

DELEGATED DECISION

- Please select each of the categories that enables this application to be determined under delegated powers
 - Criteria 1 to 5 or criteria 7 to 9 must be addressed for all categories of application, except for applications for Certificates of Lawfulness, etc.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED: GENERAL

Select Option

1. No valid planning application objection in the form of a petition of 20 or more signatures, has been received ☐
2. Application complies with all relevant planning policies and is acceptable on planning grounds ☐
3. There is no Committee resolution for the enforcement action ☐
4. There is no effect on listed buildings or their settings ☐
5. The site is not in the Green Belt (but see 11 below) ☐

REFUSAL RECOMMENDED: GENERAL

6. Application is contrary to relevant planning policies/standards ☐
7. No petition of 20 or more signatures has been received ☐
8. Application has not been supported independently by a person/s ☐
9. The site is not in Green Belt (but see 11 below) ☐

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

10. Single dwelling or less than 10 dwelling units and/or a site of less than 0.5 ha ☐
11. Householder application in the Green Belt ☐

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT

12. Change of use of retail units on site less than 1 ha or with less than 1000 sq m other than a change involving a loss of A1 uses ☐
13. Refusal of change of use from retail class A1 to any other use ☐
14. Change of use of industrial units on site less than 1 ha or with less than 1000sq.m. of floor space other than to a retail use. ☐

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

15. Certificate of Lawfulness (for proposed use or Development) ☐
16. Certificate of Lawfulness (for existing use or Development) ☐
17. Certificate of Appropriate Alternative Development ☐

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

18. ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT (excluding Hoardings) ☐
19. PRIOR APPROVAL APPLICATION ☐
20. OUT-OF-BOROUGH OBSERVATIONS ☐
21. CIRCULAR 18/84 APPLICATION ☐
22. CORPSEWOOD COVENANT APPLICATION ☐
23. APPROVAL OF DETAILS ☐
24. ANCILLARY PLANNING AGREEMENT (S.106 or S.278) where Heads of Terms have already received Committee approval ☐
25. WORKS TO TREES ☐
26. OTHER (please specify) ☐

The delegation powers schedule has been checked. Director of Residents Services can determine this application.

Case Officer

Signature:

Date:

A delegated decision is appropriate and the recommendation, conditions/reasons for refusal and informatives are satisfactory.

Team Manager:

Signature:

Date:

The decision notice for this application can be issued.

Director / Member of Senior Management Team:

Signature:

Date:

NONE OF THE ABOVE DATES SHOULD BE USED IN THE PS2 RETURNS TO THE ODPM

Item No. **Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Regeneration**

Address THE BROADWAY 47 JOEL STREET EASTCOTE

Development: Erection of a four storey building to create two business units and 1 x 2-bed residential unit involving demolition of existing store/garage to rear and remodelling of existing basement to increase business use

LBH Ref Nos: **17155/APP/2020/3664**

Drawing Nos: PL 01.03 Rev. A
 PL 01.04 Rev. A
 PL 02.05 Rev. B
 PL 02.07 Rev. B
 PL 01.00
 PL 02.01 Rev. B
 PL 02.02 Rev. B
 PL 02.03 Rev. B
 PL 02.04 Rev. B
 PL 02.06 Rev. B
 PL 02.08 Rev. B
 PL.02.09
 Design and Access Statement
 Flood Risk Assessment
 PL 01.01 Rev. A
 PL 01.02 Rev. A

Date Plans received : 05/01/2021

Date(s) of Amendment(s):

Date Application Valid: 05/01/2021

1. **SUMMARY**

This proposal considers the demolition of the existing store/garage and erection of a new 4 storey building to create 2 business units and 1 x 2 bed residential unit. It also proposes the remodelling of the existing basement to increase business use.

The proposal fails to respect the visual amenity of the site and the surrounding area. It is also considered that it would have a significant detrimental impact on the amenity of the neighbouring properties. It is therefore recommended for refusal.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

REFUSAL for the following reasons:

1 NON2 Non Standard reason for refusal

The proposed four storey building, by virtue of its size, scale, bulk, depth and proximity, would be detrimental to the amenities of the adjoining occupiers, by reason of overdominance, overshadowing, visual intrusion, loss of light, loss of outlook and loss of privacy. Therefore the proposal would be contrary to policy DMHB 11 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies.

2 NON2 Non Standard reason for refusal

The proposed four storey building by reason of its siting in this visually prominent position, size, scale, bulk, overall height and design would be an incongruous addition,

which would be unduly prominent, overly dominant and out of scale with the character, appearance and visual amenities of the surrounding area and street scene. Therefore the proposal would be contrary to Policy BE1 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One - Strategic Policies (November 2012), Policies DMHB 11 and DMHB 12 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (January 2020), Policies D3 and D4 of the London Plan (2021) and the NPPF.

3 NON2 Non Standard reason for refusal

The proposal, by reason of its design and layout fails to provide a development which meets the requirements of people with disabilities and would therefore give rise to a substandard form of working and living accommodation to the detriment of the amenity of future occupiers. The proposal is thus contrary to Policies D5 and D7 of the London Plan (2021).

INFORMATIVES

1 I52 Compulsory Informative (1)

The decision to REFUSE planning permission has been taken having regard to all relevant planning legislation, regulations, guidance, circulars and Council policies, including The Human Rights Act (1998) (HRA 1998) which makes it unlawful for the Council to act incompatibly with Convention rights, specifically Article 6 (right to a fair hearing); Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life); Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property) and Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination).

2 I53 Compulsory Informative (2)

The decision to REFUSE planning permission has been taken having regard to the policies and proposals in the Hillingdon Local Plan Part 1 (2012) and Part 2 (2020) set out below, including Supplementary Planning Guidance, and to all relevant material considerations, including The London Plan - The Spatial Development Strategy for London consolidated with alterations since 2011 (2016) and national guidance.

DME 3	Office Development
DMEI 10	Water Management, Efficiency and Quality
DMH 2	Housing Mix
DMHB 11	Design of New Development
DMHB 12	Streets and Public Realm
DMHB 14	Trees and Landscaping
DMHB 16	Housing Standards
DMHB 18	Private Outdoor Amenity Space
DMT 2	Highways Impacts
DMT 6	Vehicle Parking
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DMTC 2	Primary and Secondary Shopping Areas
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LPP T5	(2021) Cycling
LPP T6	(2021) Car parking
LPP T6.1	(2021) Residential parking
LPP T6.2	(2021) Office parking
NPPF- 2	NPPF-2 2018 - Achieving sustainable development
NPPF- 5	NPPF-5 2018 - Delivering a sufficient supply of homes
NPPF- 6	NPPF-6 2018 - Building a strong, competitive economy
NPPF- 7	NPPF-7 2018 - Ensuring the vitality of town centres
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3 I59 Councils Local Plan : Part 1 - Strategic Policies

On this decision notice policies from the Councils Local Plan: Part 1 - Strategic Policies appear first, then relevant Local Plan Part 2 (2020), then London Plan Policies (2016). Hillingdon's Full Council adopted the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part 1 - Strategic Policies on 8 November 2012 and the Hillingdon Local Plan Part 2 on 16 January 2020.

4 I71 LBH worked applicant in a positive & proactive (Refusing)

In dealing with the application the Council has implemented the requirement in the National Planning Policy Framework to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way. We have made available detailed advice in the form of our statutory policies from the Local Plan Part 1, Local Plan Part 2, Supplementary Planning Documents, Planning Briefs and other informal written guidance, as well as offering a full pre-application advice service.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Site and Locality

The application site comprises a brick built inner terraced property situated on the Eastern side of Joel Street. From Joel Street it presents a 3 storey building with Domino Pizza at ground floor. The building then extends through to the street behind, with the lower ground floor being accessed from Ferndown to the rear. Above the shop there are 2 x 1 bed flats which are accessed via an external stair case to the rear of the property. The proposed works to the property all relate to development which will be visible and accessed from Ferndown.

The street scene is a mixture with flats above the shops facing Joel Street, additional business units on the lower ground floor level and with the gardens and garages of the residential properties of Briarwood Drive and Ferndale as it turns eastwards. The road is a

no parking area.

The site lies within Northwood Hills Town Centre, primary shopping area and is also within a critical drainage area.

3.2 Proposed Scheme

The proposal is for the demolition of the existing store and garage and the erection of a four storey detached building to create two business units and a 1 x 2-bed residential unit above. The proposal would also include remodelling of the existing basement to increase business use.

3.3 Relevant Planning History

17155/APP/2004/79 47 Joel Street Northwood

ERECTION OF A THREE-STOREY BUILDING FOR THE STORAGE AND PREPARATION OF FOOD

Decision: 04-03-2004 Refused

17155/APP/2004/81 47 Joel Street Northwood

INSTALLATION OF NEW SHOPFRONT AND REAR EXTRACTOR UNIT AND COMPRESSOR UNITS

Decision: 01-03-2004 Approved

17155/APP/2005/798 47 Joel Street Northwood

ERECTION OF A REAR EXTENSION OVER RE-BUILT LOWER BASEMENT/GROUND-FLOOR EXTENSION

Decision: 12-05-2005 Approved

17155/APP/2014/3458 Domino'S Pizza 47 Joel Street Northwood

Three storey attached building containing 2 x 1-bed self contained flats, conversion of basement into 1 x 1-bed self-contained flat, alterations to external staircase and demolition of single storey storage building

Decision: 04-12-2014 Refused

17155/APP/2015/71 18-19 Ferndown And 47 Joel Street Northwood

Change of use of lower ground floor from Use Class A1 (Shops) to Use Class A2/B1/B8/D1/D2 (Financial and Professional Services/Offices/Storage/Non-Residential Institutions/Assembly and Leisure) and extension to ground floor level to create 1 x 2-bed self contained flat with associated parking involving demolition of existing single storey storage building

Decision: 09-04-2015 Refused

17155/APP/2016/3514 18-19 Ferndown And 47 Joel Street Northwood

First floor rear extension to create 1 x 1-bed self contained flat with associated parking involving demolition of existing lean to at ground floor level.

Decision: 30-11-2016 Refused **Appeal:** 29-08-2017 Dismissed

17155/APP/2016/3527 18-19 Ferndown And 47 Joel Street Northwood

Change of use from retail (Use Class A1) to create 2 x 1 bed flats (Use Class C3) (Prior Approval)

Decision: 29-11-2016 Refused

17155/APP/2017/1028 18-19 Ferndown And 47 Joel Street Northwood

Change of use from retail (Use Class A1) to create 2 x 1 bed flats (Use Class C3) (Prior Approval)

Decision: 11-05-2017 Refused

Comment on Planning History

Prior approval 17155/APP/2017/1028 for conversion of part of the basement from retail to residential was refused in 2017, as the area exceeded the maximum permissible; insufficient information was provided to demonstrate existing A1 use and it was considered to have an unacceptable impact on the amenities of residential occupiers.

A previous planning application 17155/APP/2016/3514 for a first floor rear extension to create 1 x 1 bed self contained flat was refused on the basis that it failed to provide sufficient parking; it resulted in the provision of habitable rooms in close proximity to the neighbouring property resulting in an oppressive environment for future occupiers and failed to provide sufficient amenity space. This was dismissed at appeal.

Application 17155/APP/2014/3458 for a 3 storey attached building for 2 x 1 bed flats and conversion of basement to 1 x 1 bed flat was refused on highway safety grounds; insufficient parking or amenity space; visually intrusive and detrimental to the amenities of nearby residents.

4. Advertisement and Site Notice

4.1 Advertisement Expiry Date:- Not applicable

4.2 Site Notice Expiry Date:- Not applicable

5. Comments on Public Consult

44 neighbours and the Northwood Hills Residents Association were consulted for a period of 21 days expiring on the 28 January 2021. 4 responses were received raising the following issues:

- A story building at this location was refused in 2014
- Insufficient parking
- Detrimental impact and loss of light to the existing flats
- Lack of distance would impact on the amenity space of the existing flats
- Fails to provide adequate amenity space
- Too tall and bulky
- Loss of privacy and direct overlooking
- Overshadowing
- Previous similar applications for development along Ferndown have been refused for design and visual intrusion and out of keeping with the existing street scene
- Plans misleading showing the 4th floor with a pale grey rather than black outline making it look as if it doesn't exist
- Aerial photograph old, the two mature trees screening 55 Briarwood are gone
- Conflict with delivery vehicles
- 53/55 The Broadway although taller, backs onto the continuation of Ferndown and is not opposite residential properties and their gardens but overlooks the road. Lynx house although only 2 storeys overlooks out back garden
- Flood risk not properly addressed
- Lack of waste/recycling storage
- Loss of light

- Devalue neighbouring properties

Officer response: The potential impact on the value of existing properties is not a material planning consideration. All other matters are addressed within the report.

Thames Water - Waste Comments

We would expect the developer to demonstrate what measures will be undertaken to minimise groundwater discharges into the public sewer. Groundwater discharges typically result from construction site dewatering, deep excavations, basement infiltration, borehole installation, testing and site remediation. Any discharge made without a permit is deemed illegal and may result in prosecution under the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991.

With regard to SURFACE WATER drainage, Thames Water would advise that if the developer follows the sequential approach to the disposal of surface water we would have no objection. Where the developer proposes to discharge to a public sewer, prior approval from Thames Water Developer Services will be required.

Access Officer:

An assessment of this proposal has been conducted with reference to policy 3.1 (Ensuring equal life chances for all), 3.8 (Housing choice) and 7.2 (An inclusive environment) of the 2016 London Plan. The proposed new building at ground floor would be accessed via a series of steps as shown on drawing number PL 02.03 B, leading from a terrace. The intended office accommodation and housing on the floors above ground would also be accessed via a staircase, and a lift is not proposed: 1. In accordance with London Plan policy 7.2, wheelchair access into the proposed new commercial space on the lower ground and ground floors is a requirement, as the building would be a new facility. The stepped arrangement as shown on plan is unacceptable. 2. All new housing should be accessible and adaptable in accordance with policy 3.8 (c). It is noted however, that it may not be feasible to provide wheelchair access to the residential element. This would be supported by paragraph 3.48A of the London Plan (March 2016) which recognises that the application of M4(2), requiring lift access (a step free approach to the principle private entrance), may have particular implications for developments of four storeys or less where historically the London Plan may not have not required a lift. Local Planning Authorities are therefore required to ensure that dwellings accessed above or below the entrance storey in buildings of four storeys or less have step-free access. Unless the applicant submits a clear, well evidenced and compelling case to the LPA as to why lift access cannot be provided, the application should not be supported on the grounds of non-compliance with the 2016 London Plan policy 3.8(c) and policy D7 of the 2019 (Intend to Publish) London Plan. Conclusion: unacceptable.

Highways: The application has been reviewed by the Highway Authority who are satisfied that the proposal would not discernibly exacerbate congestion or parking stress, and would not raise any highway safety concerns, in accordance with Local Plan Part 2 Development Plan Policies DMT 1, DMT 2 & DMT 6 and Policies 6.3, 6.9, and 6.13 of the London Plan (2016).

Trees/Landscape Officer:

This site is occupied by a three-storey mid-terrace building located on the east side of Joel Street. The building sits within the Northwood hills Town Centre with the ground- occupied by retail space, with flats above. The building steps down to the rear in a series of extensions and ancillary buildings which front onto Ferndown and a residential area. There is no soft landscape and no TPO's or Conservation Area designation which might affect the re-development of the site. This site had been the subject of a number of applications between 1995 and 2017, most of which were refused. No trees will be

affected by the proposal which seeks to demolish the hotch potch of extensions and construct a detached mixed use building fronting onto Ferndown. The D&AS confirms that there is a shortfall of external amenity space, in the form of a terraced area for the residential unit. It is also noted that this is a town centre development - albeit this development fronts onto a suburban residential area. If you are minded to approve this scheme there is no opportunity for soft landscape enhancement in accordance with policy DMHB 14.

Environmental Protection - No response

Contaminated Land - No response.

6. Local Plan Designation and London Plan

The following Local Plan Policies are considered relevant to the application:-

Part 1 Policies:

PT1.BE1 (2012) Built Environment

Part 2 Policies:

DME 3 Office Development

DMEI 10 Water Management, Efficiency and Quality

DMH 2 Housing Mix

DMHB 11 Design of New Development

DMHB 12 Streets and Public Realm

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In addition: Development Plan
Planning law requires that applications for planning permission be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Development Plan for the London Borough of Hillingdon currently consists of the following documents:

The Local Plan: Part 1 - Strategic Policies (2012)
The Local Plan: Part 2 - Development Management Policies (2020)
The Local Plan: Part 2 - Site Allocations and Designations (2020)
The West London Waste Plan (2015)
The London Plan (2021)

Material Considerations

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2019) is also a material consideration in planning decisions, as well as relevant supplementary planning documents and guidance.

7. MAIN PLANNING ISSUES

7.1 Impact on the amenities of the occupiers of neighbouring residential properties

Policy DMHB 11 of the Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) advises that all development will be required to be designed to the highest standards and incorporate principles of good design. It should also not adversely impact on the amenity, daylight and sunlight of adjacent properties and open space. The Council will aim to ensure that there is sufficient privacy for residents and it will resist proposals where there is an unreasonable level of overlooking between habitable rooms of adjacent residential properties or onto private open spaces. A minimum of 21m separation distance between windows of habitable rooms will be required to maintain privacy. The Council will also expect new development proposals to carefully consider layout and massing in order to ensure development does not result in an increased sense of enclosure and loss of outlook.

The proposed projecting staircase of the 4 storey building would be set back approximately 14.1m from the rear of no 47, with the main body of the building approximately 15m away. This would have a height of approximately 4.7m and would be approximately 6.05m from the terrace, which forms the amenity space for the occupiers of the existing residential unit. The neighbouring property at no. 49 currently benefits from a rear extension, with two large habitable room windows. The proposal would be situated approximately 7.5m from the rear of that property within a 45 degree line of sight, which

as this property abuts the existing 4 storey building at no 53-55 Joel Street, already has a restricted outlook. Given the scale and proximity of the development it is considered this would result in an overbearing impact on the amenity of the neighbouring occupiers.

The proposal includes a high level window serving a kitchen on its rear elevation facing the Joel Street properties. The principle windows serving the bedrooms and living room and the terrace area fronting Ferndown. It is noted that the submitted site plan is not up to date and does not accurately show the property at no. 27 Ferndown. Although this dwelling is set an angle to the site and there would be no direct overlooking between habitable rooms, it would overlook the garden area and rear private patio at a distance of less than 21m. As such it is considered that the proposal would result in a loss of privacy to the neighbouring occupiers.

As such it is considered the proposal fails to comply with the requirements of Local Plan Policy DMHB 11.

7.2 Impact on Street Scene

Policy BE1 of the Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One - Strategic Policies (November 2012) states that all new developments should achieve a high quality of design in all new buildings and the public realm contributes to community cohesion and a sense of place.

Policy DMHB 11 of the Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020) advises that all development will be required to be designed to the highest standards and incorporate principles of good design. It should take into account aspects including the scale of the development considering the height, mass and bulk of adjacent structures; building plot sizes and established street patterns; building lines and streetscape rhythm and landscaping.

Policy DMHB 12 advises that development should be well integrated with the surrounding area. It should ensure public realm design takes account of the established townscape character and quality of the surrounding area.

The street scene is comprised of an open aspect of the rear gardens of the properties fronting Briarwood Drive and Ferndown to the east, broken only in part by a pair of garages. To the west is the three storey terrace fronting Joel street set back approximately 25.5m with service yards to the rear. Also to the rear of the terrace are a number of one and two storey additions, which have extended the commercial premises at ground floor and provide terraces for the flats above. There is a long single storey garage structure to the rear of no. 4 Ferndown and a flat roofed two storey office building to the rear of no. 8 Ferndown and 39a The Broadway. At the end of the terrace is a four storey block including a mansard roof, which occupies the corner plot, where Ferndown turns away to the south east.

The proposed building would comprise a 4 storey mixed use block at a height of approximately 11.65m. It has a maximum width of 6.8m and depth of 11.15m. This would be set immediately adjacent to the road. This is a substantial building in a very prominent position, which would be an incongruous addition which would be unduly overly dominant and out of scale with the character and appearance of the area.

As such the proposal would fail to comply with policy DMHB 11 of the Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020).

7.3 Traffic Impact/Pedestrian Safety

Local Plan: Part 2 Policies DMT 1 and DMT 2 require the Council to consider whether the

traffic generated by proposed developments is acceptable in terms of the local highway and junction capacity, traffic flows and conditions of general highway or pedestrian safety.

The 'net ' change from the sui-generis storage use to the proposed E(g) class and residential use would be expected to generate a nominal increase in activity spread mainly throughout the working day with peak period traffic movement into and out of the site not anticipated to rise beyond 1-2 vehicle movements during the peak morning and late afternoon/evening hours. Henceforth any such variation in trip generation can be readily absorbed within the local road network without notable detriment to traffic congestion and road safety.

7.4 Carparking & Layout

Local Plan: Part 2 Policy DMT 6 requires that new development will only be permitted where it accords with the Council's adopted parking standards unless it can be demonstrated that a deviation from the standard would not result in a deleterious impact on the surrounding road network.

Residential

The maximum parking standard requires 1-1.5 spaces to be provided on-site in order to comply with the adopted parking standard. 1 garage space is proposed hence this standard is met.

Business Units

The maximum parking standard for an E(g) use class requires 1 space per 50-100m² (GIFA) hence the proposal would demand 1-2 on-plot spaces. The business component is presented as car-free. However, it is noted that the existing sui-generis 'A5' storage usage of a similar scale demands a comparable number of spaces hence it can be considered that the status quo in net parking terms would remain with the 'car-free' proposal as presented.

The 'car-free' aspect is therefore considered broadly acceptable further reinforced by the aforementioned good 'real world' transport links and extensive parking controls in the area which act as a parking constraint.

Cycling Provision

In terms of cycle parking there would be a requirement to provide at least 1 secure and accessible space for the residential unit with 1 space for the business component. 2/4 spaces are proposed respectively which satisfies the standard.

7.5 Urban Design, Access and Security Considerations

Residential Amenity of future occupiers

London Plan Policy 3.5 seeks to ensure that all housing developments are of the highest quality, both internally and externally and in relation to their context and the wider environment.

Policy DMHB 16 sets out the minimum internal floor spaces required for developments in order to ensure that there is an adequate level of amenity for existing and future occupants. The standards require a two person 2 bed 3 person flat over two floors should have a minimum internal floor area of 70sqm. The internal floor areas for the proposed flats have approximately 76sqm, in compliance with these requirements.

It is considered that all the proposed habitable rooms would maintain an adequate outlook and source of natural light.

Policy DMHB 18 advises that all new residential development will be required to provide good quality and useable private outdoor amenity space. In assessing the quality of all

amenity space in development proposals, consideration will be given to the shape and position and whether the layout has regard to matters such as daylight and sunlight. Table 5.3 identifies a requirement of 25sqm for each 2 bed property. Notwithstanding the annotation on the floor plan when measured on plan the trace would have a usable floor space of 6.2m. This would be significantly less than policy requirements. However it is noted that Northwood recreation ground located approximately 300m to the west and Hogs Back open space is approximately 500m to the north. It maybe therefore be unreasonable to refuse the proposal on this basis.

7.6 Other Issues

Operational Refuse & Servicing Requirements

Refuse collection would be conducted from Ferndown.

In order to conform to the Council's 'waste collection' maximum distance collection parameter of 10m i.e. distance from a refuse vehicle to the point of collection, arrangements should ensure that waste is positioned at a collection point within this set distance. The proposed positioning of the bin storage area in proximity of Ferndown therefore indicates conformity. There are no further observations.

Access

The Access Officer has advised that In accordance with London Plan policy 7.2, wheelchair access into the proposed new commercial space on the lower ground and ground floors is a requirement, as the building would be a new facility. The stepped arrangement as shown on plan is unacceptable. In addition all new housing should be accessible and adaptable in accordance with policy D7. Whilst noting it may not be feasible to provide wheelchair access to the residential element, the applicant has failed to provide any evidenced or compelling case to the LPA as to why lift access cannot be provided. Therefore the application fails to comply with policies D5 and D7 of the 2021 London Plan.

Critical Drainage Area

The site lies within a critical drainage area and any approval would require an informative for the provision of sustainable drainage measures.

8. Reference Documents

Hillingdon Local Plan Part 1 - Strategic Policies (November 2012).

Hillingdon Local Plan Part 2 (January 2020).

The London Plan (2021).

Supplementary Planning Document 'Accessible Hillingdon'.

National Planning Policy Framework.

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