

WALKER HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATION PA/20/01442/A1

ACTIONS TO TAKE NOW

1. WRITE TO THE COMMITTEE (AGAIN)

There is no need to re-state the points if you emailed previously. Send a response to the new 'update report' that has been published for this meeting.

(1) IVY WALL

The developer provides more detail how they might recreate an ivy wall if it dies. IN effect they are agreeing that the proposed building is unacceptable if it is visible from Shiplake Courtyard and Arnold Circus. A scheme that depends on some vegetation to hide it is a bad scheme, and there can't be any enforceable guarantees that the ivy will remain and be maintained for the life of the building

(2) LIGHT POLLUTION

The north aspect has large roof light windows angled up and toward Leyton House. They will be highly visible especially along the Leyton House balcony. To mitigate the developers propose electrically operated blinds will be drawn at night. This is unenforceable and just goes to highlight areas of conflict between the office workers and residents. Again, it shows the scheme is fundamentally flawed

(3) OVERLOOKING OF WARGRAVE HOUSE AND COURTYARD

The windows overlooking Wargrave House are much closer than the minimum guidelines in planning policy - as close as 12 metres - the minimum should be 18. The developers have suggested mitigation by frosting the windows, but they are all openable and the measure again shows how inappropriate this development is, being squeezed into a residential courtyard. The building will be highly visible from Wargrave Courtyard and Boundary Street, and will have a significantly harmful effect on the setting of the residential buildings in a conservation area.

(4) CONFLICT BETWEEN COMMERCIAL USE AND RESIDENTIAL USE

The scale and size of this commercial office building in a confined and shared space with residents should not be permitted as office culture will impact negatively on the lives of residents and their families. Noise and disturbance of day and night activities; after-office gatherings and parties; office workers taking smoke breaks and/or chatting.

We have provided more information about these points, with pictures, on our Google Doc here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N8_qSa3lePDAKezLqPDfjRDILM-tTI8iP2QMuzEv5ZU/edit

Please write to the committee to tell them why these new mitigating measures and excuses put forward by the developers FAIL.

Subject: OBJECTION - PA/20/01442/A1 Walker House, 6-8 Boundary Street

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Include your name, postal address and postcode, state that you OBJECT and the reasons why.

EMAIL DEADLINE is THIS FRIDAY to get your points noted for the meeting.

2. ATTEND THE PLANNING MEETING NEXT MONDAY

We won't be allowed a speaking slot, but a good attendance by objectors can make a difference. Shame the councillors into voting correctly.

We need to notify the council in advance who is attending. Please reply to this email if you can attend, and I will ensure to add your name to the list. Even if you are not quite sure you can attend, it is better to have your name on the list as you will not be admitted on the day if your name isn't there.

If you wish to attend the meeting email boundary.tra@gmail.com!

When:

21 March 6:30pm

Where:

Council Chamber

Town Hall

Mulberry Place

5 Clover Crescent

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