Tottenham Conservation Area Advisory Committee
Minutes of meeting 14th November 2018 held at 639 High Road

Present: Matthew Bradby (chair), Joyce Rosser, Colin Hobbs, Chris Ramenah, Martin Ball, Carol Sykes, John Robson, David Divers, JJ Best and Geraldine Turvey.
Elisabetta Tonazzi and Lucy Morrow from Haringey Council.
Apologies: Zoe Fudge, Rowan Kumar, Joseph Nicholas, Alison Armour, Sue Penny and Adam Coleman.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2018 were agreed.

2. Elisabetta Tonazzi, Principal Conservation Officer, and Lucy Morrow, Conservation Officer

Elisabetta said that she had started work on 3rd September so is still familiarising herself with the area and the groups. There is a lot of development which needs to be steered in the right direction. Tottenham has a very promising built heritage which needs to get the right support.

She is a fully qualified architect specialising in conservation. She has worked in Italy and Ireland. Over the past nine years she has been working on major conservation projects in London including the redevelopment of Kings Cross station. She is a technical specialist rather than a political person. She has a passion for the built environment. She is interested in how CAACs work and would welcome hearing of problems CAACs are aware of (notify her or enforcement officers). Elisabetta said that her design background and Lucy’s planning background will complement each other.

A number of local issues were then raised. There has been a recent planning application relating to 7 Bruce Grove but not clear what this means (Elisabetta will investigate). Several people raised concerns over Spurs’ plan to hold a Festival of American Football/NFL Tailgate Party in Bruce Castle Park which could damage the park (in the end this did not go ahead but future events are planned once the stadium opens). Elisabetta said that such proposals would come to her for her advice (Martin agreed to send link to her). Elisabetta said that the council is about to consult on the draft Bruce Castle conservation area appraisal. There were questions about the Future of the High Road document (Tibault consultants). Lucy agreed to find out what is happening to it. She said that the Regeneration Team have a series of projects and where there are heritage issues the conservation officers are involved.

Elisabetta reminded CAAC members to let her know about concerns including those relating to minor developments.

3. Matters arising

a) Tottenham Experience Laura Chiplin, Spurs Visitor Attractions Manager, is taking some CAAC members round. Chris, Martin and Joyce to go.

b) Plaques A new Priscilla Wakefield plaque was erected on the wall of the United Reform Church in October with an opening event.

c) Bruce Grove toilets Geraldine Turvey outlined the discussions about this building since 2013 when she first got involved. Bruce Grove Initiative (a residents group) is also now involved. The council has applied for funding and it is shortlisted to get RIBA stage 4. Lily Kwong from the Regeneration Team has applied for Good Growth funding from the GLA. They are exploring residents’ and locals’ views. Elisabetta said that there are onsite investigations, they are market testing and looking at designs. Project will be closely monitored.

d) Goods Yard development is still “not determined”.

e) **667 High Road** planning application granted but specifies not to be a betting shop.

f) **522-528 High Road (Wilson’s building)** Chris reported that no change since he last spoke to landlords. Work has stopped on the site. Chris has been in contact with Lucy about interior of the building.

g) **7 Bruce Grove** Not clear what is happening.

h) **Palace Theatre/Cathedral** The church is still based there (concerns that building was empty).

i) **Tottenham conservation area appraisals** Lucy said that draft appraisals for Bruce Castle, Tottenham Cemetery, Tower Gardens and Peabody Cottages are due to go to the Cabinet and then out for six week consultation but this is likely to be delayed because of forthcoming West Green ward by-election.

4. **Planning Applications since last meeting**

CAAC had been notified of 18 planning applications since June (a few failures to notify have been picked up from Press List) and had responded to some of these. There was some discussion of Tottenham Chances, 399 High Road (HGY/2018/1582 and 1584) where there still appears to be some dispute over ownership.

There was a new application for the demolition of 316 High Road and erection of four storey development (HGY/2018/3170). This is the former post office building with John Williams plaque. Some years ago there had been another proposal to demolish the building which the CAAC had opposed. CAAC members were asked to look at this planning application.

There was some discussion of a proposal to install “Two digital 55-inch LCD display screens, one on each side of the inLink unit” on the pavement at 455 High Road (HGY/2018/3235). Carol and JJ said that there were other planning applications for these in the High Road (it would appear that the CAAC had not been notified of these). Carol and JJ agreed to send more information to CAAC members so that a response can be made. Some local councils have rejected these as just advertising schemes.

5. **Enforcement issues**

Reported that work started on Ozdilla although outstanding enforcement issues. JJ raised problem of cars parking on pavements along the whole west side of Town Hall Approach Road when evening events take place. He will take some photos.

6. **Items for information**

a) **Open House weekend** Not as many people on tours as usual because of poor weather. Afternoon Ferry Lane Estate tours had been well attended.

b) **Haringey Design Awards** Joyce had been a judge this year. Copies of the Design Award booklets were circulated. There is a new Haringey Design Panel managed by Frame Projects and led by Deborah Denner, one of the judges for the Design Awards. It was suggested that she might be invited to a future CAAC meeting.

7. **Date of next meeting**

Following meeting this was arranged for Wednesday 23rd January at 639.