

Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Advisory Committee	Belsize
Application ref	2019/4217/P
Address	Hampstead Town Hall Centre 213 Haverstock Hill London NW3 4QP
Planning Officer	David Peres Da Costa
Comments by	22 Sep 2019
Proposal	<p>Creation of cafe at entrance level including replacement of 3 windows with doors (NW elevation) and replacement of car parking with landscaped cafe terrace adjacent to north west elevation; alterations to front landscaping to allow provision of cycle parking and platform lift including new wall with glass balustrade to front elevation and north west elevation; new glazed panels to top of front door; modified entrances on south east elevation including canopies above; minor alterations to walls and roofs to insert ventilation grilles and vents.</p>
Objection	Yes
Observations	<p>Object.</p> <p>These proposals are disappointing. They are too utilitarian and uninviting, do little to reinstate the historic building, improve its setting or enhance the surrounding streetscape.</p> <p>The front approach is cluttered with cycle parking, raised walkways and a disabled lift. All could be located elsewhere. The glazed balustrades on the front facade and main staircase are highly reflective and not in keeping with the existing architecture. A new forecourt with planting, integral seating and trees?</p> <p>Only a part of the land on the N/W has been considered. This area could be designed comprehensively to include completing the avenue of trees right up to Haverstock Hill and a much needed play area on the lower level.</p> <p>The cafe' garden has zig zag benching which leave slivers</p>

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of no-mans-land, unusable from either side.

The grim S/E area needs to be fully addressed.

There is nothing special or uplifting about the interior design of the cafe', nor does it belong to the architecture of the building.

There is little information on materials, finishes, colours, joinery or stonework.

Eldred Evans
Chair
Belsize Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Documents attached

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