Tottenham Conservation Area Advisory Committee
Minutes of meeting 12th September 2018
Held at 639 High Road

Present: Matthew Bradby (chair), Rowan Kumar, Joyce Rosser, Colin Hobbs, Chris Ramenah, Martin Ball, Joseph Nicholas, Alison Armour

Apologies: Zoe Fudge, Carol Sykes, John Robson, JJ Best, David Divers, Adam Coleman, Hazel Brown.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2018 were agreed.

2. Matters arising

a) Tottenham Experience Still no details on this. Joyce has asked Tony Stevens, Spurs Head of PR.

b) Plaques It is hoped that new Priscilla Wakefield plaque will be erected in October.

c) British Legion/Tottenham Chances No further news on the ownership dispute.

d) Bruce Grove toilets Agreed to invite Geraldine Turvey to next CAAC meeting.

3. Planning Applications since last meeting

CAAC had been notified of 23 planning applications since June (a few failures to notify have been picked up from Press List). CAAC objected to HGY/2018/2278 (land rear of 705-707 High Road), made comments on various others and welcomed removal of cladding from 479-481 High Road (HGY/2018/2391). CAAC asked that change of use for 667 High Road (HGY/2018/2626) should not permit a betting shop.

4. Enforcement issues

Rowan said that he had raised concerns about changes to shop signage in West Green Road (on buildings that had regeneration funding) but these had been rejected. Members were unhappy about the lack of protection for these schemes. Across London the problem of phone boxes which are primarily advertising hoardings raised (although some offer charging and internet facilities).

5. The Goods Yard development

It is not clear what has happened to this development. Understood that Spurs are claiming “non determination” of their planning application by the Council so it is now at the inspectors at Bristol for a decision on this. Not clear what is happening to Love Lane – council leader has suggested it is “too far gone” to stop.

6. Tottenham Regeneration Team

Joyce will write again requesting an up to date organisational chart.
7. Wilson’s Building 522-528 High Road

Chris reported that work on flats is proceeding. He is concerned about the wooden banister which the landlord wants to remove. The building will now be called Merchant House. It was suggested that Chris talk to a member of the Tottenham regeneration team about his concerns.

8. High Road cattle trough (outside former Jewish Hospital)

This was completely destroyed by car being chased by police.

9. Cloud Garden 7-10 Bruce Grove

There is a campaign to get this area of woods protected – apparently landlord for No. 7 wants to build on part of wood. It was agreed that CAAC should chase up what is happening (if anything) to planning application for 7 Bruce Grove.

10. Open House weekend

Various tours and events in Tottenham including two in High Road. Also tours of Ferry Lane Estate by GLC architect.

11. StART tour of St Ann’s Hospital

This will be on 7th October. As well as hearing about StART’s plans it would be opportunity to look at St Ann’s conservation area. Joyce will ask consultants doing appraisals what stage they are at with St Ann’s.

12. Any other business

a) New conservation officer A replacement for Nairita has been appointed and is in post. Joyce will invite her to next CAAC meeting.

b) The Palace Theatre/Cathedral This is now vacant. Lot of concern about this building which is on “At risk” register. Chris has contacted the Theatre Trusts who are contacting Historic England.

13. Date of next meeting will be Wednesday 14th November at 639.