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CENTRAL MAILROOM Registry Support Office - 02 Our ref: D&P/3224SC05 Your ref: 2013/7646/P Date: 20 January 2014

Dear Mr McDonagh.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007; Town & Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008
79 Camden Road

I refer to the copy of the above planning application, which was received from you on 12 December 2013. On 20 January 2014 Sir Edward Lister, Deputy Mayor and Chief of Staff, acting under delegated authority, considered a report on this proposal, reference D&P/3224/01. A copy of the report is attached, in full. This letter comprises the statement that the Mayor is required to provide under Article 4(2) of the Order.

The Deputy Mayor considers that, whilst the principle of the redevelopment of this site for housing is supported, and the design of the proposal is of a high quality, the application does not comply with the London Plan, for the reasons set out in paragraph 54 of the above-mentioned report; but that the possible remedies set out in this report could address these deficiencies.

If your Council subsequently resolves to make a draft decision on the application, it must consult the Mayor again under Article 5 of the Order and allow him fourteen days to decide whether to allow the draft decision to proceed unchanged, or direct the Council under Article 6 to refuse the application, or issue a direction under Article 7 that he is to act as the local planning authority for the purpose of determining the application and any connected application. You should therefore send me a copy of any representations made in respect of the application, and a copy of any officer's report, together with a statement of the decision your authority proposes to make, and (if it proposed to grant permission) a statement of any conditions the authority proposes to impose and a draft of any planning obligation it proposes to enter into and details of any proposed planning contribution.

Please note that the Transport for London case officer is Alex Rajnarine (020 3054 7043).



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planning report D&P/3224/01

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in the London Borough of Camden planning application no. 2013/7646/P

Strategic planning application stage 1 referral

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Greater London Authority Acts 1999 and 2007; Town & Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008

The proposal

Demolition of existing buildings, and construction of six-interlocking perimeter blocks, up to seven-storeys in height, comprising 166 residential units.

The applicant

The applicant is Barratt West London, and the architect is Sheppard Robson.

Strategic issues

The principle of the redevelopment of this site for housing is supported, and the design of the proposal is of a high quality. However, there are outstanding strategic planning concerns relating to **affordable housing**, **climate change** and **transport**.

Recommendation

That Camden Council be advised that, whilst the principle of the proposal is supported, the application does not comply with the London Plan, for the reasons set out in paragraph 54 of this report. However, the resolution of those issues could lead to the application becoming compliant with the London Plan.

Context

- On 12 December 2013 the Mayor of London received documents from Camden Council notifying him of a panning application of potential strategic importance to develop the above site for the above uses. Under the provisions of The Town & Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 the Mayor has until 22 January 2014 to provide the Council with a statement setting out whether he considers that the application complies with the London Plan, and his reasons for taking that view. The Mayor may also provide other comments. This report sets out information for the Mayor's use in deciding what decision to make.
- 2 The application is referable under Category 1A of the Schedule to the Order 2008: "Development which comprises or includes the provision of more than 150 houses, flats, or houses and flats".

- 3 Once Camden Council has resolved to determine the application, it is required to refer it back to the Mayor for his decision as to whether to direct refusal; take it over for his own determination; or allow the Council to determine it itself.
- 4 The Mayor of London's statement on this case will be made available on the GLA website www.london.gov.uk.

Site description

- The 0.42 hectare site is located to the north-east of Camden town centre, and is bound to the east by Camden Road, to the south by St Pancras Way, to the west by existing commercial properties, and to the north by Rochester Place. The site is located outside the designated town centre boundary, and is not within a conservation area, although it does lie within close proximity to four conservation areas (Rochester, Camden Square, Camden Broadway, and Jeffrey's Street). The site also lies within strategic view London Panorama: Parliament Hill (viewing location 2A.1), as identified in the London View Management Framework Supplementary Planning Guidance.
- 6 Camden Road, which bounds the site to the east, forms part of the Transport for London Road Network. The closest section of the Strategic Road Network is the A400 Kentish Town Road, located approximately 400 metres to the north-west of the site. Camden Road station, which provides access to London Overground services, is located approximately 200 metres to the south of the site. Twelve bus services operate within reasonable walking distance of the site (routes 24, 27, 29, 31, 46, 88, 134, 168, 214, 253, 274 and C2). Civen the range of services available, the site achieves an excellent public transport accessibility level of 6b, on a scale of one to six, where six is excellent. In addition, there is a cycle hire docking station located close to Camden Road station.
- 7 The site currently comprises a series of amalgamated buildings that were used by the Council for office purposes until summer 2012. The main building, fronting St Pancras Way, comprises a three-storey central block, with two two-storey winged elements. The main building is linked, via a two-storey extension, to a four-storey block fronting Camden Road. The site is surrounded by predominantly residential properties, with commercial elements located immediately to the west

Details of the proposal

8 Barratt Homes West is seeking full planning permission for the demolition of the existing buildings on site, and the construction of six-interlocking perimeter blocks, creating an S-shape plan, with two internal and two roof-top courtyards, comprising 166 residential units, and 905 sq.m. of communal amenity space. The proposed building is predominantly five-storeys in height at its main parapet, with a two storey-set back. The parapet height is reduced to four storeys at the St Pancras Way frontage. The development is proposed as car-free, with the exception of two blue badge spaces.

Case history

9 There is no relevant strategic case history for this site. The application considered here was subject to formal pre-planning application discussions with GLA officers on 10 September 2013 (D8P/3224/pre-app). Following formal discussions, officers concluded that whilst the redevelopment of this site for housing was supported, and the design proposed was promising, further discussions were required regarding affordable housing, design, inclusive design, climate change, and transport.

Strategic planning issues and relevant policies and guidance

10 The relevant issues and corresponding policies are as follows:

Employment London Plan

Housing London Plan; Housing SPG; Housing Strategy; draft Revised Housing Strateav: Shapina Neiahbourhoods: Play and Informal Recreation

SPG; Shaping Neighbourhoods: Character and Context, draft SPG

Affordable housing
 London Plan; Housing SPG; Housing Strategy; draft Revised Housing
 Strategy

London Plan: Housing SPG

Density
 Urban design
 London Plan; Housing SPG
 London Plan; Shaping Neighbourhoods: Character and Context, draft

SPG; Housing SPG; London Housing Design Guide; Shaping

Neighbourhoods: Play and Informal Recreation SPG
Strategic views London Plan, London View Management Framework SPG

 Access
 London Plan; Accessible London: achieving an inclusive environment SPG-Planning and Access for Disabled People: a good practice guide

(ODPM)

 Sustainable development London Plan; Sustainable Design and Construction SPG; Mayor's Climate Change Adaptation Strateav: Mayor's Climate Change

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy; Mayor's Climate Cha Mitigation and Energy Strategy; Mayor's Water Strategy

Transport London Plan; the Mayor's Transport Strategy
 Parking London Plan; the Mayor's Transport Strategy

11 For the purposes of Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the development plan in force for the area is the Council's Core Strategy (2010), Development Policies (2010), and Proposals Map, and the London Plan (with 2013 Alterations).

- 12 The following are also relevant material considerations:
 - Draft Further Alterations to the London Plan (with 2013 Alterations).
 - Camden Planning Guidance (September 2013).
 - National Planning Policy Framework, and Technical Guide to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Principle of development

- 13 The site currently comprises 7,188 sq.m. of office (B1) floorspace. The site is not located within a town centre, or an Opportunity Area, and lies outside of the Central Activities Zone, as identified in the Lordon Plan. Lordon Plan policies support office rejuvenation within the CAZ to improve the quality and flexibility of office stock, in order that it can meet the distinct needs of the central London office market. Outside of the CAZ, London Plan policies support the consolidation and extension of London's diverse office markets, whilst facilitating the redevelopment of surplus office space for other uses, including housing. The London Office Policy Review 2012 illustrates the great variability in the attractiveness and success of outer and inner London office markets, and supports the concept of focussing demand on the most viable and competitive business locations.
- 14 At the local level, the Council resists the loss or reduction of business floorspace, stating in its Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (2010), that proposals resulting in a loss or reduction of business floorspace will be resisted unless the applicant can demonstrate that the

site is no longer suitable for business use, and that the potential use of the site has been fully explored for a period of at least two years.

- 15 In support of its proposal, the applicant has submitted an employment statement, which argues that the site is in poor condition, and would be unviable for continued business use, that demand for employment floorspace in this location is limited, and that borough-wide there is projected to be sufficient supply of office floorspace to meet demand over the plan period to 2026. In this context, the loss of office floorspace in this location, which is away from other more successful and strategically significant office-based locations within the borough, does not cause strategic concern.
- 16 London Plar Policy 3.3 provides explicit strategic support for the provision of housing within London. The draft Further Alterations to the London Plan (with 2013 Alterations), establishes a housing target for the borough of 8,892 net additional dwellings for the Plan period 2015-2025. The site's location within an existing residential area, in close proximity to Camden town centre, with good public transport links, supports the provision of housing. The principle of the proposal is therefore acceptable in strategic planning terms.

Housing

17 The application includes 166 residential units. A detailed housing schedule is provided below:

Unit type	Market	Affordable rent	Intermediate	Total
one-bed	16	11	23	50
two-bed	60	24	15	99
three-bed	6	8	0	14
four-bed	0	3	0	3
Total	82	46	38	166

Affordable housing

- 18 London Plan Policy 3.12 requires borough councils to seek the maximum reasonable amount of affordable housing when negotiating on individual private residential and mixed-use schemes. The application includes 84 affordable housing units, equating to 51% of overall provision. Whilst this commitment to a substantial proportion of affordable housing is strongly supported, in accordance with London Plan Policy 3.12, the applicant is required to demonstrate that this represents the maximum reasonable amount of affordable housing. At present no details regarding financial viability have been provided. It is therefore not possible at this stage to determine whether the application fully accords with London Plan Policy 3.12. The applicant is therefore required to submit a financial viability assessment in support of its affordable housing proposal.
- 19 London Plan Policy 3.11 establishes a strategic target that 60% of affordable housing provision be for social rent and affordable rent housing, and 40% for intermediate provision. The application includes 46 units proposed for affordable rent, and 38 units for intermediate provision. When measured by unit, this equates to a split of 55:45 social housing to intermediate provision. Whilst this does not accord with the strategic target within London Plan Policy 3.11, when taking a floorspace calculation the social housing to intermediate split is 60:40, reflecting the larger units proposed within the social housing element. This is supported in accordance with strategic policy.

Housing choice

- 20 London Plan Policy 3.8, together with the Mayor's Housing SPG, and the draft Revised Housing Strategy, seek to promote housing choice and a balanced mix of unit sizes in new developments, with particular focus on affordable family homes. The Council has identified within its Development Policies Development Plan Document that, within the social housing element, highest priority be afforded to family accommodation. Within its recent Camden Planning Guidance: CPG 2 Housing, the Council establishes a requirement that 50% of units within overall social housing provision be three-bed plus homes.
- 21 The application includes seventeen three-bed plus family units, equating to 10% of overall provision. Within the social housing element, where the strategic priority for family housing is targeted, the proposal includes eleven three-bed plus units, equating to 24% of provision. This is substantially below the Council's 50% guidance for the provision of family social housing. Whilst the applicant has sought to prioritise the provision of family housing within the affordable element, which is supported, the applicant is strongly encouraged to explore whether additional family units can be provided in accordance with the Council's policy guidance.

Housing quality and design

- 22 London Plan Policy 3.5 promotes quality in new housing provision, with further guidance provided by the Mayor's Housing SPG. The applicant has stated in its submission documents that all units will meet and exceed the space standards set out in London Plan Policy 3.5. However, it is not possible to ascertain this from the accommodation schedule submitted, as this does not disaggregate per unit. A more detailed schedule should therefore be provided demonstrating the size of each unit against London Plan standards.
- 23 Notwithstanding the need to confirm the size of the units, the overall residential quality of the scheme is high, and to be commended. The proposal includes thirty duplex units, independently accessed either at ground-level, or lower-ground level, providing quality family accommodation, and ensuring active frontages, and a traditional residential terrace-type environment, both at street level and within the proposed internal courtyards. The generous number of cores proposed results in the provision of 78% of the units as dual-aspect, with only five units being single-aspect, north-facing, representing 3% of all accommodation. This is strongly supported.
- The applicant has responded positively to comments made by GLA officers at pre-planning application stage, and brought forward the entrances to blocks A and B to increase their prominence, degree of overlooking, and consequently the sense of security and safety for residents of these blocks. Whilst this is strongly supported, it is disappointing that these entrances remain distinctly less prominent and attractive than those serving the remaining blocks, and involve a convoluted route from street to core, and, in the case of block A, is largely screened by the blue badge parking space.
- In response to the need to provide for residential amenity and play space provision, the proposal includes a range of spaces, including private balconies and patios, communal formal courtyards, in addition to roof-top play space provision. As part of the formal pre-planning application discussions, the nature, role and quality of the lower-ground floor courtyards was discussed. Given their location and surrounding built form, it is acknowledged that these spaces will not benefit from generous levels of light, and therefore their usability for amenity provision is limited. However, as set out by the applicant, these spaces primarily serve as an arrival and transition space and are not intended for general amenity. As such, the proposal includes two roof-top courtyards, which will provide quality, light and well-sized areas for play and general amenity. This approach is broadly supported.

London Plan Policy 3.9 seeks to ensure the delivery of mixed and balanced communities to foster social diversity and redress social exclusion, supported by effective and attractive design. In accordance with this strategic objection, the layout, nature and the design of developments should not differentiate between tenures. The design of the proposal is prefaced on the principle of splitting the private and affordable elements around an accompanying courtyard. In this respect, the tenures are physically separated both in terms of entrance points, but also circulation, and amenity space provision. At pre-planning application stage, GLA officers encouraged the applicant to consider the reallocation of some cores in order to better integrate the three types of housing tenure throughout the development. However, the applicant has stated that due to the need to limit the service charges for the affordable units, and assist in their long-term management, the Registered Provider has sought to maintain this separation. It is acknowledged that the affordable and private tenures both benefit from ground and lower ground-floor duplex units, formal and roof-top courtyards, as well as private amenity space. As discussed below, the roof-top courtyard associated with the affordable units is considerably larger than that for the private residents and will ensure appropriate levels of overall play and amenity space. It is further acknowledged that the design of the development does not differentiate externally between tenures, and in that respect will be 'tenure-blind'. On balance, the approach to residential layout is acceptable.

Density

- 27 The density of the development is 1,045 habitable rooms per hectare. This is within the London Plan guidance range of 650 to 1,100 habitable rooms per hectare for central sites with a public transport accessibility level of six, as set out in London Plan Policy 3.4.
- 28 Given the high levels of public transport accessibility at this site, and its location in close proximity to Camden town centre, on a main arterial route, it is acknowledged that it is an appropriate location for a high density development. As detailed in the relevant sections of this report, the design of the proposal is of a high quality, responds appropriately to its context, and delivers a range of private and shared amenity spaces, with a large proportion of ground-floor duplex units. In that context, the density of the proposal is acceptable in accordance with strategic policy.

Children's play space and amenity

- 29 London Plan Policy 3.6 seeks to ensure that development proposals include suitable provision for play and recreation. Further detail is provided in the Mayor's Shaping Neighbourhoods: Play and Informal Recreation Supplementary Planning Guidance. Using the methodology within the Mayor's SPG, the development is expected to be home to approximately 62 children, 27 of which are expected to be under five years old. In accordance with the Mayor's SPG, the development is therefore required to provide, as a minimum, 270 sq.m. of door-stop play provision for the under five's.
- As discussed above, the applicant has provided a series of communal amenity spaces, which together total 905 sq.m. In recognition of the greater number of children expected as part of the affordable element (24 of the 27 under five's are expected to be housed within the affordable provision), the communal roof-top terrace provided for the affordable units is considerably larger than that for the private units, at 293 sq.m. This terrace has been designed so as to provide dual-use general residential amenity space, as well as play space, with the landscape design utilising natural features to facilitate play.
- 31 The applicant has further identified a number of existing areas of green amenity spaces within the vicinity of the site, which can provide play opportunities for residents of this development, particularly the older children. The Council should identify whether it is necessary to secure a financial contribution from the applicant towards the provision of additional, or improved, facilities in the local area.

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Urban design

- 32 Good design is central to all objectives of the London Plan. The proposed scheme is generally well designed, providing a good mix of high-quality residential typologies that will contribute positively to the character of the area. The scheme creates a strong building line and good quality active street frontage onto Camden Road, St Pancras Way and Rochester Place, providing a good level of enclosure and definition to the surrounding public realm, particularly given the relatively narrow depth of the site. As detailed within the residential quality section of this report, the provision of duplex units provides a traditional residential environment at ground level, populated by individual entrances, in addition to communal flat access points.
- 33 The proposed breaks to the building mass facing St Pancras Way and Rochester Place will improve levels of light within the courtyards, which is welcomed, and, as illustrated by the submitted views accompanying the application, these breaks have been appropriately sized and designed so as not to undermine the quality of the enclosure and frontage on to the corresponding streets.
- 34 The proposed height of the building, which rises to a five-storey shoulder height, with twoset back storeys, is acceptable, and responds appropriately to the surrounding context. The
 applicant's townscape and visual impact assessment demonstrates that the proposal does not
 adversely impact on any of the conservation areas located in the immediate vicinity of the site.
 Furthermore, the development falls below the threshold height of the viewing corridor for strategic
 view 2 (London Panorama: Parliament Hill), as identified in the London View Management
 Framework Supplementary Planning Guidance.
- The simple massing creates an elegant and legible building form, which has been detailed with perforated metal, simple metal, and glass balustrades. The residential entrances have been appropriately signposted through the use of a contrasting weathering steel, which is also utilised on the set-back elements, providing a playful and welcomed contrast and detail to the largely brick form. The result is a robust and high-quality residential building, which is strongly supported.

Inclusive design

36 In accordance with the London Plan, the applicant has demonstrated on plan that all of the residential units have been designed to meet Lifetime Homes standards, and 10% have been designed so as to be wheelchair accessible, which is supported.

Climate change

Climate change adaptation

37 The proposal includes a number of measures in response to strategic policies regarding climate change adaptation, which are welcomed. Measures proposed include rainwater harvesting, biodiverse roofs, use of low energy lighting and energy efficient appliances, metering, high levels of insulation, and low water use sanitary-ware and fittings.

Climate change mitigation

38 The applicant has broadly followed the London Plan energy hierarchy to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. An appropriate range of passive design features, and demand reduction measures, have been included to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions of the development. Both air permeability and heat loss parameters will be improved beyond the minimum backstop values required by building regulations. Other features include mechanical ventilation with heat recovery, and improved thermal

bridging. The demand for cooling will be minimised through solar control glazing and internal blinds for shading.

- 39 The applicant has demonstrated that there are no existing, or planned, district heating networks within the vicinity of the proposed development. However, the applicant has committed to ensuring that the development is designed so as to allow for future connection to a district network, should one become available.
- 40 The applicant is proposing to install a site-wide heat-network, supplied from a single energy centre. The applicant should confirm that the network will serve all of the residential units, and provide a schematic demonstrating sufficient space has been allocated within the energy centre for the proposed plant.
- 41 The applicant is proposing to install a 70 kWe gas fired combined heat and power unit, sized to provide the domestic hot water load, as well as a proportion of the space heating. Given the scale of the scheme, the applicant should provide further information regarding how, and by whom, the combined heat and power unit, and electricity sales, will be managed.
- 42 The applicant has investigated the feasibility of a range of renewable energy technologies, and is proposing to install 130 sq.m. of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the development. A roof plan showing the proposed location of the panel installation has been provided.
- 43 An overall reduction of 83 tonnes of carbon dioxide regulated emissions compared to a 2010 Building Regulations compliant development is reported to be achieved through all the measures outlined above, equivalent to an overall saving of 41%. This percentage saving exceeds the London Plan target, and is supported.

Transport

- 44 TfL welcomes the car free nature of this development, aside from the provision of two onstreet spaces for Blue Badge holders, in line with London Plan Policy 6.13. TfL recommends that the accessible spaces are equipped with active electric vehicle charging points, provision of which should be secured through planning condition. TfL also recommends that future occupants of the site be excluded from eligibility for on-street car parking permits within the existing controlled parking zone. This should be secured through the section 106 agreement.
- 45 TfL welcomes the applicant's commitment to provide 296 cycle spaces on site, which is in accordance with London Plan Policy 6.9. The nearest cycle hire docking station is located approximately 200 metres to the south of the site. This docking station is at the northern boundary of the cycle hire scheme, and as such is well used. The proposed development may lead to a further increase in demand for cycle hire usage. Therefore, the applicant should explore with TfL either contributing towards installing a new docking station, or increasing the size of an existing station.
- 46 TfL is satisfied that, given the number of forecast trips resulting from the proposals, the likely impact on the capacity of the highway network, London Overground services, and the bus network is acceptable, in accordance with the London Plan Policy 6.3. However, TfL requests that a planning obligation be imposed requiring the applicant to enter into a section 278 agreement under the Highways Act 1980, with TfL for any highway works on TfL's highway associated with the development, including, but not limited to, the proposed footway renewal on the Camden Road frontage. The detailed scope of the works will be determined when the applicant approaches TfL to engage in the section 278 process.
- 47 As part of TfL's modernisation programme to upgrade bus infrastructure for passengers, and given that it will directly benefit future occupants of the site, TfL also requests £15,000 to upgrade

bus shelter (0107/0110) at bus stop 331 (F), located approximately 100 metres to the south of the site on Camden Road, in accordance with London Plan Policy 6.2. The delivery of the bus shelter should be secured via the section 106 agreement. A contribution towards financing the installation of Legible London signs to enhance the way finding capability for pedestrians in this area, and encourage sustainable travel, is also sought. For information, a pair of Legible London signs cost £15,000, and the agreed sum will need to be secured through the section 106 agreement. The number of signs necessary should be determined in consultation between TfL and the Council.

- 48 TfL requests that construction activity is not undertaken from Camden Road, given its strategic function, but from other surrounding roads. TfL also notes there are several trees along the site frontage located on the public highway. Whilst it is noted these trees are not to be removed as part of the redevelopment of the site, it remains unclear how they will be impacted upon during demolition and construction. TfL requires details of how the erection of hoarding, scaffolding and similar activities will impact upon the trees, which should be detailed in the construction logistics plan.
- 49 The residential travel plan should be secured through a section 106 agreement, and a construction logistics plan, and delivery and servicing plan should also be secured by condition, to be approved by the Council in consultation with TfL.
- 50 The Mayor has introduced a London wide Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to contribute towards the funding of Crossrail. The rate for Camden Council is £50 per square metre (gross internal area). The required CIL should be confirmed by the applicant and Camden Council once the components of the development have been finalised.

Local planning authority's position

51 The Council has yet to consider a report on this application at its planning committee.

Legal considerations

52 Under the arrangements set out in Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 the Mayor is required to provide the local planning authority with a statement setting out whether he considers that the application complies with the London Plan, and his reasons for taking that view. Unless notified otherwise by the Mayor, the Council must consult the Mayor again under Article 5 of the Order if it subsequently resolves to make a draft decision on the application, in order that the Mayor may decide whether to allow the draft decision to proceed unchanged, or direct the Council under Article 6 of the Order to refuse the application, or issue a direction under Article 7 of the Order that he is to act as the local planning authority for the purpose of determining the application and any connected application. There is no obligation at this present stage for the Mayor to indicate his intentions regarding a possible direction, and no such decision should be inferred from the Mayor's statement and comments.

Financial considerations

53 There are no financial considerations at this stage.

Conclusion

54 London Plan policies on employment, housing, urban design, inclusive design, climate change, and transport are re evant to this application. Whilst the principle of the redevelopment of this site for housing, is supported, at this stage the application does not comply with the London Plan. Further discussion is therefore required regarding the following issues:

- Housing: in the absence of a financial viability report, it is not possible at this stage to
 determine whether the proposal fully accords with London Plan Policy 3.12. A full financial
 viability assessment should therefore be provided. The applicant is also strongly encouraged to
 increase the proportion of affordable family accommodation in accordance with the Council's
 planning guidance. Furthermore, the applicant should provide a detailed accommodation
 schedule demonstrating that all units meet the space standards in accordance with London
 Plan Policy 3.5.
- Climate change mitigation: the applicant should provide details of the proposed operation
 and management of the combined heat and power system, and electricity sales. Confirmation
 that all of the residential units will be served by the site-wide heat-network, and a schematic
 of the energy plant room, should also be provided.
- Transport: the applicant should ensure that the two on-site parking spaces are served by
 electric vehicle charging points, and that no construction activity is undertaken from
 Camden Road. Further discussions are also required regarding possible improvements to
 cycle hire provision in the vicinity of the site, financial contributions towards bus stop
 improvements, and Legible London, in addition to Community Infrastructure Levy
 requirements. The provision of a construction logistic plan, delivery and servicing plan, and
 a residential travel plan should all be secured by the Council.

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