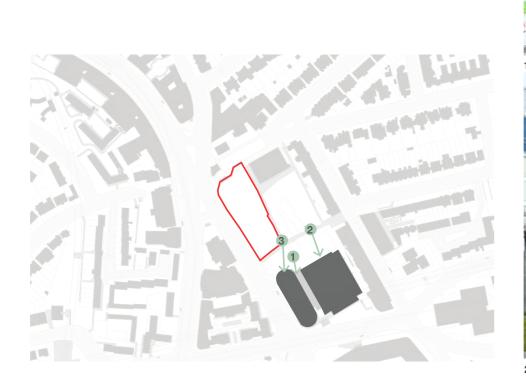
### South

Immediately to the south of the site is the listed Grade II Swiss Cottage Library, built in 1963 by Architect Sir Basil Spence. It was originally planned to provide a new civic centre with offices and council chambers but this plan was finally abandoned and only the central library was built.

Together with the Hampstead Theatre and the Leisure Centre, the Library is part of this significant cultural and civic complex that surrounds the site.

The library was refurbished in 2003, with works restricted to the interior. The library is also undergoing further retrofit works as part of wider upgrades to improve energy efficiency of the building. The architecture is characterised by its prominent curved ends and its vertical concrete fins. Internally, the building has a split level design with various mezzanines and curving staircases.

The Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre, overlooking the adjacent open space, is a hub of activity with extended opening hours that cater to a wide range of users throughout the day and evening. Built in 2006, it showcases a modern architectural style and a focus on transparency and openness, to complement its surroundings. The centre's active use and vibrant atmosphere contribute to the vitality of the open space, enhancing its appeal as a community focal point.





1. Swiss Cottage Library North end



2. Swiss Cottage Leisure Centre and sports pitch



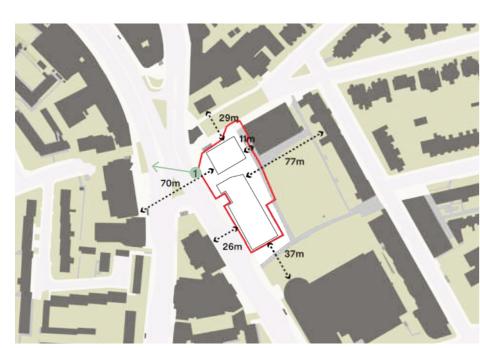
3. Swiss Cottage Library North end from open space

# Neighbouring Buildings and Features

### West

Just to the west of the site is Avenue Road. This is one of the main northern arteries to and from Central London and designated by TfL as a Red Route. This route is dominated by continuous traffic and public transport with pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. Consequently there are many pedestrian movements and notable traffic noise. Additionally, there are underpasses providing access to Swiss Cottage Underground Station, further increasing pedestrian activity in the area.

There are several tall buildings in this area which characterises the southern border of the Swiss Cottage Town Centre.



Separation Distances



1. View West across Avenue Road

# Land Use

Public Space

Railways

Retail at Ground Floor

The site is located in an area of considerable diversity of land uses. The wider context is characterised by a broad mix of residential uses of differing typologies, scales, periods, and styles. Finchley Road and Avenue Road are part of a ribbon of mixed commercial uses at ground floor, with part residential/part commercial above, alongside civic and leisure uses focused around the park. Trevor Roberts School Royal Central School of Speech and Drama inc. Embassy Theatre Best Western Swiss Cottage Hotel Retail along high street -Ye Olde Swiss Cottage · Swiss Cottage Open Space Swiss Cottage Swiss Cottage Library Education Leisure/Culture London Marriott Hotel Swiss Cottage Regents Park Health/Leisure Leisure Centre

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Swiss Cottage

The UCL Academy -----

Community Centre

# Routes and Transport Links

### Vehicular Routes and Movement

The site at Avenue Road is located at the convergence of Finchley Road, Avenue Road, College Crescent and Eton Avenue. It is located on a major arterial link (A41) providing access north to the M1 and south to central London.

Avenue Road operates one-way southbound with varying lane provisions and separations through its local extent, forming opportunities for northbound circulation via Finchley Road in a circulatory pattern. In the vicinity of the Site, Avenue Road is part of a TfL Red Route (known as the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) restricting stopping on-street.

From these roads, there is access to secondary key roads that lead to east and west London. Within close distance is Hampstead Heath to the northeast, Belsize Park and Camden Town to the east and Queen's Park to the west.

The site has excellent public transport linkages with 6b PTAL score, which is the maximum possible. The site is above Swiss Cottage Underground station with access to Jubilee Line. This station has four exits, all within 2 minutes walking distance from the main entrance of the existing building. The site is also well served by bus stops.

### Key:





# Building Heights Context

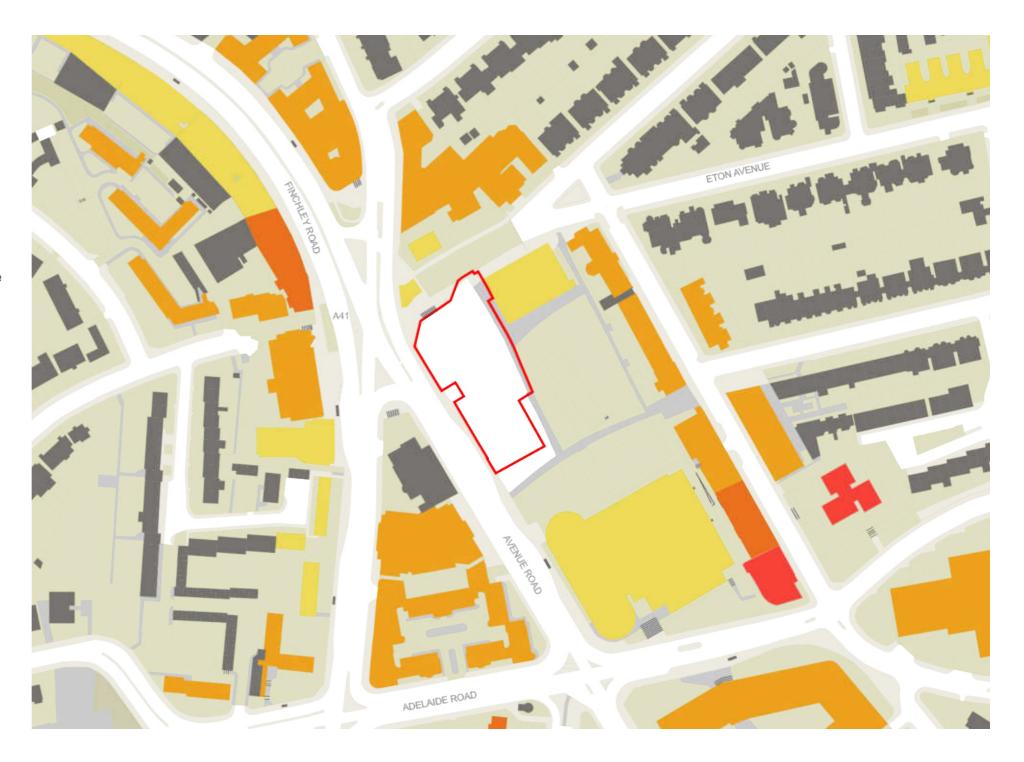
### **Building Heights**

The surrounding context of the site is varied in scale. There are a number of medium height and tall buildings within the vicinity of the site.

- To the west of the site both Cresta House and Central Heights rise to between 10 and 12 storeys respectively.
- To the south Boydell Court rises to 11 storeys.
- To the south east, the Visage apartment building rises to 13 storeys and the adjacent Taplow Tower is 24 storeys and forms one of four identical towers running east.

These buildings, like 100 Avenue Road, are not within any of the adjacent Conservation Areas but are clearly visible from them and in some cases are located in close proximity.





# Open Space and Play

### **Open Space and Play Wider Context**

The wider area surrounding the site offers a variety of parks, open spaces, and play areas.

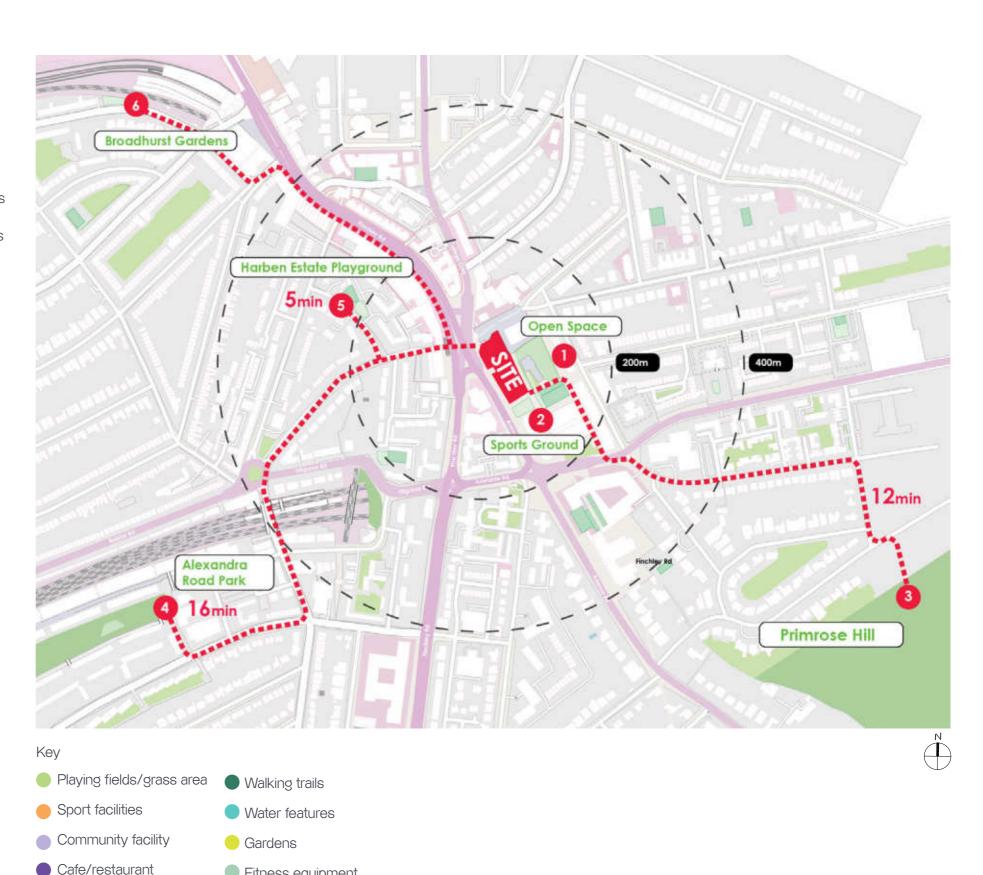
Adjacent to the site is the Swiss Cottage Open Space, a well-maintained urban park that serves as a vibrant community hub. Surrounding the park are key amenities, including the Swiss Cottage Library, the Leisure Centre, and the Hampstead Theatre. The park itself features terraced lawns, various seating areas for relaxation, a central water feature, a toddler play area, a multi-use games area, and a outdoor gym, providing extensive opportunities for leisure and outdoor activities. It also boasts a significant number of mature trees, creating a lush green backdrop to the northeast side of the site, enhancing its character and connection to nature.

To the southwest lies Alexandra Road Park, offering high-quality, publicly accessible play areas and open spaces. To the southeast is Primrose Hill, renowned for its recreational facilities and opportunities for play and connection with nature.

The diagram below illustrates the walking routes from the site to these key open spaces.



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Fitness equipment

Historic features

Formal play area

# Existing Trees

There are a number of high quality trees adjacent to the site, summarised below:

- Eton Avenue features a number of large Category B London Plane trees which are distinctive landmarks and provide shade for the farmer's market;
- The Swiss Cottage Open Space frontage is defined by an avenue of Category B Tulip Trees;
- An avenue of category B Wild Cherry trees runs through the Open Space to the south of the lower block. These are a distinctive local landmarks when in blossom;
- A group of Category B Common Lime Trees are located in the current Open Space fitness area to the south of the site;
- A Category A London Plane is located on Avenue Road to the south of the building.

Although all existing trees are located outside the site boundary, some root protection areas (RPAs) of the existing trees extend into the site. All existing trees will be retained and protected during construction in accordance with BS5837:2012.

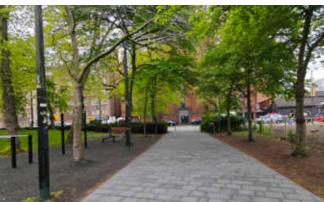




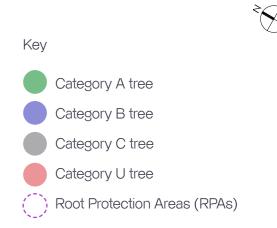
Mature London Plane trees on Eton Avenue



Avenue of Tulip trees on the Open Space frontage

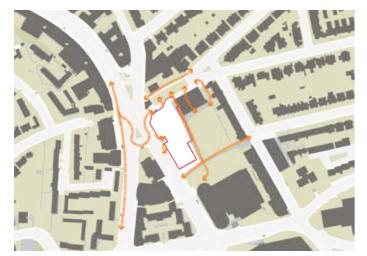


Cherry and Lime trees south of the site in the Open Space



# 3.4 Site Constraints and Opportunities

## Land Use



### Pedestrian Movement

Focus of activity is centred around the Swiss Cottage Open Space, Swiss Cottage Market, retail uses, cafés and the library but the underground access is the most frequently used.

The children's play area located to the south generates east west movement across the park. North south movement tends to be associated with access to and from the library, the leisure centre and the occasional market.

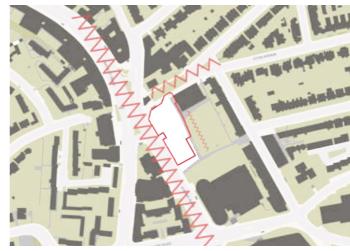


### Roads and Access to Site

As Avenue Road is a TfL 'double red route', the site is predominantly accessed via pedestrian routes along Avenue Road and across the Park.

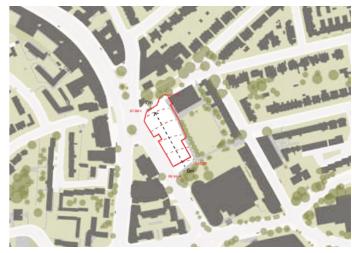
The main vehicular access to the site basement is via the ramp under the Hampstead Theatre.

The Extant Permission also provides a ground level access point for servicing and emergency access at surface level via Eton Avenue.



### Noise and Pollution

The most noticeable noise source is the traffic on Avenue Road and Finchley Road. This traffic is also the source of air pollution.

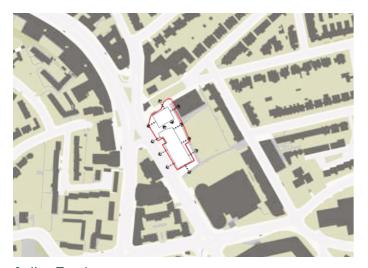


### **Existing Trees**

The site is bordered by category B trees of moderate quality and maturity, primarily to the south-east and west. In the Open Space to the east, trees and planting define pathways and enhance the park's enclosure and character.

### Topography and Site Levels

The site slopes 2 meters from north to south, requiring careful alignment with existing pavement levels to ensure smooth integration with the surroundings.



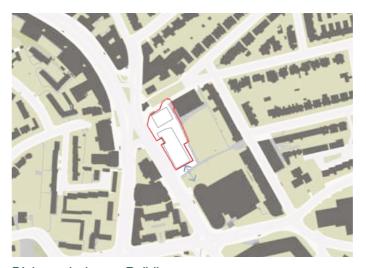
### **Active Frontages**

The site offers an opportunity to improve and activate the largely poor quality ground floor frontage of the extant permission on all sides of the site, responding to the established and emerging pedestrian and vehicular routes.



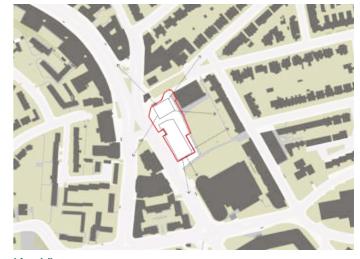
### Creation of Link

The site offers an opportunity to create a new access to the Swiss Cottage Open Space, giving it greater presence to and from Avenue Road.



### Dialogue between Buildings

Any built form to the southern edge of the site will provide the opportunity to create a response to the public space and the strong façade of the public library.



### Key Views

The site is visible from a number of viewing corridors which identify the site as an important node. From the site there are numerous low long views available at both the north and south ends. An appropriate response will reinforce and take advantage of these



Public and Stakeholder Engagement

# 4.1 Design Evolution

# Pre-application Meeting Time-line

The design has evolved in collaboration with planning and design officers at London Borough of Camden Open Spaces Team, input from residents and stakeholders engagement with feedback from the Design Review Panel. Below is a time-line of key meetings with the council and summary of input which has informed the evolution of the proposal. Further details of the key design changes are summarised later in this chapter.



### Pre-App 3 (17.07.24)

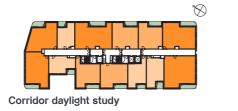
Team presented the latest emerging design proposals.

- General support for retaining the building envelopes, change of tenure, installation of second staircase, increased number of homes, support for enhanced energy and sustainability strategy.
- Further detail around how additional floors can be delivered within the massing
- Townscape viewpoints were agreed
- Further detail around materiality requested
- Suggested liaison with Open Spaces team to discuss Swiss Cottage Open Space Improvement scheme
- Recommended meeting with highways officers to agree the approach for cycle parking

### Pre-App 5 (09.09.24)

Team presented the evolved scheme including feedback from Open Spaces and Highways, updated internal layouts, evolving community space following feedback from The Winch and updated public realm proposals.

- Further review of extent of ground floor commercial frontages and how these relate to the landscape
- Further detail of key routes, movements and uses within the landscape requested.
- Queries around no. of dual and single aspect
- Request to explore if daylight can be incorporated into corridors in lower block.
- Technical review with relevant consultants air quality considerations for ventilation, SUDs strategy and acoustic insulation



### Developing detail within the mass



### Developing bay studies

### Pre-App 6 (23.10.25)

Team presented updated residential layouts and revised proposals for The Winch community space.

Briefing

24.11.24

- Support for inclusion of more generous space for the lower block residential and community
- Support for extension of corridor in lower block southwards to incorporate a window and also inclusion of lightwells in the corridors. Request to consider extending the corridor northwards in addition.

### DRP (13.09.24) Feedback

- Further development of architectural approach and character of the buildings and how the development will be experienced in local views.
- Internal residential layouts to be developed and consideration of whether light can be brought into the corridors.
- Consider more articulation at roof level
- Details on pedestrian experience and as a resident accessing the buildings. Review affordable block entrance.
- Section / diagrams which show floor to floor and ceiling details and reduction from extant scheme
- Further develop information and narrative on façades, particularly the ground floor.

"The panel is pleased to see proposals for such an important site, but makes recommendations on developing architecture, improving ground floors and landscape, improving accommodation, and developing sustainability ambitions."

(Design Review Panel Feedback October 2024)

### Roof level articulation study



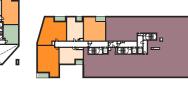


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### Initial spatial studies









Defining concepts within the mass









# 4.2 Meeting & Consultation Time-line

# Public Consultations

### **Public Consultations**

A project website (www.100avenueroad.uk), has been updated throughout the pre-application / design development process.

Two Rounds of Public Consultation undertaken in July 2024 and November 2024, including:

- A total of four in-person public consultation events (16.07.24, 20.07.24, 06.11.24 and 09.11.24).
- Newsletter drop to approximately 10,400 local residents and **business** to advertise the events, including measures taken to ensure the receipt of newsletters/ guarantee delivery (i.e. hand delivery to Winchester Road).
- 'Meta' (and other social media) advertisements within a 3km radius to promote consultation events.
- Advertisement in the Camden New Journal (Paper and Online).

Regular meetings and dialogue with potential community space operator have taken place throughout the design development process, to ensure their needs are met.















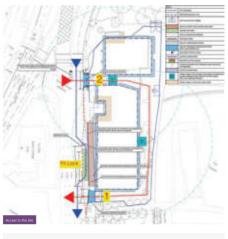
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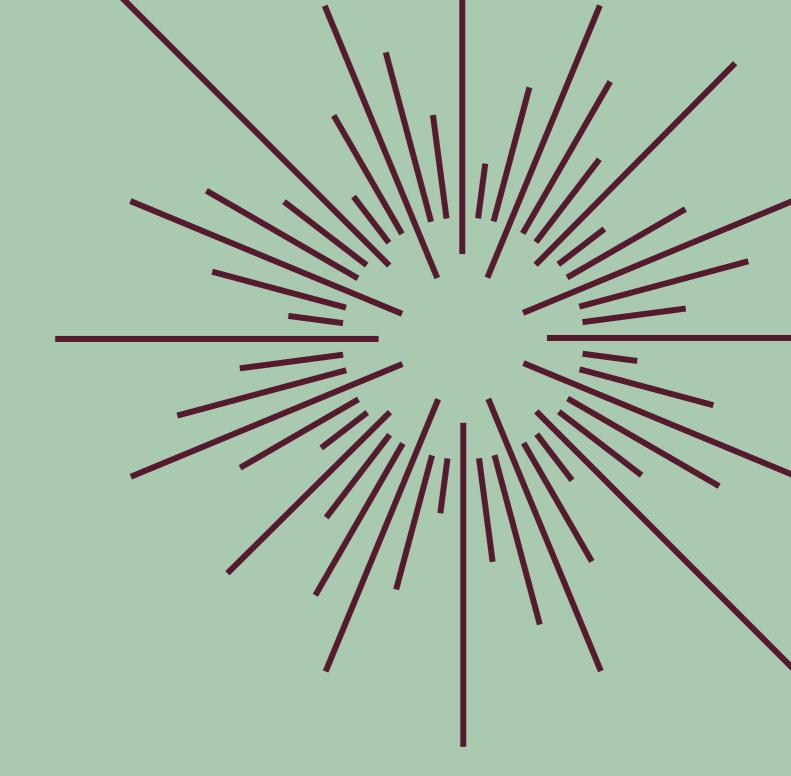




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# 5.0



# Design Principles

Optimising the Extant Permission

# 5.1 Principles established by the Extant Permission

# Overview of Extant Scheme

### **Analysis of the Extant Scheme**

The Extant Permission consists of two distinct elements: a tower building (138.19m AOD) and a lower building (82.465m AOD), located at the corner of Avenue Road and Eton Avenue. The key components are as follows:

### **Tower Building**

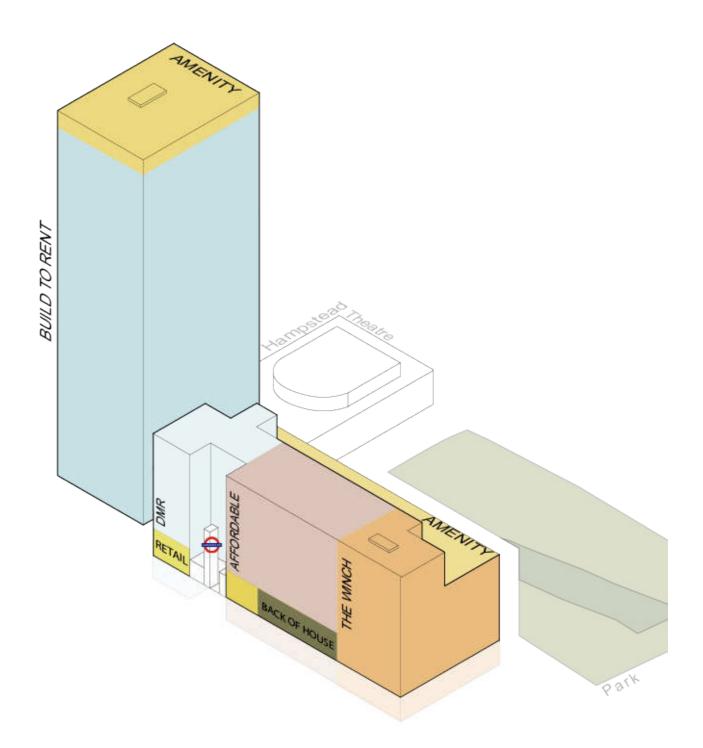
Build to Rent Units: 130 homes

 Ground Floor Retail: A 219sqm (GEA) retail space facing Hampstead Theatre.

- Internal Amenity Spaces: Dedicated facilities for residents.

### Lower Building

- Discount Market Rent Units (DMR) and Affordable Units: 54 homes.
  Vertically expressed and separated by tenure.
- Community Centre: A 1,741sqm (GEA) dedicated space.
- Ground Floor Retail: An 882sqm (GEA) retail area around the London Underground entrance.
- Substation and Back of House: Spaces facing Avenue Road
- External Amenity Spaces: Designed as three distinct separations for DMR and affordable residents and community interaction.



**Extant Scheme**