

Letters of Support Needed

Decision time is almost here!

The fourth application to develop the Campion House site will be decided in the coming weeks. If you agree that this plan meets most of the residents' major concerns then please write a letter to say so.

The application has to first go to the **Isleworth & Brentford (IBAC)** Area Committee for comment and then to the **Sustainable Development Committee (SDC)** for a final decision.

We had expected the application to go to the January meeting of **IBAC**. It didn't. We have been told that it will go to its meeting on 4th February.

If the application then went to the immediately following **SDC** on 17th February then it would just meet the 13-week period allowed for the determination of major applications. We are asking our councillors to do their best to ensure that this happens.

If this application is refused ...

After four years of activity we now have an application that comes close to what we have argued for. Despite successes on open space we have to accept that the Inquiry sanctioned a degree of encroachment.

Otherwise we are close to what we argued for: (1) only 82 dwellings (we said 80 would be appropriate); (2) most units (over 60) are family-sized houses; (3) no buildings over 3 storeys; (4) views onto the site opened up from the front; (5) Campion House would stand out as the major building.

If the fourth application is refused Linden say that they will commence work on the third application.

But there's a problem

We have no definite information but we have heard that the planning officers are 'minded' to recommend refusal. However, their final report has not yet been written. If they are considering refusal then they need to know in the clearest possible terms that this development has overwhelming residential support.

Why would refusal be considered?

Apparently the officers might consider refusal on the grounds that the development offers insufficient affordable/social housing (11% of the total).

We have never taken a position on the appropriate level of affordable and social housing and (1) we

will not do so now, (2) we would recommend residents not to do so either.

This issue could become a political football in the pre-election period and we do not want the decision on this site to become a political matter.

All the same it needs to be said that (1) not every development has to have the same level of affordable housing, (2) recent developments in this area have a high level of affordable units, (3) it is borough-wide targets that matter and (4) providing high levels of affordable housing on sites with high land values may not be the best use of affordable housing money.

Please write a letter – it can be very short

Unlike the previous cases when detailed objections were required all that is needed this time is a short note to make clear your support for the application.

You could, for example just say "*I wish to support the current application which I think fits in well with the area and meets most of the aims that residents wanted for the site*", or something along those lines.

The official consultation period is over but your letters will be considered right up to the writing of the final report for the **SDC**. This means that if the application goes to the **SDC** on 17th February **your letter/email should arrive by 10th February**. If you want to see this application succeed then please set aside a few minutes to do this (if you have not already done so).

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Consultation letter reference: **01119/M/P6**

We have attached images prepared by the developer to help you visualise the application. The complete plans are on our website and in the local library.

Remember: if the planners recommend refusal (we hope that they don't) then the councillors need to know that the application has clear residential support. After four years we at last have an application that we can support. Please help it to succeed.



Full Proposed Thornbury Road Street Scene

Shallow - pitched slate or
reconstituted slate roofs
with deep overhanging eves

Buff-coloured brick
Windows with soldier
course header

Render with rustication



Timber cornice
Stone surrounds to windows
Metal roof above balcony
Buff-coloured brick
Timber handrail
and metalwork balustrades

Render with rustication



Shallow - pitched slate or
reconstituted slate roofs
with deep overhanging eves

Buff-coloured brick

Render with stone dressing
Vertical windows
with stone surrounds



House Types:

A - 4 bed house 121sqm
D6 - 4 bed house 131sqm
F1 - 4 bed house 134 sqm

Campion House - converted to form
8 apartments of 48 to 152 sqm

Block A - 9 apartments of 46 - 82 sqm

Campion House

Proposed buildings facing Thornbury Road

Example elevations from Thornbury Road Street Scene